

Hermes

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Spring Term

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“Make way for the holidays!”



Our endeavour cup winners

Dear Parents

Firstly, I must start with an erratum. It wasn't Demis Roussos who sang “Words Don't Come Easy”, it was F.R David. My apologies and well done to those who noted the deliberate error to check if you were paying close attention.

There has been a deliberate whiff of demob happiness in school this week. Spring is in full flow, the weather has been warm and a long Easter holiday ahead has definitely got us all excited.

The mood was further buoyed on Wednesday by watching The Thomas Hardy U15 rugby team demolish Dr Challoner's School in the Natwest Cup Vase final at Twickenham.

Most of us in school watched the live streaming back at the fort though a lucky few got to be there in person, courtesy of Mrs Brunt and Mr Peel.

We were delighted, particularly as two of our former pupils contributed significantly to the victory. Joe Message was excellent at scrum half and Landy Bailey outstanding at fly half. Our ex-site manager Mike Sprules was also there as a coach. Let's hope they take this domination forward to the U18 competition in a few years' time.



Sunninghill watching the live streaming

Elsewhere in school we had a lovely Easter Egg hunt organised by the PTFA. Finding three different coloured golf tees was rewarded with a Cadbury's Cream Egg. The lucky finders of special tees with rings around them received an even bigger surprise. Many thanks to the PTFA for this special treat.



Some found more tees than others!

The teas were hidden as we all congregated for the end of term assembly where we handed out many special awards, culminating in the House Cup, won this term by Frome who were also victorious in the House Cross Country, Netball and Hockey. That was a very rare complete clean sweep!



Teisha & Brooke accepting the house cup for Frome



Music awards were awarded to Orlagh & Robert

We also handed out Endeavour Cups to recognise individuals in each Form who had made the most progress and effort. We derive the data for these awards from the effort grades which were uploaded onto the Parent Portal earlier in week.



Our sports cup winners

I congratulated all the children for their efforts and made a particular point of thanking all the teachers and assistants for their great contribution to a most excellent term. I was very pleased to see that the loudest and longest applause came from our senior pupils in recognition of the many extra hours invested by all their teachers, particularly after hours.

As a leadership team we track individual totals very carefully to check there is an upward trend. It gives us immense pleasure to see so many children working so hard, particularly as their motivation is self-driven. Two Form 8 pupils scored a combined total of 39 between them and four Form 7s scored less than a hundred between them. All very impressive indeed!

The summer term calendars have been sent home this week. As always we do our very best to make sure they are accurate, though do remember a “live” copy can be found on the portal if you are ever in doubt.

On this topic, and as promised last week, we are trying to improve communication and minimise the number of Clarions we send to you. For events planned for Week One of the summer term, letters can already be found on the portal. The back page of Hermes will tell you what letters have been added for your close attention.

On the calendar you will notice a “Bridging the Gap” evening taking place at 7pm on Tuesday 2nd May. The topic for this evening will be mental well-being; a subject that has been increasingly causing us much angst

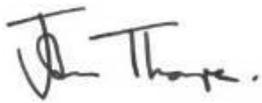
over the past few years. Please do try to put this date in your diaries as soon as possible as we would love to share our thoughts with you and also listen to your concerns and experiences.

There is also the very popular Grandparents' Day to look forward to on Thursday 4th May that I know your very own parents love to come to.

Finally, I hope you really enjoyed our Easter service this afternoon. As we have now become accustomed, it was a very polished performance that really hit the heights. I must thank Mrs Moss, Mr Vanburgh, Mrs Nolan-Stone and Mrs Brunt for their efforts on our behalf.

Finally, finally, I must dash as we are all having a Pizza and Prosecco party to celebrate an excellent term. We know how to party!

Wishing you a wonderful Easter break with your families. Don't forget we return to school on Monday 24th April.



Mr John Thorpe
Headmaster

Fledglings News

“Fledglings cooking food for the Easter Bunny”



“Fun with sensory play”



Nursery News

On Monday we went to Salisbury field and the children enjoyed playing in the park.



The children have also made birds' nests, we have been talking about the first signs of spring.



