

Hermes

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“Absent friends”



F3 & F4's ready for their Egyptian Day

Dear Parents

Last week's Hermes was written at the Edinburgh International Conference Centre and today's edition flies to you from Broad Green Hospital in the heart of Merseyside. I can't wait to touch down on terra firma next week and regain my usual responsibilities.

With six hours of pre-ops on Wednesday and six hours of operation on Thursday mum and I have had a nervous wait. Dad will be spending the next day in an induced coma and we'll have a much better prognosis late tomorrow.

What I can say is that the care and attention we have seen at the hospital has been absolutely outstanding and my dad could not be in better hands. God bless the NHS and how privileged we are to have such a magnificent service at our disposal.

At the same time I can't thank enough the team back at school for the amazing job they have done in my absence, particularly as we are expecting an ISI inspection at any time.

On this subject, once an inspection is announced on the Monday morning in question, Mrs Sewed will send a questionnaire out to every family. I would be very grateful if you could pay close attention to this and return your completed survey within the allocated time span. A similar survey will also be given to every child in school from Form 4 upwards.

Following the Monday phone call a team of three inspectors will arrive on the Tuesday and we'll be given some preliminary feedback before they depart later in the week. A full written report will reach us several weeks later and will be available on our website.

I hear the Form 6 Parents' Evening on Tuesday went very well. We decided to use fifteen minutes between the first and second hours to share some information with you on how we are supporting well-being and what you can do to improve the safety of your children when they are connected to the internet. I am very grateful to Mrs Carr, Mrs Sewed and Mr Stazicker for their important work on this subject.

I've missed two big birthday celebrations in school this week. Kerry Davies who runs our fantastic kitchen has turned forty.



A big celebration in the staff room!

Plus Susan Saines (our longest serving member of staff after 18 years and Head of Art) celebrates an even more significant milestone. I haven't been able to check with her that I can share this number with you so you'll have to guess!



There's been a lot of birthday cake in the staff room recently!

I have also missed the arrival of three hundred water bottles with our school logo on. I think I have mentioned this already but we plan to give one (free of charge) to every child in the school. Our aim is two-fold. Firstly, to do away with the millions of "single use" plastic bottles that get thrown away every day and secondly to encourage children to drink lots more water during the course of the day. There is room on the bottles to write each child's name in an indelible pen so hopefully we won't get too many in lost property.



We are looking forward to handing the bottles out.

While Form 3 and 4 went off to Hooke Court for their Egyptian Day, we had our first Open Morning of the academic year. It was extremely well attended with 13 families having tours with our Form 6 and 7 pupils. People arrived from far and wide, relocating to Dorchester from London, moving to the UK and children who are starting school for the first time next year. We also has some ex-St Genevieve 'old girls' join us for a reminiscing tour followed by tea and cake.



Our new feather flags ready for visitors

Well, that's a shorter than usual Hermes. I look forward to getting back into the full swing of school next week.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Thorpe".

Mr John Thorpe
Headmaster

Fledglings News

Fledglings have been having fun as usual.



Trip trapping over the bridge



Exploring the seasonal touch spot

Nursery news

We have been learning about the 5 senses this week and taking part in many activities to explore the senses.

The children all had a go at 'Listening Lotto'. They had to listen to a range of sounds on the CD and place a counter on their board if they had the matching picture to the sound.



Exploring the feel of jelly



Playing listening lotto



Mark making with cars

Making sandwiches: Everyone had a go at making a sandwich and Clara took this task very seriously. She carefully buttered her piece of bread, using good fine motor skills to hold the knife, she chose a triangle cutter and a honey filling, telling Miss Katie that it was sweet and runny!

Comment from mum: One of Clara's favourite songs is about honey, from the Winnie the Pooh film, but she's never actually eaten it before - that may have influenced her choice. She told me on the

way home that she had made a triangle honey sandwich "like bears eat, in case Miss Bear wanted a bite"!



'The honey sandwich'!!

Yasmin and Daisy enjoyed some sensory items in the Tuff Spot today. We had lots of different objects and materials which looked, felt and sounded different. All the children enjoyed exploring them and describing the different sensations they felt.



Exploring the sensory area

Nursery also had free access to cutting and sticking resources, which they have really enjoyed!



Cutting and sticking

Reception

Form 3 and Reception have been buddy reading together and we just had to capture a couple of 'team moments'



Reading with their 'elders'!

Form 1

During their art lesson the children learnt about weaving and practiced with some paper weaving.



A great weaving technique

After they finished their weaving they shared books together and enjoyed chatting about what they had read and seen.



