

# Hermes

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Autumn Term

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“The Governor Calls!”



*Catching up with the pupils after assembly*

Dear Parents

There's lots to report on after our first full week back in school.

I'll start with a thank-you to you all for your patience with the traffic works. Whilst they're not of our making they have made the start of each day more stressful than usual, though they seem to have migrated down the road now.

Sport has featured highly this week with the senior girls getting off to a flying start with their first hockey matches of the year and the senior boys enjoying a Wednesday afternoon of house football matches.



We also re-opened the swimming pool after the summer holidays. I think those taking the plunge first thing in the morning felt the chill a little bit more than those getting in later. All good for the soul I believe, though the wee ones are pampered a little more and enjoyed their swimming in the relative luxury and warmth at Dorchester 1610.



*Sun and smiles in our outdoor pool*

At the beginning of this year we have set ourselves the challenge of continuing to be more eco-friendly. It was the topic of this morning's assembly. I challenged the school to estimate how many African elephants worth of plastic has been created so far. I'll leave you to ask them the answer to see if they have remembered.

One of the major bug bears we have is the amount of plastic we see discarded and we realise that we are major contributors to the problem ourselves. To reduce this we are looking at providing every pupil in school with a drinking bottle that will replace the many single use bottles we give out. We've worked out that it will be more cost effective to give a free bottle to every child and ask them to refill it than to give them a

500ml bought bottle every time one is needed.

More on this when we have chosen a design.

We have also decided not to produce a card version of the termly calendar. There is a high production cost and significant amount of resources that go into producing these. There is an electronic copy on the parent portal which Eileen assures me you can easily download the PDF into your iBooks or alternative android app such as Google Drive.

I hope you have all managed to access the Clubs letter on the parent portal. Mr Adams does a great job in organising such a broad range of activities. I must also thank the teachers for their contribution to the rota. Please do encourage your children to take as much advantage as possible, particularly with the scholarship classes for Forms 7 and 8 which are available to all willing participants!

Over the summer holidays we have had a new fire alarm system fitted. On Thursday we had a whole school "test drive" for the very first time. A rather loud siren with a different tone ushered us quickly outside. We take these drills very seriously and have a full write up for each one which goes to our termly Health and Safety meeting. This practice evacuation met with the Bursar's full approval and we got full marks!



*All present and correct!*

Next Wednesday sees the first class rep meeting of the year at 8.30am in the Dining Room. The reps from your class last year will hopefully move up and remain in post for

the year ahead. If you have any issues that you would like drawn to my attention please do chat to your rep and we'll seek to help.

I'll update you on the meeting next Friday.

I also met Natasha Buchan-Moore this week to set the date for the PTFA AGM. It will be held at 7.30pm on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November at Zizzi's. On the evening we will need to vote in a new Chairperson. Steve Ray (Treasurer) and Carol Krosnar (Secretary) have agreed to stay in post. Without all the posts filled the PTFA will have to be moth-balled which would be a great shame as it has so many positive benefits for both community and school resources. If you think you have what it takes please do come and have a quiet chat with me.

The first PTFA event of the year will be our usual quiz night to be held on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October. We'll have a fish and chip supper to accompany the event. Please don't allow the staff team to win for a third year in a row. Start putting together a crack team so they can be knocked off their lofty perch!

This morning we had a visit from Richard Miller, our Chairman of Governors. Richard popped in to meet our new staff and cast his experienced eye over the summer works we have completed. He has also been looking at our documentation for ISI inspection which should be due sometime this year.

Wishing you a very restful weekend ahead.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Thorpe". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Mr John Thorpe  
Headmaster



## Fledglings News

Fledglings have had a busy week, culminating in an exciting ride in our evacuation cot for the fire drill.

It was all too much for one young Fledgling zzzzzzzz.



## Nursery news

Welcome back to Nursery everyone! We have had a very busy start to the term all have settled back in really well, even our two new starters.



*A spontaneous picture of the girls outside helping each other before swapping roles*



All of nursery has been doing self-portraits of themselves, we have studied our faces established that we all look different and each one of us is unique and very special!

