

# Hermes

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Summer Term

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“Many happy returns!”



*U11/10 cricket team prior to their first match*

Dear Parents

I hope all your children have enjoyed a happy return to school after their well-earned Easter break?

Despite having fabulous spring weather over the break, this week has seen a return to winter temperatures. It's not great for the children and is even worse for my garden with tender shoots planted too early at risk from a hard frost. Thankfully I have a new guru in school to seek advice from. On Tuesday we welcomed Mrs Stein to our team. Liz is going to help transform our gardens over the next few years. As well as filling the borders full of colour, she will be working with Junior Prep helping them cultivate their own seedlings to later plant out. She will also be running lunchtime horticultural clubs for older children too.

Nothing seems more guaranteed to turn the weather foul than a forthcoming cricket fixture, and so it proved this week. Mr Willemse and I endured 40 overs of cricket with our very enthusiastic U11 cricketers with temperatures more akin to Quest's

“Life Below Zero”. This wasn't quite so bad as events at Headingley though, where Yorkshire CC abandoned their match due to thick snow!

The cold didn't stop our amazing staff from completing their toughest walk of their training camp so far. Last Friday Niall Simpson and I met the Three Peak Challengers at school at 6pm. We drove them south and dropped them off at Swanage for a five hour dash to Kimmeridge. We picked them up and drove the four hours north east to the base of Pen y Fan in the Brecon Beacons. They began their ascent in freezing conditions at 3am and met us at the mini bus at 7am followed by a sprint back to school. This equates to over two thirds of the challenge which is getting ever closer. They are looking extremely fit and have set themselves up with a great chance of achieving their goal, though nothing is being taken for granted.

The picture below shows our Chairman of Governors who is one of our fittest members. He's “stretching off” in between walks; at least that's what I think he is doing though there is a slight resemblance to an English short haired pointer on the heather moors, with a grouse in its sight!



*Anyone for pilates?*

Our Just Giving page now has over £1400 in it. Many thanks for your very kind generosity and please do keep encouraging others to

support our quest to support the purchase a guide dog puppy.

During break this morning Form 2 held an Ultimate Bring and Buy Sale in aid of our Guide Dog Puppy Appeal and they managed to raise an amazing £164.00. It was very well attended and thank you to all those involved.



*Modelling all the cakes*



*A hectic but successful sale*

The holidays have enabled us to get lots of essential jobs done around school.

We have refurbished the maths rooms, adding new desks and a state of the art interactive white board. The French room has had a new carpet fitted. The Dining Room windows has had a new external coat of paint and the Loft has been redecorated. Forms 1 and 2 have new shoe and bag lockers outside their classrooms. We also had a work party to do some essential works around the grounds, involving the hiring of a skid-steer digger to sink a new pond and

complete the rockery ahead of planting. Most excitingly, the long-awaited low ropes course has been built. This has been much to the excitement of the children who seem to be on it every minute of the day to the extent that they do not want to go home on an evening.

Its function is to allow children to experience low level risk whilst enjoying themselves and keeping fit. I explained in Monday assembly that I did not want to impose any risks and that I wanted the children to self-police. I then went to see how it was working at break and saw a line of fifty children politely queuing waiting for their turn. There was a one way system and gaps between each child. How very British!

I must thank the PTFA who donated £5000 towards such a brilliant piece of apparatus.

It was also interesting to see how many others prefer the more natural approach offered by the tree trunk which sadly had to be felled due to disease.

On the subject of the PTFA we had our first meeting of the term on Wednesday evening. We are planning for our big event of the term which is the Summer Fayre on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July. This is our most successful fundraiser of the year and one Natasha BM and her team really hope you will earmark in your diary as sacred. We really do need lots of helpers too and hope you will be able to volunteer an hour of your time to help run the BBQ or a range of stalls. There is more detail on this later in Hermes.

I've suffered a rather painful personal event this week, having been "hoisted by my own petard".

We agreed before Easter that we would reduce the number of clarions we send home to you, preferring instead to place advance notice of events of the parent portal on the Friday of the week before an event takes place. On Wednesday I wanted to send a reminder home about next Tuesday's Bridging the Gap evening on Mental Health awareness, the hot topic of the moment both in schools and nationally. I was reminded about my own rules and firmly rebutted!



There is a letter with all details on the portal that I hope you have or will read. Please do sign up and come along to join Mrs Carr, Mr Stazicker, Mrs Sewed and myself for what we hope is a most important sharing of minds on an issue that becomes ever-more worrying.

