

Hermes

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Spring Term

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Let the banquet commence

“Who’s been eating my porridge?”

Dear Parents

Welcome to the final Hermes of this half term.

I like the first half of the spring term. It is a period full of anticipation and expectation.

Each day is imperceptibly longer than the last and before you know it we will be heading home on an evening under natural light.

There is a mood of expectation in school too as we have scholarships to look forward to.

On this subject, I was delighted to receive a phone call from the Headmistress of Blundell’s who regaled how well Kieran W, one of our prospective sporting scholars, had

done. Up against stiff opposition, as is always the case, Kieran was awarded a Sporting Exhibition which is just reward for the sheer determination and dedication he has always shown towards his rugby, hockey and cricket.

For those who know Kieran, he’s not the biggest piece of timber in the wood yard. This has never put him off and in his interview he told the Headmistress that in his mind he was 6ft 2in and 85kg.

A brilliant answer and so true!

It’s not the size of the dog in the fight it’s the size of the fight in the dog!



Well done Kieran!

I’ll keep you up to date with what happens with our other scholars as the term speeds by. Next up is the Canford Four who will be facing their own challenges as we return from half term.

This week seems to have been a week when most of the junior part of the school have all been in costume, with a range of banquets taking place.



All of our fairy tale characters

On Thursday, school went unusually quiet as just about everybody went to London on a Moss powered trip to see The School of Rock musical.

How quickly time speeds by. It seems only yesterday that we were contemplating cancelling our trip to the Lion King because of escalating threats of terrorism. Was this really a year ago?

Thankfully we haven't had to contend with that this year, though the trip did have a sting in the tail.

The first coach arrived back to school on time but the second coach had a problem with the engine overheating and it had to stop near Wimborne. From there they refilled the engine with coolant and began to limp back to school, only to experience problems again.

Thankfully the bus driver and Mrs Brunt had the savvy to realise the engine wasn't in good shape again and he pulled off the dual carriageway in good time, otherwise the whole episode could have been far trickier.

By this time it was very late and parents waiting back at school for an anticipated arrival of 9.50pm headed across to the Blue Vinny to pick up their children. Thankfully everybody was safely reunited and in reasonably good humour. The bus drivers were excellent and used all their experience to keep us all safe. As always, our teachers remained calm and collected and kept great care of your children. I thank them all on

your behalf for their dedication and professionalism.

I did receive a number of comments from concerned parents and there are undoubtedly lessons to be learnt, particularly regarding our ability to communicate developments to you.

It is clear that when we make longer than usual journeys such as heading into London, we must have a more proactive way of regularly communicating our progress to you. This should include always letting you know (via Clarion) where we are an hour before our estimated time of arrival even if it is to say we are on time. We also need one designated person to be behind a pc when plans change so that we can update you of changes as and when they happen. This will take away some of the unnecessary worry that we caused you last night. I apologise for this and will make sure we don't make the same mistakes again.

I do know the children thoroughly enjoyed the show and had a great day out.

Finally we enjoyed a wonderful assembly this morning. Form 1 have been in the wonderful land of fairy stories this week and have even had a real knight to visit them. They have attended a royal banquet and learned so much about medieval times.



In their assembly they all wore their fabulous costumes and performed a wonderful play where Goldilocks met the Three Bears. Red Riding Hood paid a visit, as did Snow White and the Seven Dwarves, the Big Bad Wolf and the Wicked Witch. It was brilliant and a great way to take us all into half term.

Fledglings News



“Fledglings row, rowing themselves down the river”

Nursery News

Our topic this week was The Three Billy Goats Gruff story. The children have been building bridges for the Three Billy Goats Gruff, taking risks and acting out the story.



Lots of goats!

May I wish you a restful half term and safe travels if you are heading further afield.

Mr John Thorpe
Headmaster

We encouraged them to think of their own ideas on how to build a bridge and use the language over, under, in and out and move in different ways.



Working together and testing the bridge

Music News

As always the timetables are up outside the music room and on the parent information area of the web site.

Mrs Nolan-stone will not be in the week after half term, however, lessons will be made up later on in the term.

French Exchange Student

Message from a Julie Hansen (aka Max's mum)

Dear Parents

Just in case you don't know me (or have forgotten me) our son was at Sunninghill until last summer before moving on to Canford. For the last three years we have had a French student, Alexis staying with us for a few weeks over the summer and thereafter, Max has flown back with him to join his family in France for a further two weeks. It has been, and still is, a great experience for both boys and in Max's case it has improved his knowledge of both the French language and the country immensely - I am very proud to say he is in the top group for French at Canford along with native speakers.

Now the reason for me telling you all of this is that Alexis has a younger brother Matthieu

(12 years old) who would also love to come over and stay with a family here. We have met and stayed with the family at their home and they are a lovely family, dad is a teacher and mum is a nurse and the boys have another younger brother, Sasha.

If anyone is interested and would like any further information please give me a call on 07528 572742 or email me at

julieannehansen1965@yahoo.com.

Have a wonderful half term.

Kind regards
Julie

Sports News

U8/9 Netball v Leweston/Sandroyd Red Team:

Each school had 2 teams and we played a nice triangular playing 7 minute games. The throwing was so much better and everyone is beginning to think about moving into space. The positions were changed every game so everyone played in attack and defence. Holly, lola and Mia got into some lovely positions and showed good determination to keep the ball. Molly and Betty played well together as shooters and Isabel threw some good backline passes as GK. We beat Leweston and we lost by a couple of goals to Sandroyd who had some very tall players in their team. We need to work on marking and staying close to our opposition but a better performance from everyone. Well done.