We would like to welcome Tabitha to Nursery. She is one of our new starters and has been having a great time exploring the sand and emptying and filling the shakers.

We also welcome Edward and he has been enjoying building outside and playing in the sand amongst other activities.





*Tabitha enjoying playing with the sand*



*Edward starting on the next school development project!*



*Our snack helpers busy at work washing up all their friends' cups and plates after the snack café had 'closed for business'.*

## **Form 2**

During one of our lessons we have been learning about odds and evens and having great fun using our new knowledge with board games.

*Using their new found knowledge*



## **Form 5 Friday Enrichment - Bread Making**



*Getting creative with the dough*

We had great fun and lots of laughter during last week's enrichment, learning about bread making techniques. Apart from making a 'planned' mess, we produced fruit bread, seeded bread and sour dough.

Form 5 learnt more about preservation of food and have frozen some of the bread for a later date. This week we have been making dips.



*Some fantastic baking results*

### ***Form 7 Friday Enrichment - sailing and windsurfing***

Despite the wind and rain Form 7 had a great time during last Friday's enrichment.

Daisy chaining the windsurfers was the only way to hold on to everyone!



*Zooming along in the gale force winds!*

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

### ***Music News***

All music timetables can be found on the parent portal.

Mrs Hawes will be teaching on Monday.

All music clubs will start this week including a new Lower School Choir and Recorder Club.

### ***Sainsbury's vouchers***

Following the donation and collection of all the Sainsbury's sports vouchers we are very pleased to have received lots of wonderful sports kit that is going to be utilised throughout the whole school.



*Nursery enjoying some of their donated sporting items*

Thank you to parents for donating the vouchers and to the PTFA for collating and making all the arrangements.

### ***Languages Day***

On Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of September, Sunninghill will celebrate Languages Day. We would like to invite all the pupils to come to school dressed up in costumes from all over the world and in return to bring in a pound in support of the "jeans for genes" charity.



The pupils will be given the opportunity to experience different cultures and learn a few words in other languages such as Greek, Mandarin and Dutch!



*We are expecting some fabulous outfits*

A bientôt!  
Madame Shilliday

## Sports news

### *U10 Dumpton Hockey Festival*



*Contemplating the next team play!*

The girls had a good start to their season by competing against many local schools in this fun festival. They played 4 games, and managed to lose one game and draw three games, two being 0-0 and one being 1-1. The girls battled hard in their matches and definitely improved as the festival went on.

A special mention goes to lola and Indie for their determination and persistent efforts throughout.

**Contribution award:** Mia for playing her first ever game of hockey and defending superbly, trying hard to distribute the ball out to the wings from the top of the D.

### *U12/13B v The Park School* *Result: win 2 - 1*

The team were keen to have a successful start to their season and they most certainly did with a thoroughly deserved, entertaining win over The Park School.

Sunninghill took an early lead somewhat bizarrely from a 'wasted' short corner! All our players missed the corner hit which ended in our defending half. It was passed up the right wing via Atlanta and then Tallulah. She passed to Poppy who slotted it past the advancing goalkeeper. A slight mix up in our defence gave The Park the opportunity to level the scores.

After half time Sunninghill settled into some excellent passages of play and debutant Eve was unlucky not to score twice. More goal scoring chances were created and it was only a matter of time before one was converted - this time by Atlanta.

It was great to see everyone using the skills practised in Monday's games lesson and augers well for the rest of the term.

**Contribution award:** Atlanta for her determined attacking play

### *U12/13A v The Park School* *Result: Win 4 - 0*

A great start to the season with fantastic team play giving Sunninghill a convincing win. The experienced Izzy and Erin lead from the front with the hardworking Lilly B and rock solid Lilly R providing an excellent foundation.

Sunninghill took an early lead when Erin drove into the D to set up Izzy with a

straightforward shot past the stranded goalkeeper. Izzy scored her second with a strong shot from the edge of the D which flashed past the goalkeeper into the corner of the goal.