They have chosen their own resources and have been independent in what they have achieved.

They have also been looking at an 'oval shape' for an egg and drawing oval shapes.



Form 7's News

Rosie and her team of 'squishy sellers' held a very popular and successful stall yesterday break time. They managed to sell many squishys and the profits raised, totalling £35.00 are going to the Guide Dogs charity.

Well done, a great effort.



The squishy team!

Music news

Most music lessons will resume the first week back on normal lesson day.

Music instrumental tasters

We will be arranging instrumental tasters in the first week back next term for those children who have requested them this term. If you would like to arrange a taster, or would like more information, please contact either lmoss@sunninghill.dorset.sch, or lnolanstone@sunninghill.dorset.sch.uk

Music Exams

A huge congratulations to all of our pupils who took their music exams this week in the Drawing room. You were all very well prepared and performed brilliantly! The results will arrive during the Easter holidays. As soon as they do arrive we will contact you with the results via email.

Mrs Moss and her music team

Come and Sing Day at Wellington School



All the come and sing children

On Friday Form 4 took part in a Come and Sing day at Wellington School. They had an afternoon of rehearsals preparing the 12 songs they had been learning followed by a concert in the evening. The day involved 23 different schools and 450 children. It was an incredible experience for them to sing as part of such a big choir alongside a live band.



Gethyn performing to 'his audience'

Gethyn and Mia represented the school in a sing off, they both sang beautifully and with such confidence. Gethyn was chosen to sing the main solo in the evening performance to a packed hall and gave a fantastic performance of Return to Sender.

Well done to all of Form 4 you all sang brilliantly!

Mrs Nolan-Stone

In other news.....

Thomas Hardye Boys U15s Rugby tTeam Win the Vase Final of the Natwest Schools Cup

On Wednesday some Form 7 and 8 boys went to see the Thomas Hardye School play in the Natwest schools cup final at Twickenham. There were two ex-Sunninghill pupils playing: Orlando Bailey and Joe Message. We had to get to school at the early time at seven o'clock in the morning. Although this was painful for some, we got to the stadium in good time and parked right outside. We managed to be some of the first people in the stadium and got excellent seats right in the middle, and just in front of the presentation area.

Thomas Hardye started very strongly from kick off, and by half time they were leading 45-0. The match was very one sided with great performances from Orlando and Joe. It finished 62-7 with Orlando named as man of the match.



Orlando & Joe jubilant with the cup

We had a great day and everyone was glad to see the right team win.

Report by Cal Form 8

Kidsmeet

Georgie, Bea, Henry and Theo from Form 4 enjoyed trying out lots of exciting technology gadgets at the recent 'Kidsmeet'.



Three pupils enjoying Kidsmeet

It was held at Thomas Hardye School and children from several local schools attended.



Checking out the gadgets!

Each school had to deliver a short workshop to teach other children a new skill.

The most popular attraction (apart from the Minecraft lab!) was the augmented reality activity.

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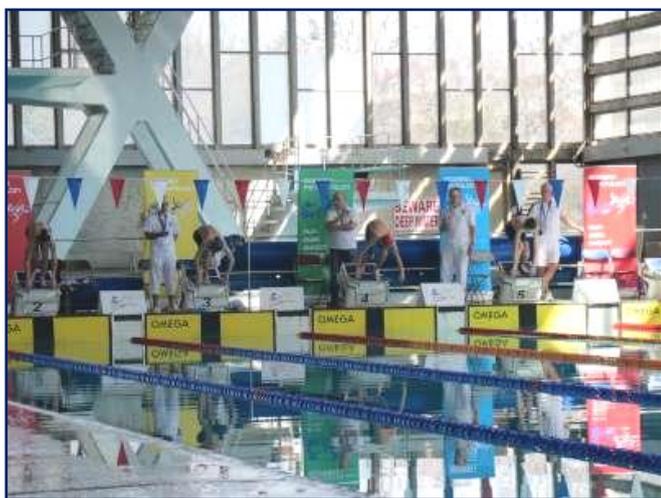
Sainsburys Active Kids Vouchers

We are still collecting Sainsbury Active Kids vouchers - please continue to collect your vouchers and bring them in after the Easter Holidays - thank you

British Schools Modern Biathlon

Jamie (Form 7) went to Crystal Palace last Sunday to represent Sunninghill in the British Schools Modern Biathlon Championships.

