

# Hermes

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## “Gemini”



Dear Parents

Friday enrichments are an essential part of our week. They allow us to add lots of creativity into our curriculum, particularly useful on a Friday afternoon which can be a graveyard slot. The collapse of the timetable means we can sail, get ready for the Shakespeare in School Festival, enjoy Food technology and lots more. They are the brain child of Mr Adams who is our Co-curricular co-ordinator (and champion of the house point system!)

As last week's edition of Hermes was already winging its way to you before we had finished last Friday's enrichment, I thought we should start this week's edition with a catch up of this event.

We had invited a range of working dogs into school.

Two Search and Rescue dogs spent the afternoon tirelessly finding small children hidden in the bushes. The dogs weren't the expected border collies but one beautiful wire haired German Pointer and one very glamorous Giant Schnauzer. I'm not sure whether the dogs or children enjoyed it more but they had an amazing time

exploring their role in finding the lost and the weary.



*The Search and Rescue Team*

Four wonderful Guide Dog owners brought their guide dogs for the children to meet and greet and to try to find out what it was like to be blind through sensory exploration.

A local police dog handler rushed back from a last minute “shout out” to introduce the children to his dog, Sabre. The children (boys and senior male teachers in positions of responsibility in particular) were as fascinated with all the “toys” on his belt. One silly boy was keen to know how many people she had bitten in anger recently. He was asked to leave though I promised to behave if they let me stay!



*Guide Dogs for the Blind Team with Molly*



*PC Steve Budd and his police dog, Sabre*

We then met one of only two guide dogs in the entire country who is trained to guide children blindfold around a course. It was very moving indeed.



*Attempting the course with a blindfold*

Finally we were totally inspired by our final guest speaker. John Bradshaw lost his sight whilst diffusing bombs with a disposal squad in Africa. He talked about the way in which his guide dog had completely changed his life. I think the children got a huge amount out of this first-hand experience. I know we certainly did.



Now that we have raised lots of money towards the purchase of a puppy, The Guide Dog Association have asked us to choose the name of a boy and a girl. The name should have no more than two syllables. The best idea I've been given so far is Sunny if the pup is a girl or Sonny if it's a boy. Do let me know if you have a better idea. Once they have purchased the pup he or she will come to visit and we will be able to follow their training. I can't wait!

Back to this week, I'll start by detailing a conversation I had with a teacher earlier this week.

The meeting started (quite unusually) with few words, more an exchange of eye contact with a raised eyebrow and a slightly wry smile.

A photographic image was then shared which I was thrilled to see. I was asked to look at it a second time as it was clear that I hadn't spotted the key point.

Well, to get to the point, the bringer of the photograph was Mrs Sleightholme and the photo was of a scan that had been taken at hospital earlier in the week. As I am sure you might have guessed by now, the image showed the presence of twins. What a joyous blessing to such a lovely couple. I am sure you will celebrate this great news with Duncan and Emma when you see them.

Emma is likely to be with us for most of the autumn term and then be on maternity leave for at least two terms.

If you have a child currently in Reception, please do not be worried. A highly skilled replacement will be found who fits with our style and your high expectations. Mrs Culshaw will still be there to provide continuity and I will keep you informed of progress on this front when we return in September.

Returning again briefly to last week's Hermes, you will be pleased to know that Pippa's evening proposal was acted upon and Jo and I did indeed go on a romantic date on Friday evening, "third wheeled" by Rosie who did not want to miss out and who found it all hilarious! I avoided any heavy



petting and forgot the red rose but the rest went well.

Not sure if that counts?

I'll have to check with my guru! Photos can be found in this month's "Hello" magazine.

On Wednesday we enjoyed Move Up Day. Children spent the morning with their new tutors. Mrs Sewed, Mr Stazicker and I were charged with running a leadership course for the Form 7 boys and girls moving up to Form 8 in September. We discussed the details of the Hustings assembly at 8.30am on Monday morning (parents very welcome) and moved on to the theory of leadership. We then tested their skills in a real life situation with a ball needing to be rescued from a tall drain pipe with holes in it. The class was split into three groups and each had to plan, do and review. It was very enlightening and I hope good use to the children.



