

Hermes

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Spring Term

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“G’day sport!”



What do you call a clutch of hobbits?

Dear Parents

With fog and frost abounding this week, it was lovely to get a catch up email from the other side of the world where the sun is shining and summer is in full swing. We miss the warmth and fun of the Heal family very much so it was with great excitement that we read of their travels. Australia is clearly not big enough for them as their photos suggest they are in New Zealand. They may have left Sunninghill but I am very pleased to see that Sunninghill has not left them!



Alexandra still wears her SPS hat!

(At this moment in time I better not let my mind wander back to New Zealand or I will never get Hermes finished).

I do like that Hermes has been a vehicle for catching up with old friends and families who have moved on to pastures new.

Their catch up email is quite coincidental because children in Form 2 celebrated Australia Day on Thursday with the help of the lovely Corbett family. They learnt about the first Australians, the arrival of the first fleet, shared cupcakes decorated with the Australian flag and all went home with a boomerang key ring and koala bear chocolate, courtesy of Neve’s mum and dad. Strewth mate, what a party!



Molly knows that I have cake!

In my regular Monday assembly I was able to be part of the audience rather than the show. Verity J had organised for her team of animal lovers to deliver an assembly on the endangered species of the United Kingdom. They had each prepared a slide for a power point presentation and did really well in front of such a big crowd. We all had a vote for our favourite animal and the red squirrel won. No surprise there, given our attachment to the community that lives on Brownsea Island. If this hasn't been ticked on your, "Reasons to Live in Dorset" list you must make amends now, closely followed by a trip to Arne which is featuring heavily on the excellent BBC2's Winter Watch programme which I am sure, like me, you are glued to at the moment.

Not seen it?

It's essential family viewing.

In my Friday assembly the redoubtable Joseph B took centre stage and delivered his Youth Speaks speech to the school, continuing the theme of conservation with his talk on the fragility of the oceans of the world. He was and is very impressive.



Joseph performing!

Back to academic matters, effort grades will be sent home at the beginning of the final week of this half term. The effort grades can only be accessed via the Parent Portal. A paper copy will not be sent home with your children. If you have not had the opportunity to log on please do try. If you are experiencing difficulties please get in touch with us as soon as possible so we can help.

The season of parents' evening is also upon us, starting with Form 5 at 4.45pm next Tuesday. Please remember that if you are unable to make an evening for whatever circumstance we are always very happy to reorganise a 1:1 tutor meeting at a time which suits you better.

On the extra-curricular front, I have been delighted to see the depth and width of activities on offer, particularly sporting opportunities for the Form 1s and 2s. Mrs Brunt is certainly enjoying imparting her skills and knowledge on her latest protégés!



Mrs Brunt with her enthusiastic hockey players

Last week I chatted briefly about my poor dancing skills and brought Mrs Sales into the conversation. The timing was perfect because she and her dancing partner won a big competition at the weekend and will be invited to the national finals to be held in Blackpool.

One of my favourite poems is written about Blackpool.

Google, "There's a famous sea side town called Blackpool, that's noted for fresh air and fun" if you'd like to read more!

Congratulations to Tracey and Argo. I'll let you know how they get on as they compete in their own "Strictly" later on in the year.



Next Friday sees us hold our Spring Term Open Day between 9.30am and Noon. Do remember we welcome existing parents as much as prospective families. You would be very welcome to look around school, with your own children as tour guides.

Please could I also encourage you to extend a very warm welcome to friends and family who may have an interest in joining the school.

Have a lovely weekend.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Thorpe".

Mr John Thorpe
Headmaster

Fledglings News



A young Fledgling bathing the dollies

This week Fledglings have been talking about healthy eating.



We took our visual shopping list and bought some fruit and vegetables. We enjoyed eating them for a healthy snack



Form 2's activities



Last week form 2 had a DT week.

They had to design and build a way of getting Rapunzel down from her tower. Mr Thorpe came and judged the results. He said they were all amazing but Oscar, Leon, Maggie and Pippa's were outstanding.

Youth Speaks



We enjoyed Youth speaks because It was a fantastic experience writing and presenting my own speech in front of willing others. We really enjoyed being able work in groups of three. It really boosted our confidence and our ability to speak in front people. On the big night, everyone was nervous but still performed to the best of their ability. In preparing for these speeches I know for one that we have all learnt new skills.

In the end we congratulate Dylan, Imogen and Dominic for their truly amazing performance which means that they are representing our school, Sunninghill in the next round. Congratulations to everyone though for their amazing speeches.



Finally we would all like to thank Mrs Fernley for her great dedication to help us and make our speeches the very best that they could have been. We couldn't have done any of this without Mrs Fernley.

Thank you Mrs Fernley.
From Dom and Dylan

'Having fun with Apollo5'

On Thursday some members of chamber choir from Forms 5 and 6 had a brilliant vocal masterclass with the famous London a capella group 'Apollo5' at Millfield School.

We even got to perform with them in a concert in the afternoon. It really was an inspiring and exciting day.