On the music front, Mrs Moss and Mr Vanburgh have been delighted to receive news of excellent ABRSM results from exams sat before Easter. I must congratulate all the children and their peris who have worked so hard to gain so many merits and distinctions. There is a slight tinge of sadness amongst this as Mr Denis Curlett, our brass peri, has been taken very ill over the holiday. I am sure you will share with me in sending our thoughts and best wishes to Denis and his family.

Over the holidays lots of our staff were renewing their lifeguarding qualifications. It was a particularly chilly day though I am very pleased to tell you they all passed.



### *Braving the cold!*

Finally, I am sure you have remembered that Monday is a Bank Holiday and that we will all be returning to school on Tuesday.

Wishing you a lovely long weekend.

*John Thorpe*

Mr John Thorpe  
Headmaster

### *Fledglings News*



*Fledglings trying out the new outdoor play area*

### *Nursery News*

This week in Nursery we have been concentrating on frogs.

During play the children have taken it upon themselves to sing and act out the song '5 little speckled frogs'.



*Frogs jumping into the pool*



*Some beautiful free choice of mark making*





*The children are enjoying watching our new tadpoles as they develop into frogs*



*The children have been very busy watering their plants planted before the Easter holidays*

## **Form 2**

This week the children went river dipping and on a bug hunt. We would like to share some of their reports and photos.



*Trekking to the river*

## **Wildlife Safari reports**

Breaking news!! On Tuesday Form 2 went on a wildlife safari. They went to the Blue Bridge. In fact the highlight of the trip was when 2 of the boys, Max's (Age 6) and Leon's (Age 7) nets fell in the water! It was so funny that even the teachers laughed, but unfortunately they had to get them out! Charlie (Age 7) caught a fish and, (This bit is very exciting).....A SHRIMP !!!!!

By Max



*What have we caught?*

On Tuesday Form 2 went on a wildlife safari at 9 O'clock. They found loads of amazing bugs. When they got to Blue Bridge, they were told they could start fishing.

Charlie (Age 7) caught a fish and a prawn!

When they were on the walk back home they were freezing cold.

The highlight of the trip was when Max (Age 6) and Leon (Age 7) dropped their nets into the river.

By Charlie



*Enjoying a moment in the sun*

On Tuesday Form 2 from Sunninghill School went on a wildlife safari. They all thought it was great fun and Charlie (Age 7) caught a fish and a prawn.

After that, they went back to school.

On the way back, Pippa (Age 7) found a ladybird.

They all agreed that it was a great day.

By Alexander



*Searching for bug habitats*

#### **Form 4**

Form 4 completed their Iron Man models in art on Wednesday. They investigated colour and texture of rusted metal and observed how metal is joined during their internet research.

They are very proud of their achievements and worked well in their teams.



*Proudly showing off their models*

#### **Music news**

Music timetables are on the parent portal.

Mrs Nolan-Stone will be teaching on Thursday and Friday.

Mrs Teale will be starting singing lessons on Thursday.

Wind Band will be at first break on Thursday.

## ***In other news.....***

#### ***Grandparents' Day***

Next Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, from 2.30pm we are hosting a Grandparents' afternoon. Any children that would like their grandparents to have a tour of the school followed by scones and tea on the front lawn (weather permitting) and be entertained by the chamber choir and wind band. A letter is on the portal. Please sign up via email with either Mandy or Lydia on the emails below:

[registrar@sunninghill.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:registrar@sunninghill.dorset.sch.uk)

[lhampshire@sunninghill.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:lhampshire@sunninghill.dorset.sch.uk)

#### ***Car Parking Permit Reminder***

Forms 3 to 8

If you would like a car parking permit please email Lydia as soon as possible. Your current one will expire on 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

#### ***Sainsbury's Tokens***

Next week is the last week to bring in your Sainsburys token so please bring in any lurking around in purses and handbags - thank you! From Lydia



# Nutrition Natter

Hello!!



I hope you all had a fantastic time off with the family and enjoyed the spring weather in the UK. We were quite fortunate this year! Let's hope it will continue like this for summer....

On the topic of good weather and sunny days, although this week the temperature did go down too quickly and the sun is not as strong.... I thought I could speak about **SUN Safety**.

I would like to start reminding us all to stay in the shade from 11am to 3pm, which is the time the sun is stronger and therefore can harm our little ones delicate skins. Also, don't forget to use sunscreen cream, at least factor 30 for the children, hats, appropriate clothing and UV sunglasses.