*A leadership team working out a solution!*

Sometimes photos speak louder than words. I cannot remember the last time I cried so much with laughter. Tears were streaming down my face.

On the same day we held the house swimming gala which was excellent fun, albeit it in rather chilly weather. There was a great sense of camaraderie and some excellent swims, with new records broken. I would like to thank Mrs Wilson, Lynn and Mr Adams for their organisation, and to all the staff for being time keepers or team managers. Parents deserve a mention in

dispatches too for their stoicism. Mandy's new gazebos were very well received.



*All ready for the inter-house swimming gala*

Last night saw the Form 8's complete one of their biggest challenges of the school year. The Lion's Lair is our take on the Dragons' Den, with budding entrepreneurs having to design, make, market and sell their unique products, in competition with their peers. A team of expert judges listened carefully to each pitch and an eventual winner was decided. This year Paratwist were the very worthy winners.



*Our budding entrepreneurs*

In this morning's assembly we had an incredibly dynamic music ensemble assembly. I have no idea where Lecca, Neil, Sarah, Tim and Kate found the time to pull this together but we were blown away!

Finally, much of this week has been spent getting ready for the Summer Fayre. It promises to be a very exciting afternoon. PTFA chair, Nathasha Buchan-Moore assures me she has booked good weather and David

Frake assures me he has bought more than enough Pimms for his stall. A working party is due to meet at school at 10am, with the promise of tea and bacon sandwiches. The event will officially open at 12.30pm.

Please do come and join us and have a fantastic afternoon.

John Thorpe.

Mr John Thorpe  
Headmaster

### *Fledglings News*



Exploring water balls, what fun when they go splat!



If we keep on snoring they will think we are asleep!

### *Form 2 News*

On Monday Form 2 went off to Portland for the day. They are studying Katie Morag and her home on the Scottish island of Struay, so went to explore a much closer island. Whilst they were there, they filmed an episode of Katie Morag that the class had written. It is called 'Katie Morag and the fishing competition.'



### *Fishing just like Katie*

It was a beautiful day and after a lovely picnic on the beach they visited all the attractions and filmed on location at the sailing centre, the lighthouse and many more of Portland's famous sights.



### *Hauling in the catch*



### *The fish that got away?*

The day ended with a very welcome cold ice pop and a very tired class returned ready to start the long editing process.



We look forward to watching the premier early next week!



*The end of a great adventure!*

### **Form 6 News**



### *Creating uniform mascots*

As part of the up-cycling theme of Creative Arts Week, Form 6 had an opportunity to chop up some old uniform to make a “jumper monkey” or mascot of their own design.

They learnt the basics of using a pattern, pinning, tacking, threading needles and basic hand stitching as well as experiencing a sewing machine first hand under the watchful eye of Mrs Henshaw!

They said it was fabulous, strangely satisfying (chopping up uniform!!), gratifying and easier to sew than they thought it would be.

They were extremely enthusiastic and justifiably proud of their creations.

Amberley Carter

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

### ***Gardening update***

Form 6 children have planted, from seed, some beautiful herb pots ready to sell at the Summer Fayre. They will be available to buy from the book stall.



### *Herb pots all ready for selling*

It may have been raining but it didn't stop the intrepid gardeners picking and eating more of their harvest.



### *Look what we have!*



### *Tasty, tasty peas*

## Music News

Trinity College of Music Exam Results:

Nathan S - Rock and Pop Drums Grade 3

Tallulah T - Piano Grade 3 Merit

Many congratulations.

No Instrumental lesson timetables for next week. The following will be teaching so could the children please bring in their instruments and music on their normal lesson days.

Mrs Nolan-Stone  
Mr Vanburgh  
Mrs Teale  
Mrs Macnair  
Mr Garden

### Chamber Choir & Windband Tour Account

Throughout the trip to Penzance, in Cornwall, we all had a memorable and joyful experience. We arrived perfectly on time (thanks Mrs Moss's Sat Nav) to watch Pride and Prejudice. It was a wonderful view and the weather was gorgeous.

Then it was our time to perform with the Chamber Choir and were on top form. Then the windband and Mrs Brunt's debut performance on the saxophone were amazing!