Dance Club

Each Wednesday Miss Emilie visits us from "The Studio" to teach dance to our younger students of the school from Nursery to Form 1. Weekly sessions cover the fundamental skills of dancing, teaching the children their basic steps and technique, as well as timing and a sense of performance, all with plenty of fun and encouragement.

If you would like your son or daughter to come along, please do get in touch with Miss Emilie, children are very welcome to try a session before they commit to the full term.

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A Driving Recommendation

One of our parents has recommended The Under 17 Car Club and wants to spread the word to other Sunninghill parents with children aged 11 to 13. We have not been involved with this experience, but apparently it is a hugely beneficial club where parents teach their children to drive and is very well run.

Upcoming open days

* 10.00am Sunday 12th February at Castle Coombe race circuit

* 10:30am on Sunday 19th February @ Bovington Camp

* Visit the website to find out more and register using the "OPEN DAYS" link

<https://clone.under17-carclub.co.uk/uploads/U17CC%20Poster%20v3.pdf>

Sports News

U8 and U9 Netball v Knighton House

As we had some girls not playing this week due to illness and injury, we mixed in with Knighton House and rotated positions.

Sunninghill girls got stuck in and played really well. They are beginning to think about finding a space and can now use different passes to get the ball to their team mates.

We were particularly impressed with Mia and Indi who were thinking about where to be and how to get the ball down the court.

Contribution Award - Bea for 'getting stuck in' and improved throwing and catching skills. Well done Bea!

U13 Netball v Knighton House

Result: 10 - 16 Loss

The U13 girls took on a strong Knighton House side on Wednesday afternoon. The first quarter saw a very even game and we were 4-3 at the first interval. Orlagh and Teisha were shooting really well and there was lovely quick passing between Olivia, Merry and Carmen.

Knighton upped their game in the second half as well as using a few strong tactics which caught our girls out. Joni, Fifi and Hannah played really well in defence, going for all the rebounds and remember to keep their distance but Knighton's shooters were very accurate, In addition, they began intercepting more of our shots and marking key players at centre passes and throw-ins which we struggled with and they drew ahead in the last quarter. The end score was not a fair reflection of the actual play as Sunninghill played a good game, but Knighton were just that bit stronger.

Contribution award goes to Orlagh for excellent play, holding her space and shooting well.

U12 Girls V Knighton House

Result: 17 - 8 Loss

The Under 12 netball team took on Knighton house this week. The teams were evenly matched and the first two quarters saw us neck and neck in goals, finishing the second half at 6-5. Hannah and Erin did some super shooting and it was pleasing to see them taking shots from the middle of the D when a pass wasn't an option.

Knighton house really stepped up their game in the second half, as our girls tired and we gave away too many shots with swoopy over the head passes which they intercepted. Despite some lovely midfield passing between Rachel, Erin, Immi and Milly, Knighton really took over the game and our defence struggled to intercept or get rebound shots.

Knighton stretched ahead in the last quarter winning 17-8.

Contribution award goes to Erin for excellent lovely passing and shooting.

U10 Netball v Knighton House

Result: 6 - 1 Win

The girls started slowly in this game. We rushed our passes in the first half and our footwork wasn't good. The score was 1-0 to us at half time. We had several other chances to score but they were too far out.

Everyone had a chance to shoot and we changed positions at every quarter. In the third quarter we scored 4 goals with Erin and Nikita working well as the shooters. Esme moved into some good positions and Gemma intercepted the ball on several occasions in defence. Freya and Eleni also worked hard whether in attack or defence.

Our movement to receive the ball was much better but we must cut out the name calling which can be confusing for the person on the ball. We must also tighten up on our footwork as we gave away free passes for moving our feet. In the last quarter we scored 1 goal to finish with a convincing win.

Well done to everyone for good effort and teamwork.

Contribution award: The opposition chose Nikita for some good shooting and movement on court.

U11 Netball v Knighton House

Result: 7 - 4 Win

The U11's started very well and were 3 - 0 up after the first quarter. We changed positions after each quarter and managed just 1 goal before half time.

Lily B and Lily R combined well together to work the ball into the attack. Poppy and Amalia had lots of opportunities to score and it was nice to see them going for goal when a pass wasn't on.

We were dominating the play. We managed to score 3 goals in the 3rd quarter but went off the boil in the final quarter to allow Knighton to shoot 4 goals.

Movement on court was much improved and we had some lovely passing moves from defence to attack. Olivia and Tallulah defended well with Verity, Giselle and Frida all working hard in the centre court. We must keep our concentration and not rush our passes as this leads to silly mistakes and we lose possession of the ball. A good win nevertheless with the final score never in doubt. Well done everyone.

Contribution award: The opposition chose Poppy for some good shooting and her play in attack.

U8 Hockey v Castle Court

Result: 1 - 1 Draw

Sunninghill played with great enthusiasm and team spirit. The boys passed the ball around better although they need to improve on using the width of the pitch. Sunninghill spent most of the match in Castle Court's half but struggled to score more. After a lapse of concentration Castle Court managed to counter attack and equalise.