Lying down or sitting up, we can read at any angle!

Form 2

Exciting news, Purbeck won this week's Form 2 house cup!!!



Proudly showing off the winning cup

Form 2 had an excellent Geography/Katie Morag trip to Portland earlier this week.



Freddie was very excited to see Ben from the sailing club. Ben came for a chat and kindly agreed to have his photo taken with the class.





There's always time for a quick group photo

the rocks, fossils, flora and fauna of Portland Bill. We were starving by the time we stopped for lunch and didn't want to waste a crumb!



We enjoyed racing each other along the shore and exploring Portland



We stopped at the Olympic Rings to do some observational drawings of Chesil Beach, Portland & Weymouth

Form 8

Form 8 went to the Exeter Synagogue (a Jewish place of worship) on Tuesday and everyone enjoyed it. The Synagogue was very well hidden, to find it we had to walk down a street called 'Synagogue Place'.



When we walked down this street it was very narrow. We stopped at a building and a man opened a door to greet us. When we came through the door we entered a very narrow hallway with the Star of David on the floor, it was very cramped. We then went into another room next to the hallway and put all of our bags down. The room had framed Hebrew writing on the walls. We then had to go back into the narrow hallway and had to line up with boys and girls separated. The guide pointed out to us that there was a crooked box on the right doorpost, this box had Hebrew writing in it that was a prayer. The Jewish people were expected to touch this box every time they passed through this doorway. These boxes were how you would identify a Jewish building in the Second World War.



After our work was done, we had a little time to run around and take a closer look at

Then we walked into a small room with a second floor balcony. The boys went into the left set of pews and the girls went into the right set of pews. When we sat down we all noticed a clock above the doorway that we had come in. It was in Hebrew writing, the guide explained to us that the Hebrew language did not have numbers or vowels in their alphabet I found this very interesting. Where the one is on an English clock is the first letter of the Hebrew alphabet which is pronounced 'alpha'. Where the two usually is on the clock there is the second letter of the Hebrew alphabet which is pronounced 'Bet'. The guide told us that this is where the word 'alphabet' originated from.



The guide then stood on something that looked like a fancy podium facing the front of the room. It was very decorated and had a table built into it to rest prayers on. The front of the room was highly decorated with two wooden pillars painted with gold paint. These pillars were resting on two wooden boxes intended to look like marble. In-between the pillars there was a white curtain with the Ten Commandments written in Hebrew with a picture of two gold lions on it. This white curtain was only used in the Jewish New Year. Throughout the rest of the year the synagogue has a blue curtain with the same decorations. Behind the curtain was an ordinary looking cupboard. Inside this cupboard there were very highly decorated scrolls. The guide got out the Torah Scroll (The Jewish bible, written in Hebrew). He read some segments from the torah scroll and explained some word roots to us. He explained that if you are a Jewish girl you become an adult at twelve, if you are a boy you become a man when you are

thirteen. You have your Bar-Mitzvah. This is a ceremony that takes place to confirm your adulthood. It usually takes place in a synagogue with your friends and family watching you. You stand up on the bimah (a raised platform in the middle of the room for reciting the Torah scroll read by whoever is taking the service). As part of this service you have to read between one word and a whole segment of the Torah scroll, as well as learning the words for this you also have to learn the tune that they're sung in.



A Jewish door scroll

The guide told some facts about the Torah scroll such as; it is made of parchment (Cow skin) and sown together, it is also all handwritten and usually takes four whole years for a man to write it, and if you unrolled it completely it would cover the whole length of a football pitch (or 101 meters). We all found this very interesting. The Guide played us a recording of his youngest son performing the torah scroll at his Bar-mitzvah. (it went on for forty seven minutes!) We were all fascinated.

Later on we re-enacted a Jewish wedding and created a structure for it to be held under by using poles. Over these poles you are meant to tie a robe with a single tassel on the bottom of it. This tassel is there because Moses said to a Jewish saint before he died that for his people to remember him he wanted a tassel on their robes that they wear in church so every time the Jewish people are praying they remember him by the tassel. Next we chose a bride and a

groom (these were not popular positions!!!) to be wed. Then the guide took us through the checking of the ring process which consists of the vicar taking the ring, he checks if it is a perfect circle. Then he has to check that it is a twenty two carat ring, the finest gold. If it is not either of these things the groom has to find another ring (and quick!!!!).



The guide told us about the decorated candle in a hole in the wall [or the electric candle in Exeter], it is called the eternal light, it shows gods presence. It stays on at night, if the synagogue gets torn down the last this to happen is the light getting turned off.