The choir tour performing



Next it was the wind bands turn to perform

When we arrived at the youth hostel we had a lovely warm dinner and played an exceptional game of rounders with Mrs Nolan-Stone finding her new talent!



Refuelling at the hostel

After a good night sleep (for most of us) we had a yummy English breakfast. We then quickly rushed to St Michael's Mount, ran across the causeway and to the top to perform.

This was the highlight of our tour for me. Performing at St Michael's mount was inspirational. With a larger audience, we gave it our all; we also had some lovely loyal spectators!

Overall the experience was incredible and performing at these places gave us a fantastic opportunity.

We would all just like to thank the teachers giving up their time for us. Firstly Mr



Vanbrugh for driving and playing the piano exceptionally, Mrs Baker for making the trip so enjoyable, Mrs Brunt for always being there to make us laugh, Mrs Nolan-Stone for coming on tour and making every second exciting and finally Mrs Moss for organising this incredible trip and putting in hours of organisation into the tour! Thank you all so much.  
Orlagh

The place we stayed in was very nice and cosy! All the people were very kind and this lead us to have an exciting and wonderful evening together.  
Merry

This was a once in a life time opportunity to perform in these places and we will never forget, so thank you Sunninghill.  
Olivia

It was an amazing experience, full of fun. It opened up my mind, I loved the singing, it was an opportunity that most people don't get and I am very thankful I did. I loved every moment and spent it with the closest people to me.  
Teisha

The choir tour was an amazing experience full of great memories and opportunities. It made me proud knowing that I got to perform in such historical places. I loved spending time with such wonderful friends and it will be a trip I won't forget.  
Rachel

### ***Last week of events:***

Sports Day on Tuesday: 10.00 am Nursery; 11.00 am Reception to Form 2; Form 3 to Form 8 @ 2.00 pm - all parents invited. If it is raining the Sports Day events may be cancelled. Reception to Form 2 parents are welcome to bring their own picnic. Light refreshments will be served @ 3.15pm. We cannot guarantee the sports day will finish by 4.30 so we hope you can watch the last few races if necessary.

Last day: 9.30 am St Peter's church; 11.00 am Speech Day in the School Hall, 12.15 pm canapes on the Lawn - all parents invited.

School finishes at 12.00 noon with no after school provision.

Nursery: 11.30 am session finishes. But feel free to bring a lunch and share with the Nursery staff.

Fledglings: closes 12.30 pm. Please bring own packed lunch.

### ***Lost property***

Henry in Form 6 has lost his black school shoes size 3 or 4 can you please take a look for them

## ***Sports News***

***U13/12A Cricket v Fulham Prep from Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June***  
***Result: 100-108 loss***

Sunninghill faced Fulham Prep school who were visiting Dorset and Hampshire on a Cricket tour. Fulham started the match batting and struggled early on with some fantastic bowling from Ben and James. The boys were really up for this fixture with many boys playing their last ever game for Sunninghill. Kieran was making life difficult for their bowlers getting 3 wickets due to brilliant wicket keeping. Fulham ended the innings with 7 wickets less but managed to score 108 runs.

In the second innings Jordi and Cal started batting. Due to some excellent bowling it was difficult to get many runs early on but the boys gradually found openings and managed to score some beautiful runs.

Sunninghill finished the overs with 100 runs. The boys were on great form when batting or fielding which made it a great end to the season.

**Contribution award goes to James for his outstanding batting and Kieran for his brilliant wicket keeping.**

## Junior Prep Inter-House Swimming Gala



*Fantastic efforts from some of the youngest competitors*

A lovely swimming gala with all the children from Reception to Form 4 competing in the Hogwarts houses. As the standard improves it is great to include more length races and for all the younger ones swimming a width to do so without any aids. A particular shout out to some of the Reception children who at the start of the autumn term didn't want to go in the water at 1610.



*Racing right to the finish!*

Some very exciting close races resulted in the final scores being so close. Brilliant swimming from everyone and a big thank you to all the parents for their support.