The sun protection factor, or SPF, is a measure of the amount of ultraviolet B radiation (UVB) protection. SPFs are rated on a scale of 2 to 50+ based on the level of protection they offer, 50+ been the strongest for UVB protection. The star we see on the packing measures the amount of ultraviolet a radiation (UVA) protection. The star rating goes from one to five stars on UK sunscreens. You should always choose a higher star rating.

I finish this article with a few tips 😊

- give greater attention to fair skin
- consider the time of the day : avoid the sun in peak hours - 11am to 3pm

-- reapply sun protection products frequently and generously, even the long day lasting ones and waterproof

Enjoy spring and don't forget.... Protection to prevent sunburn and skin cancer in later life!

<http://www.nhs.uk/video/pages/how-to-apply-sunscreen.aspx>

Marina

## *“Notes from a small garden”*

It has been great to get back into the garden this week, tidy away the debris from the pond removal and see what was what....

With the warm sunny weather everything has bloomed beyond our expectations. The potatoes are enormous, and we had a lot of beans to tie onto supports, a fiddly job that Pippa got stuck into with enthusiasm.



*Pippa 'tackling' the beans*

We all tasted our early baby spinach leaves that were declared sweet and juicy, even by Kitty, who said she doesn't normally like spinach, but ours was delicious!



*Our thriving spinach*

It seems with every week the list of things to sow and bring on gets ever more exciting! Tomatoes next week!

Jo Vaughan

## Sports News

### **U11/10 Cricket v Clayesmore** **Result: Loss 298-239**

The U11 boys were thrown in at the deep end by having to play a cricket fixture in their first week back.

Sunninghill started the match as the bowling team and became more consistent as the innings went on. Both Henry's bowled extremely well. The team struggled a little with batting due to not having practised much and the strength of the opposition.

There were good aspects in the match but the team needs to develop the basics better.

**Contribution award:** Kian for his excellent wicket keeping.

### **U13 Rounders v Sandroyd & Castle Court**

#### **Castle Court - 3½ - 3½ Draw**

Castle Court were missing some big hitters scoring 3½ rounders but were excellent at fielding. Our first three batters were out caught first hit and some sloppy running between posts and run outs quickly added to our losses. We didn't reach 30 balls but at least managed 3½ rounders for a draw.

#### **Sandroyd - 8 - 6½ Win**

A much better performance against Sandroyd resulted in 8 rounders with some well taken half rounders at second base and six girls scoring. Fielding was excellent with the dream team of Bonnie at 2nd, Olivia bowling and Teisha at back stop. Hannah also provided a safe barrier in the field. Sandroyd had a couple of big hitters but they only managed 6 rounders by the 30<sup>th</sup> ball. Some of the girls do need to switch on a bit more as they hadn't realised they had won!

**Contribution award:** The other teams decided that Teisha (batting) and Hannah (fielding) were worthy contribution winners.

### **U11 Rounders v Sandroyd & Castle Court**

#### **Castle Court - 6 ½ - 9 ½ Loss**

Our very first game of the term and we were understandably a little rusty with remembering the rules, being sharp in the field and getting our eye in to hit the ball. Some of the team had not played a competitive game so all were nervous. Although Castle Ct scored 9 ½ we gave them 3 or 4 rounders with some poor fielding and decision making. We did well though when we came into bat with Lily B - 2, Tallulah-1 Atlanta & Frida - ½. Lots to practice!

#### **Sandroyd - 3 ½ - 2 win**

It was great to see the improvement in this second game. Lily B bowled extremely well making it difficult for the opposition to hit the ball. Amalia threw well from backstop

and Lily R was stumping runners out at 2<sup>nd</sup> post. Poppy and Jesse backed up well and overall the fielding was much sharper. Lily B scored ½, Lily R - 1, Olivia- ½, Atlanta - 1. Well done for this performance in your first game.

**Contribution award:** Lily B for being our top scorer and for bowling accurately.

### ***U10 Rounders v Sandroyd & Castle Court Result: Draws***

A chilly but sunny afternoon saw 3 thoroughly entertaining matches. Amazingly all 3 matches resulted in draws - what would have been the odds for that?

Sunninghill fielded first against Sandroyd. Accurate bowling from Erin and well organised fielding restricted Sandroyd to 3½ rounders. Our batting was initially nervous but was soon boosted by two excellent hits from Erin both of which resulted in a rounder. The final batter, Meena, (in only her second ever session of rounders!) scored a half rounder to level the scores.