Contribution award goes to Max for his much improved hockey skills.

U9 Hockey v Castle Court

Result: 3 - 1 Loss

A match that will be remembered as the least visual sporting feast of the year. On arrival the fog was so thick that you couldn't see across the pitch let alone the length. As visibility came and went the game was played in what appeared a dream like state.

Luckily it wasn't a nightmare and although Sunninghill lost 3-1 there was some positive play.

Defenders improved tremendously with positioning and mid field worked tirelessly. We need to move the ball wider and pass into space more.

Contribution award goes to Will for work rate and not letting a nice Astro burn slow him down.

U13/12A Hockey v Sherborne

Result: 5 - 1 Win

A pulsating game saw the school's first team play some excellent hockey. Captain Kieran at the heart of midfield was our undoubted general, scoring a hat trick himself and setting up James C for an excellent brace. There could have been more.

The game really hinged on a superb diving save by Jordi M when we were under the cosh and struggling to escape our D.

Ben F deserves a mention for his tireless running and a true wing back play.

The contribution award goes to Peter M for his resilience in defence, his ability to intercept the ball and to quickly distribute the ball forward.

U13/12B Hockey v Sherborne

Result: 3 - 6 Loss

It's a shame that we left our "A" game at home for the first half as we played so well in the second period.

Our inter-play through midfield was excellent and we scored three really good goals via Cal (x2) and Dylan (x1)

In the first half Brook MB kept us in the game with some great diving saves.

The contribution award goes to Elliot R for his tireless running and strong stick skills whether in attack or defence

U11/10A Hockey v Sherborne Prep

Result: 2 - 0 Win

With the weather being cold, the boys and staff were keen to get this match underway. Sunninghill pressed high which enabled us to dominate in Sherborne's half. Sherborne defended well and Sunninghill could not break through their defence in the first half.

Our defenders remained focussed and cleared any attacks Sherborne attempted to make. In the second half Sunninghill started to use more width and opened Sherborne up, giving Sunninghill more space and time on the ball. Wonderful goals were scored from Stanley and Robert. The team needs to continue to work on their fitness. Well done!

Contribution award goes to Tom for his brilliant defensive play.

U11/10B Hockey v Sherborne Prep

Result: 1 - 1 Draw

We started the game slightly slow and were forced to defend with Sherborne pressing high. After Sherborne scored, Sunninghill started to relax and play their own game.

Great passing and team spirit resulted in Archie scoring a beautiful goal. The team continued to fight hard and control play but could not add to their scoring tally.

Contribution awards go To William and Henry for their improved passing skills and hard work.

Lost and Found

Please remember to name all clothes and equipment so they can be returned to the correct child. If you are missing any named clothes please check in the lost property box, now situated outside the boys changing room and girls' toilets.

Please check that your child only brings home their uniform each week, and please return any items not belonging to your child. Thank you.

Multi-coloured Swap Shop

Don't forget the swap shop in Compass Lobby - swap and return your books, wellies and trainers.

This is working very well - thank you to everyone who is swapping!

Second Hand Uniform Shop

Our second hand uniform shop is based in our medical room at the front of the school. Please contact me if you would like to buy any uniform.

If you would like to sell or donate any **good quality uniform**, please ensure everything is washed/dry cleaned before leaving it with me. Please remember to remove your child's name labels.

We sell second hand uniform with proceeds going to our PTFA. If you would like to receive 50% of the sale of your items please clearly label and price each item. Please pin or use luggage labels (sticky labels tend to fall off and get lost!). If you would like to donate the clothes, no labelling is required.

We only sell clothes with the school logo on, so if you have any trousers, shirts or blouses you no longer require and please take them to your local charity shop.

With thanks
Lydia

Dates for your Diaries - Jan/Feb 2017

All sports fixtures are on the school website

Mon 30th Form 3 Trip to Maiden Castle
Tues 31st
Thurs 2nd Vocal Workshop @ Millfield
Form 8 Geography CE Field trip
Forms 3 & 4 After School Skiing
Fri 3rd Forms 5 & 6 LAMDA @ SPS
Form 7 Maiden Castle Care Home
Form 8 Holocaust Memorial Event, Corn Exchange
Toddler Group, School Hall
Form 1 Skiing

Form 8 responsibilities Autumn Term:

Head Boy: *Harry Young*
Head Girl: *Meredith Perry*

Sports: *Teisha Barrey & Kieran Williams*

Outdoor Ed: *Bonnie Davenport & James Cook*

English: *Brook Michael-Beale*
Maths: *Elliot Raybould & Teisha Barrey*

Science: *Jamie Barrington*
Humanities: *Peter Message*
Art: *Rachel Williams-Schoeller & Hannah Stanhope*

IT: *Brook Michael-Beale, Jacob Horton, Charlie Blake & Xan Airy*

Drama: *Joni Denne-Loader & Millie Durkin-Jones*

Citizenship: *Oliver Shutt & Fifi Collet*
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