4 <sup>th</sup> -	Gryffindor	73
3 <sup>rd</sup> -	Hufflepuff	81
2 <sup>nd</sup> -	Slytherin	82
1 <sup>st</sup> -	Ravenclaw	83

## Tennis U10 v Millfield

**Result: 7 - 5 win**



*Great team work shown by our U10 players*

The U10 boys played against Millfield on the all-weather pitch on Tuesday. Both teams had six players and all played 1 single and 2 double matches each.

The sportsmanship and work ethic of the players was absolutely fantastic as they faced a very tough Millfield who had been unbeaten during the tennis season. Rallies were long with all players using the width of the court to try to make it more difficult for their opponents.

Adam and Tymon really improved their consistency and gained some valuable match experience in their first match play. Daniel showed some great mental strength coming back from behind to win.

Henry and Ben both played three tight matches each winning two of them by two points! Orlando managed to win all his matches by hitting some very powerful backhands and playing more consistently from the back of the court.

**Contribution award goes to the whole team for their hard work and determination. Well Done!**



## **Prep Inter-House Swimming Gala**



*Some excellent races amongst Prep teams*

Even though the weather wasn't brilliant, the swimming certainly was. Many congratulations to everyone who swam competitively, supported one another and stepped up to battle it out for their team.

There were so many really close finishes and it was great to see the improvement in ability and confidence from all who took part.

1 <sup>st</sup> -	Maumbury	123
2 <sup>nd</sup> -	Frome	118
3 <sup>rd</sup> -	Purbeck	105
4 <sup>th</sup> -	Ridgeway	99

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

Head Boy:	<i>Cal Chibnall</i>
Head Girl:	<i>Carmen Krosnar</i>
Sports:	<i>Olivia Mallows &amp; Ben Fry</i>
Outdoor Ed:	<i>Bonnie Davenport &amp; James Cook</i>
English:	<i>Brook Michael-Beale</i>
Maths:	<i>Elliot Raybould &amp; Teisha Barrey</i>
Science:	<i>Jamie Barrington</i>
Humanities:	<i>Peter Message</i>
Art:	<i>Rachel Williams-Schoeller &amp; Hannah Stanhope</i>
IT:	<i>Brook Michael-Beale, Jacob Horton, Charlie Blake &amp; Xan Airy</i>
Drama:	<i>Joni Denne-Loader &amp; Millie Durkin-Jones</i>
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# Weekly diary and communications

WHOLE SCHOOL DIARY OF EVENTS	Mon 3rd	Form 7 Hustings Assembly
		Form 8 bike ride to Weymouth
	Tues 4th	Nursery Sports Day, 10.00 am
		Reception to Form 2 Sports Day, 11.00 am
		Form 3 - 8 Sports Day, 2.00 pm
		ABRSM Exams
	Wed 5th	Reports available on the Portal
		Form 8 Leavers' Assembly
		Senior House Rounders & Cricket 2.00 pm
		Form 8 Move-up day, Thomas Hardye School
	Thurs 6th	
	Fri 7th	Church Service, St Peter's, 9.30 am
		Speech Day, School Hall, 11.00 am
		Canapes on the Lawn, 12.15 pm
		School finishes at 12.30 pm
		Form 8 families, Governors, Staff Lunch 1.00 pm
	Wed 6th September - First day of autumn term	
LETTERS ON THE PORTAL	Reception to Form 8 Music Timetable - details in Hermes School Menu Letter from the Headmaster Summer Fayre Reminder	
Fledglings	No letters	
Nursery	No letters	
Reception	Sports Day	
Form 1	Sports Day	
Form 2	Sports Day	
Form 3	No letters	
Form 4	No letters	
Form 5	No letters	
Form 6	No letters	
Form 7	No letters	
Form 8	Last two weeks' information letter	



THE READING AGENCY AND LIBRARIES PRESENT



# ANIMAL AGENTS



SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2017

[animal-agents.org.uk](http://animal-agents.org.uk)

Our local library staff have been telling the children how to take part in Animal Agents, this year's Summer Reading Challenge.

The children will tell you all about it! All they have to do is read SIX library books and visit the library regularly over the summer, collecting special stickers and incentives along the way.

Please encourage your children to visit the library and sign up and see the difference the Summer Reading Challenge makes to their reading.

We will be celebrating and rewarding all children who took part at the beginning of the new school year.