Castle Court and Sandroyd then fought out a 5 - 5 draw.

In the final game, Castle Court's aggressive batting saw them consistently scoring to amass a total of 7 rounders. Sunninghill rose to the challenge. With further big hitting from Erin, an excellent rounder from Aleni and some bowling errors they also scored 7 rounders.

An impressive first match with examples of some really good fielding from including an excellent catch from Freya. We now need to ensure our catching and throwing is consistently accurate.

**Contribution award:** Erin for excellent batting (both left and right handed!) and accurate bowling.

### ***Form 8 responsibilities Summer Term:***

Head Boy:	Cal Chibnall
Head Girl:	Carmen Krosnar
Sports:	Olivia Mallows & Ben Fry
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 Collett
Library:	Alexander Valadas Marques

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# Weekly diary and communications

<b>WHOLE SCHOOL</b>	<p>Mon 1<sup>st</sup> Bank Holiday - no school</p> <p>Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> U9/8 Cricket v Sherborne (A) 2.00 pm Bridging the Gap 7.00 pm</p> <p>Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Form 5 - 8 Clayesmore Athletics 2.00 - 5.00 pm</p> <p>Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> Grandparents' Day 2.30 pm Form 3 - 8 After School Sailing 4.30 pm</p> <p>Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Form 2 Assembly 8.30 am Millfield Sailing Regatta Parent and Toddler Group 10.00 - 11.30 am Form 3 &amp; 4 Sailing Enrichment Form 5 &amp; 6 Dorset Schools Orienteering 2.00pm Form 8 Poole Scrap Store 12 noon</p>
<b>LETTERS ON THE PORTAL</b>	<p>Bridging the Gap</p> <p>Car Parking permit reminder</p> <p>E-safety advice</p> <p>Summer Term Clubs</p> <p>Music Timetable</p> <p>Curriculum Jigsaw Maps</p> <p>Menu</p> <p>Grandparents' Day</p>
<b>Fledglings</b>	Grandparents' Day
<b>Nursery</b>	<p>Bridging the Gap</p> <p>Grandparents' Day</p>
<b>Reception</b>	<p>Bridging the Gap</p> <p>Curriculum Jigsaw Maps</p> <p>Grandparents' Day</p>
<b>Form 1</b>	<p>Bridging the Gap</p> <p>Summer Term Clubs</p> <p>Curriculum Jigsaw Maps</p> <p>Grandparents' Day</p>
<b>Form 2</b>	<p>Bridging the Gap</p> <p>Summer Term Clubs</p> <p>Curriculum Jigsaw Maps</p> <p>Grandparents' Day</p>
<b>Form 3</b>	<p>Bridging the Gap</p> <p>Car Parking permit reminder</p> <p>Summer Term Clubs</p> <p>E-safety advice</p> <p>Curriculum Jigsaw Maps</p> <p>Grandparents' Day</p>
<b>Form 4</b>	<p>Bridging the Gap</p> <p>Car Parking permit reminder</p> <p>Summer Term Clubs</p> <p>E-safety advice</p> <p>Curriculum Jigsaw Maps</p> <p>Grandparents' Day</p>
<b>Form 5</b>	<p>Bridging the Gap</p> <p>Car Parking permit reminder</p> <p>Summer Term Clubs</p> <p>E-safety advice</p> <p>Curriculum Jigsaw Maps</p> <p>Grandparents' Day</p>
<b>Form 6</b>	<p>Bridging the Gap</p> <p>Car Parking permit reminder</p>

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### SPRING TERM 2017 RESULTS

Elliot R	Grade 1	Piano	
Henry B	Grade 1	Piano	
Ben E	Grade 1	Piano	Merit
Erin Pa	Grade 1	Piano	Distinction
Polina Y	Grade 1	Violin	
Isabella H	Grade 1	Piano	
Robert C	Grade 2	Singing	Merit
Olivia M	Grade 2	Piano	
Lily R	Grade 2	Piano	Distinction
Lawrence G	Grade 2	Baritone	
Khalid M	Grade 2	Singing	
Nathan S	Grade 3	Piano	
Imogen D	Grade 3	Violin	
Gemma FW	Grade 3	Cornet	
Orlagh O'D	Grade 4	Singing	Merit
Joseph B	Grade 4	Singing	Distinction
Erin Ph	Grade 5	Flute	

**Well done, everyone!**





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PTFA

*Summer Fayre  
&  
Dog Show*



*Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017, 12:30 - 16:30*

*Sunninghill Prep School, South Walks, Dorchester*