After half time, despite substitutions, the team kept their shape and their enthusiasm, enabling them to increase their lead. A well-directed cross from winger Hannah found Izzy who pounced to complete her hat-trick. As full time approached, Lilly R ventured down the left wing before crossing to Erin, who rounded 2 defenders in the D and slipped the ball past the goalie to complete a very well deserved 4-0 win.

**Contribution award: goal poacher/hat-trick hero Izzy**

Well done to all the boys for their hard work and determination!

### Results

Maumbury v Frome 1-3  
Maumbury v Purbeck 2-1  
Maumbury v Ridgeway 3-1  
Purbeck v Ridgeway 3-1  
Frome v Ridgeway 2-4  
Purbeck v Frome 3-0

Frome 1 win (-3 goals)	4th
Ridgeway 1 win (-2 goals)	3rd
Maumbury 2 wins (+1 goal)	2nd
Purbeck 2 wins (+4 goal)	1st

### *Inter-House Football Tournament Years 5 - 8*



The year 5-8 boys started their competitive season with Inter-house football on Wednesday.

Competition was fierce as players were proud and eager to perform well for their house. The level of passing and defending improved as the afternoon went on and some excellent goals were scored.

***Form 8 responsibilities  
Autumn Term:***

Head Boy:	Douglas Bowering
Head Girl:	Imogen Douie
Sports Captains:	Erin Philips Tom Swanton
Prefects:	
Outdoor Ed:	William Hortin
English:	Lewis Rowbotham
Maths:	Douglas Bowering
Science:	Imogen Douie Khalid Miah
Humanities:	Tom Swanton Khalid Miah
Art:	Hannah Davis
ICT:	Lucas Jones Dominic Woollam Lewis Rowbotham
Music & Drama:	Joseph Burdge Katie Shovlar
Citizenship:	Rosie Reynolds &Tilly Jones Tom Swanton
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# Weekly diary and communications

WHOLE SCHOOL DIARY OF EVENTS	Mon 18th	All clubs commence this week Forms 3 & 4 Stokewater Meadow 10.00 am
	Tues 19th	U8 & U9 Hockey v Castle Court 2.15 pm U8 & U9 Football v Castle Court 2.15 pm Form 5 Parents' Evening 4.45 pm
	Wed 20th	Class Reps meeting with Mr Thorpe 8.30 am Form 4 Residential to Brenscombe U13/12 Football v Dumpton & FSM 2.00 pm U11 Football v Dumpton & FSM 2.00 pm U10 Hockey v Castle Court 2.15 pm U12/13A Hockey v Castle Court 2.30 pm U12/13B Hockey v Castle Court 2.30 pm U10 Football v Dumpton 2.30 pm U11 Hockey v Castle Court 3.00 pm
	Thur 21st	Form 4 Residential at Brenscombe Rec - Form 3 Swimming @ 1611 After School Sailing 4.45 pm
	Fri 22nd	Jeans 4 Genes/Language Day Form 5 Assembly - all parents welcome Parent & Toddler Group, School Hall 10 - 11.30 am U8 Football v Claysmore 3.00 pm tbc Form 6 - Sailing Form 7 - Windsurfing Form 8 - Shakespeare Form 4 return from Brenscombe
	LETTERS ON THE PORTAL	Autumn Term Calendar - newer version Menu Sports Fixtures of the Week and Team Sheets - Form 3 - 8 # DITTO e-safety magazine Car Parking at School and Parking Permits Week 3 Music Timetable - Rec - Form 8
	Fledglings	No letters
	Nursery	No letters
	Reception	WOW Reception letter
	Form 1	Clubs Autumn Term
	Form 2	Clubs Autumn Term
	Form 3	Stokewater Meadow Trip Residential Information and Medical Clubs Autumn Term
	Form 4	Stokewater Meadow Trip Residential Information and Medical

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Form 5	Clubs Autumn Term Form 5 Parents' Evening
Form 6	Clubs Autumn Term
Form 7	Clubs Autumn Term
Form 8	Clubs Autumn Term