



Hermes

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Autumn Term

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“Christmas has officially begun!”



Dear Parents

We finally find ourselves at the end of one of our happiest and busiest weeks of the year.

I have to start with news of the most amazing Nativity extravaganza that showed Junior Prep off in the brightest of lights. They took us all on a journey around the world which was simply spell binding; at times full of humour and at others moving.



At one stage, with Charlie F singing an amazing and most surprising solo, a draft of cold wind must have blown under the door and caused a moistening in the corner my eye.

I must warmly congratulate all the staff and children involved for kick-starting our Christmas for real. The backdrop to the lead up to the play was of staff and pupil absence. How they managed to pull it all together is a tribute to their skill, dedication and team work.



Elsewhere in school, the Form 3 “l’escargots” have begun to thrive and really started to increase in size. They have gone home with the Foote family for Christmas. They are in very safe hands and we needn’t worry about the predicted appearance of butter and garlic. Leon J will be very pleased to hear this ahead of his extended travels next term.

I must thank the very many of you who have sent presents in to support the Mosaics charity, ably championed by Mrs Woollam. It is a cause you have really taken to your hearts and I thank you sincerely for encouraging your children to care for others less fortunate than themselves.



On Thursday we had our end of term assembly with endeavour awards handed out. There were some outstanding achievements right across the board. It is very rare that I spotlight one child from these ceremonies, but I must make an exception this time.



Thursday was also Christmas jumper day and we had a slight fashion faux pas as you will see below!



However Tilly definitely scooped the cheesiest jumper prize!



Mia Q joined F5 in September and has set the school on fire (metaphorically speaking, before you phone the Fire Brigade) Academic Endeavour awards are awarded to each child in the year who has achieved the lowest combined score for effort grades. In her first term, Mia achieved 21 points, which we believe is an all-time record, though I will have to dig deep in the records to check how Orlagh O'D did as she may have been close.

Junior Prep children then enjoyed the attentions of a very special visitor. I must thank Lynn Strover and her PTFA for arranging this visit. I understand the logistics of flights from Lapland was particularly tricky with RyanDeer Air fully booked up. Their complaints were rebuffed by the Elf and Safety Committee.

We then assembled for Carols under the Stairs that included an ever growing audience of parents and friends of the school. Ably accompanied by the redoubtable Mr Vanburgh (and Mme Shilliday at one point) we enjoyed a hearty sing-song that included opportunities for XFactor contests that I'm afraid saw the men come a distant second. As a famous football manager one said, "We were lucky to nil!"



Talking of football, please do read the match report for the Lads vs Mum and Dads match.

Thursday saw us enjoying a sumptuous Christmas lunch, lovingly prepared by the kitchen. Mrs Brunt even sneaked in a 50th birthday present for Sharon.



In the afternoon we followed this up with our own Christmas fair and parties in the afternoon. Form 7 went to the cinema and

Form 8 went bowling. All seemed to have a great time.



We added the “cherry on top of the cake” with a spectacular Christmas Concert of the very highest calibre. I hope you noted the incredible breadth and depth of musical performance and the confidence with which the children performed. It is a great tribute to the dedication and skill of Mrs Moss, Mrs Nolan-Stone, Mr Vanburgh and all the peris and I thank them on your behalf.



Finally can I take this opportunity to thank you for all the support and trust you have given the school this term. We continue to go from strength to strength and can look forward to a very bright 2018 together.

Wishing you a wonderful family Christmas together

John Thorpe

Mr John Thorpe
Headmaster

Fledglings

Fledglings enjoying the Christmas book corner.



A younger Fledgling enjoying Christmas jumper day.



Merry Christmas to everyone from all staff and children in Fledglings, see you in the New Year

Nursery

Look at us all dressed in our Christmas jumpers!



Nursery children were all very excited opening up their first Christmas cards.



Clara enjoyed decorating the Christmas tree.



Form 6

Year 6 mascot makers have had a productive term up-cycling old school uniform. They designed their own mascots and have been honing their sewing skills, both by hand and machine, under the expert guidance of Mrs Henshaw.

The first to finish were Archie M-P and Erin P. As they commented themselves, don't the mascots resemble their creators?!



Year 6 Mascot making will run again next term (6 places only) & rumour has it that there will be an alternative uniform challenge in the summer term, so save any uniform that's not destined for the PTFA second hand uniform cupboard; it may have another life yet!

Amberley Carter

Form 7



For their enrichment last week, Form 7 went orienteering at Stonebarrow.

A gorgeous Friday afternoon saw them tackling the Stonebarrow Hill Wildflower

Orienteering Course. This is a National Trust area just east of Charmouth.

The view from the starting point was spectacular and on this lovely sunny day we could see Portland in the distance. Form 7 set off in pairs on a dry but hilly course; quite challenging from a fitness point of view. It was good to see them using their map reading skills which was essential when negotiating a new and totally different area. They all completed the course, finishing with rosy cheeks and big smiles and the results are below:

Jessie/Lily B	-	19 mins
Tom/Lily R	-	21 mins
Elliot/Verity	-	21 mins
Clara/Giselle	-	24 mins
Frida/Amalia	-	25 mins
Poppy/Leah	-	26 mins
Nathan/Atlanta	-	32 mins

The competition was close so a big well done to you all for your enthusiasm and effort.