Contribution award: Holly for some great movement and passing.

U8/9 Netball v Leweston/Sandroyd Yellow Team:

The yellow team played in a coaching mini tournament against Leweston and Sandroyd. Just as we went on court it started to rain and then sleet but we continued valiantly on! The team tried very hard and their passing improved as they played more

games. They didn't score goals, but they did get the ball down into the D on several occasions. Also they began to get the idea of closely marking their opponents. No scores were recorded.

The team appreciated warming up with hot chocolate and a delicious tea after the matches!

The contribution award goes to Indy for determined play as Centre and some excellent passes.

U10 Netball v Hanford

Result: 2 - 4 Loss

This game was a case of our girls still being on the bus in the first half!

We lacked the pace of the opposition and our marking was not tight enough allowing Hanford to pass the ball too easily. Freya, Gemma and Erin worked hard in defence and made some good interceptions but the movement was not good and often our pass was wayward. We swapped positions after each quarter. Hanford were only 2 - 0 up at half time and we had chances to score. Hanford scored again in the 3rd and last quarter but we were stronger and more organised during the second half of the game. Again a lot of scoring chances but Gemma managed 2 good goals and the team ended on a high.

Contribution award: The opposition chose Gemma for her excellent work in defence and attack.

U11 Netball v Hanford

Result: 5 -17 Loss

A slow start let Hanford jump into the lead and they were 11-3 up at half time. We were off the pace and our marking was not good. We played very well in the 3rd quarter when the score was just 1-1. Tallulah and Olivia marked their shooters and we were able to get the ball into our attack on several occasions. Amalia and Poppy worked well together with Lily B getting into some good positions at centre. Lily R fell over a

few times but carried on playing with her usual enthusiasm.

Giselle is gaining confidence as WD with Jessie and Verity using the space on court more effectively. Everyone was really working hard in the second half. We still need to work on our timing of the dodge and to think ahead to get into space.

Contribution award: Tallulah for her improvement and effort in the game.

U12 Netball v Hanford

Result: 10-5 Lost

Sunninghill started the match well, getting straight into the game, marking their opposition tightly and passing well. Both Erin and Hannah scored nice goals in the first quarter and at the break, it was neck and neck 2-2.

Hanford upped their game in the second quarter and our defence weren't ready for them. Hanford's dodging and space finding was superior to our marking and they managed to score 4 more goals before half time.

The third quarter went better and the girls pulled back. There was some great passing between Izzy, Imogen and Erin and our defence blocked all of their attempts to score. Katie made some good interceptions and Milly and Rosie passed the ball well.

Despite some good play from our girls and, what felt like quite an even game, Hanford won 10-5.

Contribution award goes to Imogen for great dodging and passing

U13 Netball v Hanford

Result: 16 -10 Loss

The U13 started the game really well, with quick and accurate passing and some good goal shooting from Teisha and Orlagh. At the end of the first quarter it was 4-4. Hanford seemed to come back with vengeance after the break, out manoeuvring us and

intercepting our overhead passes a lot. Despite some good defensive blocking from Joni and some text book back line passes we were trailing 9-4 at half time.

The second half saw some good play from Sunninghill. Olivia marked her opponent really well, blocking and intercepting shots and passing accurately to Merry and Carmen. Rachel, Fifi and Joni did a good job marking and even jumped for the rebound occasionally.

The last quarter was really strong for Sunninghill; Teisha and Orlagh scored some great goals and pulled the score back to 16-10 which really didn't reflect the quality of our play.

Contribution award goes to Olivia for great marking and moving.

U8 Hockey v Castle Court

Result: 2-2 Draw

The team started slightly slow and apprehensive. Castle Court stormed ahead with an early goal. Sunninghill displayed some precise passing and excellent hockey skills. The team worked hard and started to dominate possession. During half time, the players agreed that they had to work and press harder. Sunninghill started the second half well and had many attempts on goal. Sadly they could not convert but kept trying hard.

In the last couple of minutes finally managed to break through the Castle Court defence and score two goals.

Contribution awards go to Otis for excellent defending and Sam for his brilliant attacking skills.

Football v DMS

Result Team Blue: 5-3 Loss

Result Team Red: 4-2 Loss

We had two tough matches away at DMS. The sheer numbers of boys at DMS always makes things difficult, however our boys fought hard and never gave up. Both teams

ended strongly and pulled goals back although losing overall. Highlights included a perfect free kick into the top corner of the net from Stanley and on the other pitch a great strike and goal from Tymon following up an attempt from Ben. The contribution awards were given to Tymon for his positive play and contribution and Ben for doing his best to star in the next advert for a famous battery maker.

Lost and Found

Form 2 - Maggie HG has lost her jumper

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.

Dates for your Diaries - Feb 2017

All sports fixtures are on the school website

Tues 21st Form 8 Parents' Evening
Thurs 23rd Forms 5 -8 Skiing Club
Millfield Dance Workshop
Fri 24th Form 4 Bovington Tank Museum
Parent and Toddler
Form 2 Skiing
Maiden Castle Care Home Visit Form 5

Form 8 responsibilities

Spring 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*

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