Everyone in form 8 enjoyed the trip and were fascinated.

By Tom S

In other news.....

Music News

Congratulations to all our pupils who took part in the orchestral day at Bryanston this week, it was a long day of rehearsals for them but they all performed brilliantly.

Mrs Nolan Stone

Running for a great cause

Pippa in Form 3 is running a 1.5k at the weekend for Macmillan and the run has taken on some poignancy. Unfortunately she lost her Grandad at the weekend after a short battle with cancer.



If you would like to support her great cause please visit her Just Giving page at:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ppascott8>

Good luck Pippa!!

Quiz & Fish and Chips Night

Roll up, roll up.... Your last chance to be part of the quiz fish and chip supper evening on the last day of term, Friday 13th. Tickets can be purchased from Lydia for £10.00



Lost and found

William BK is missing his named size 3 ½ Clarks black Velcro shoes - last seen by the all-weather pitch. A smaller pair size 3, were left there instead - these are now in Form 4 cloakroom. Please could you check your son's shoes and return Will's - many thanks

Medical Matters

This week: asthma attack



A potentially life-threatening asthma attack occurs every 10 seconds in the UK.

The airways of asthma sufferers are sensitive to triggers, sending them into spasm, leading to coughing, wheezing, tightness of the chest and difficulty in breathing. During an attack, the lining of the airways swells, which can cause a second bout of wheezing six to eight hours later.

If someone is having an attack, sit them down and ensure they take slow breaths and remain calm. Help them take one puff of their reliever (usually blue) every 30-60 seconds, up to 10 puffs. If they don't improve or deteriorate call an ambulance. After 15 minutes if they are still struggling to breathe try the inhaler again.

Lydia

Sports news

U8/9A Girls' Hockey v Knighton House

Result: Loss 3 - 4

SPS showed straight away what they have been learning about in Games lessons and what they learnt from last week's match.

Carolina took advantage of a Knighton House slip up and scored in the first minute of the game. Then Pippa made it 2-0. Betty was rock solid in defence and Polina hit some good balls out of the D. Knighton House pulled 2 goals back quite quickly but then Pippa scored again after a good run of play that saw some excellent passing between Neve, Pippa and Amelia. Knighton House equalised with some excellent attacking play and then got a sneaky goal to make the final score 4-3 to Knighton House. A very closely fought game.

Contribution award: Betty for some outstanding defending!

U8/9B Girls' Hockey v Knighton House

Result: Loss 5 - 0

An unfortunate loss for the girls as they played their second match of the season. The girls took a quarter to get started, but once they settled in to the game they created some lovely attacking play. Lucy, Maggie, Mirabelle, Isadora and Lydia worked hard up front to get the ball into the shooting circle, and were very unfortunate not to score a goal. Imogen and Isabel did a fantastic job at keeping the ball out of our defending circle. Overall it was a good performance and another good experience for the team. Well done!

Contribution award: Maggie, for her superb positioning on the pitch.

U12/13A Girls' Hockey v Dumpton

Result: Loss 4 - 3

We gave away two easy goals in the first few minutes with everyone ball watching and leaving the Dumpton attackers free. This

seemed to get everyone going and with some good passing we started to create some scoring chances. Izzy and Erin slotted home before half time to level the scores and so all to play for in the second half. Ophelia and Lily R worked well together in defence and were looking to keep possession with a pass to get the attack going. We needed a bit more width to stretch the opposition but we had plenty of chances on goal in the second half. Dumpton scored two more but Izzy pulled one back for a nail biting end to the game. Lily B played well as left wing and had several chances in the D but the shots weren't powerful enough. A close game which we should have at least drawn.

Contribution award: Izzy for her goal scoring and Ophelia for some defensive work and intelligent passing.

U12/13B Girls' Hockey v Dumpton Result: Loss 4 - 2

Sunninghill were a little slow out of the blocks allowing Dumpton to take an early 2-0 lead and although their play improved throughout the game, they were never able to make up the deficit.

Initially everyone seemed to panic if they received the ball, forgetting our target of retaining possession, and handing it straight back to Dumpton. As the match progressed, confidence gradually increased and some excellent attacking breaks ensued. In defence Jessie was constantly tackling and intercepting. She was ably supported by Giselle and Tilly but disappointingly their distribution let them down on several occasions.

Rosie had a great game in goal making numerous saves and showing a lot more confidence in challenging Dumpton forwards. Atlanta led the attack with enthusiasm and was rewarded with a well-taken goal.