Freya managed to qualify too but unfortunately she was already committed to performing in a dance show at the Pavilion on the same day!



Jamie is in the red swimming cap

It was a great experience up against some amazing athletes most of whom for Jamie were in year 9 and have a lot of training so it was tough but Jamie managed a 4 second PB in the pool and 8 second PB in the run - running 1600 (1 mile) in just under 6 minutes.

So he was pleased!



Jamie post event looking proud!

Flying Start Update

All of our teams performed well during the finals of the Flying Start Competition. We were proud of their efforts and awarded Sunninghill's highest ranking team with certificates and prize's during Thursday's assembly.



Brook, Jordi, Cal and Kieran with their winnings

Nutrition Natter

Hello!

Today I would like to speak about breakfast and how important it is to start the day with a good first meal.

Does every child have breakfast before going to school? Do they have a good breakfast with a variety of foods? With carbs, proteins, vitamins and antioxidants? Add some fruit like berries to give them vitamins and antioxidants.

Children should have a good breakfast to start their metabolism, help them to concentrate at school and to really, stimulate their body - body and mind to a good start of the day!

Why not try wholemeal bread with scrambled eggs, a cup of milk and some berries?

Or perhaps a bowl of cereal with nuts and berries? But caution with this, the majority of cereals and jams have a huge amount of sugar! The key for me is always moderation, small amounts...

For some interesting ideas please visit:

http://www.nhs.uk/change4life/supporter-resources/downloads/B4L_Good_Breakfast_Guide_acc.pdf



Have a great Easter!!

As we say in Portuguese, Uma Feliz Páscoa! With lots of chocolate eggs and small Easter surprises.

Marina

“Notes from a small garden”

Everything is rosy in the garden this week, all our pots are blossoming with new shoots and leaves everywhere. A few days of warmth has accelerated the growth and even the potatoes have started to make an

appearance. So this week we continued sowing in abundance, cosmos, sunflowers and spinach. How joyful it will look on our return in a few weeks, I think the gardeners will be most surprised to see the progress!

With the pond being relocated, we will be blessed with much more space in which to grow and plant, on that note, if anyone has any old pots or planters at home that are not being used we are always grateful for donations.. Happy Easter from our little garden!

Jo Vaughan

Sports News

Inter House Senior Netball



- 1st Frome
- 2nd Purbeck
- 3rd Maumbury
- 4th Ridgeway

Inter House Junior mixed netball



- 1st Ridgeway
- 2nd Purbeck
- 3rd Frome
- 4th Maumbury

Inter House Senior Cross Country



- 1st Ridgeway
- 2nd Purbeck
- 3rd Frome
- 4th Maumbury

Inter house Senior Hockey

- 1st Frome
- 2nd Ridgeway
- 3rd Maumbury
- 4th Purbeck

Inter house Junior Mixed Hockey

- 1st Ridgeway
- 2nd Frome
- 3rd Maumbury
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Inter House Junior Cross Country



**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*

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

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Weekly diary and communications

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| <p>WHOLE SCHOOL</p> <p>LETTERS ON WEBSITE</p> | <p>Mon 24th Term starts 8.10 am Tues 25th Wed 26th U13 & U11 Rounders v Castle Court & Sandroyd (A) U10 Rounders v Castle Court & Sandroyd (H) U11/10 Cricket v Clayesmore (A) Thurs 27th After School Sailing Fri 28th Form 6 Stokewater Meadows Form 3 & 4 Sailing Enrichment</p> <p>Summer Term Calendar Summer Term Sports Letter Portal - School fees for 2017/2018 from Mr Thorpe</p> |
| <p>Fledglings</p> | <p>No diary entries</p> |
| <p>Nursery</p> | <p>No diary entries</p> |
| <p>Reception</p> | <p>No diary entries</p> |
| <p>Form 1</p> | <p>No diary entries</p> |
| <p>Form 2</p> | <p>No diary entries</p> |
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