Contribution award: Rosie for excellent goalkeeping

U10 Girls' Hockey v Dumpton Result: Loss 4 - 1

An unfortunate loss to what was a very competitive and balanced game. The ball managed to keep traveling back and forward between our shooting D and the Dumpton shooting D. We had many attempts at goal, and narrowly missing out on many occasions.

I also managed to move the girls into different positions, which they managed to settle into very well. I was very impressed with everybody's efforts, and this is definitely our strongest game of the season so far. It was a shame as the score didn't reflect the game.

Contribution award: Molly for playing her first match as goalie, and making some superb saves from the Dumpton attack.

Year 5-8 Boys' Inter-House Rugby At Dorchester Rugby Club



Maumbury and Purbeck rugby teams

Final result:
Maumbury 1st
Purbeck 2nd
Frome 3rd
Ridgeway 4th

A full set of results, order of play and final scores can be found at the back of Hermes



Frome and Ridgeway rugby teams

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

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Head Girl:	Imogen Douie
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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
MFL:	Sebastian Pas
Eco Schools:	Tilly Jones
Pupil Voice:	Tilly Jones Khalid Miah

Senior Boys Interhouse Rugby Matches 2017

	Frome	Maumbury	Purbeck	Ridgeway	Total
Frome	x	0 <small>2-3</small>	0 <small>0-4</small>	3 <small>4-2</small>	3 <small>6-9</small>
Maumbury	3 <small>3-2</small>	x	3 <small>3-2</small>	3 <small>3-1</small>	9 <small>9-5</small>
Purbeck	3 <small>4-0</small>	0 <small>2-3</small>	x	3 <small>3-0</small>	6 <small>9-3</small>
Ridgeway	0 <small>2-4</small>	0 <small>1-3</small>	0 <small>0-3</small>	x	0 <small>3-10</small>

Order of play

Match 1
2-**Frome** v **Maumbury** -3
Match 2
0-**Ridgeway** v **Purbeck**-3
Match 3
0-**Frome** v **Purbeck**-4
Match 4
3-**Maumbury** v **Ridgeway**-1
Match 5
4-**Frome** v **Ridgeway**-2
Match 6
3-**Maumbury** v **Purbeck**-2

3 points for a win
1 for a draw
0 for a loss

10 minutes per
game

Final Results

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

Weekly diary and communications

WHOLE SCHOOL DIARY OF EVENTS	Mon 9th	Reception to Thorncombe Woods
		Forms 3 & 4 to Tutankhamun Exhibition
		Form 3 Parents' Evening 4.20 - 7.00 pm
		Form 7 Parents' Evening 4.45 - 7.00 pm
	Tues 10th	Form 8 Tempest Workshop, Weymouth Pavilion
		Reception Echo photo
		Form 4 Parents' Evening 4.40 - 5.40 pm
		U8 & U9 Hockey v Sandroyd & Leweston (H)
		U8/9 Football v Leweston (H)
		Informal Music Concert, Drawing Room 4.00 pm
		Form 8 The Tempest, The Lighthouse, Poole
	Wed 11th	Form 4 Parents' Morning 8.30 - 9.30 am
		U12/13 A&B Hockey v Clayesmore (H)
		U10 & U11 Hockey v Clayesmore (A)
		U11 XI Rugby v Salisbury Cathedral (H)
		U13/12 XII Rugby v Salisbury Cathedral (A)
		U10 VIII Rugby v Salisbury Cathedral (A)
	Thur 12th	Rec - Form 4 Swimming @ 1610
		After School Sailing 4.45 pm
		U10 & U9 Swimming Gala v Sherborne 5.00 pm
	Fri 13th	Harvest Festival & Form 2 Assembly, all parents welcome
		Parent & Toddler Group, School Hall 10 - 11.30 am
		Form 6 - Sailing
		Form 7 - Windsurfing
		Form 8 - Shakespeare
		Form 4 Parents' Evening 4.10 - 5.10 pm
		PTFA Quiz, Fish & Chips 7.30 pm
LETTERS ON THE PORTAL	Week 6 Music Timetable - Rec - Form 8 Menu Sports Fixtures of the Week and Team Sheets - Form 3 - 8 Harvest Festival Letter	
Fledglings	No letters	
Nursery	No letters	
Reception	Thorncombe Woods	
Form 1	Letter from Mrs Sleightholme re Maternity Leave	
Form 2	No letters	
Form 3	No letters Please bring £4 pocket money for trip to Tutankhamun on Monday	
Form 4	No letters Please bring £4 pocket money for trip to Tutankhamun on Monday	
Form 5	No letters	
Form 6	No letters	
Form 7	No letters	
Form 8	Shakespeare Trip	