Many thanks go to Di and John Tilsley for giving up their afternoon to see us all safely round the course. An additional thanks to Di for her expert advice and help in planning and running the Form 5 and 6 orienteering lessons this half term. The children have thoroughly enjoyed the different course challenges and of course the use of the electronic equipment. "Can we use the dibbers Di" was a regular call and this was probably the children's favourite session. We couldn't do it without you Di.



If anyone/families would like to experience some orienteering please have a look at the events at the back of this edition.

Sue Wilson

In other news.....

Thank You!

We would like to thank the PTFA for contacting Father Christmas and arranging for him to make a very special visit to Junior Prep this morning. Each child received a present and we captured the moments below.

Nursery



Reception



Form 1



Form 2



Form 3



Form 4



Art

Form 7 enjoyed a festive lesson making their Christmas trees. They use pieces of hazel and made a plinth using clay. A simple project idea for the lead up to Christmas.



Bridport Performance

Frida and Iola, from Form 5, took part in an aerial silks performance in Bridport on Thursday night. They have been practicing for it all term! Frida's performed to the Status Quo song 'In the Army Now' hence the costume and the gun!

Iola devised a routine to Jeepers Creepers which opened with a Russian climb, demonstrated various silks manoeuvres and positions including an ankle lock - where you are suspended upside down with the silks round your ankles and she ended with a crucifix spin. This was only her second

public performance and a demanding routine!



Music News

Music lessons commence in week 2 and the timetables will be uploaded to the portal.

Nutrition Natters

Hello!



First of all I would like to take this opportunity to celebrate our multicultural school community and be grateful for the opportunity life gave my family - to be able to live in this part of the world and meet and interact with all of you as part of Sunninghill Community. Thank you!

Around the world quite a lot of communities celebrate Christmas in so many different ways. For example my country Portugal, I still call it my country although my heart carries England in a very special place, like so many other Catholic countries (Italy, Spain) celebrate Christmas Eve more than Christmas day. Traditionally families would go to the Midnight Mass Church Service after a family big Cod Dinner. It's also after midnight and after the Midnight service Father Christmas comes to our house and we exchange our gifts. Yes, we are very lucky, we can open the gifts on Christmas EVE!! Also, after midnight we gather, not just to open the gifts, but to carry on eating. This time traditional cakes and nuts, singing and playing some games. This will carry on for many hours until one of us decides we can't carry on and needs to go to bed!!

I would like to finish sharing some Christmas Portuguese recipes:

- Cod, for Christmas Eve

This is a favourite dish for a traditional Christmas Eve lunch with family. It brings the childhood memories and flavours back that are stored in my memory

<http://www.foodfromportugal.com/recipe/cooked-chickpeas-cod/>



- Cakes

Bolo Rei, or Kings Cake, is a traditional Portuguese cake that is typically eaten during Christmas until the Dia de Reis on January 6. It is a staple dessert in any household.

<https://easyportugueserecipes.com/kings-cake-bolo-rei/>

<http://www.foodnetwork.com/recipes/buche-de-noel-recipe-2117923>



Enjoy your food and have a peaceful and Merry Christmas with your family!

Marina Mendes

Notes from a Small, Quite Chilly Garden...

We have had a couple of busy weeks sorting out the garden before the holidays. Checking on the worms, feeding the birds, cosying the hedgehog house.





we take a break for the next few weeks, cannot wait to see you all back again next term for more garden adventures!



Our Garden guru (Liz, obvs..) assures me it is still not too late to plant bulbs for the spring, so we set to putting in our tulips! Also a bit of raspberry cane planting, by far the most popular fruit in our garden, searching for the tiny juicy treats is a highlight for everyone, so we decided more canes were definitely needed. The girls made a great team digging compost and planting them in.

Happy Christmas!

Jo Foote



During gardening club Form 6 and 7 have been creating a 'frog hibernation tunnel' over the last couple of weeks. We will keep checking for any amphibians and report back!

Liz Stein

Finally it was time for our hyacinths that we planted some weeks ago to be potted so they can bloom at home this Christmas. They were decorated with plenty of ribbon and sprigs of holly and will hopefully keep our little garden in everyone's mind whilst

PTFA - Notes from the Chair



Oh what a night....it was on Thursday 30 November at the Christmas Fayre, monies are still trickling in and it's clear it's been a success. The rooms were buzzing with interested shoppers making their way around the quality stalls. Deliciously warming mulled wine and canapés kept the atmosphere rolling. Thank you to everyone who helped out and who came and enjoyed the evening...we've raised over £1000!



And fittingly, we have a beautiful picture here of Neve enjoying the Christmas Fayre. As John mentioned in Hermes a couple of weeks ago, Neve and her parents Emma and Dave Corbett are heading back home to Oz this Christmas. We are all going to miss you. Thank you Emma for being a fabulous and frequent PTFA volunteer over the years, we wish you all every happiness.



Santa and Elsie the Elf made their annual visit to Junior Prep on Thursday. There were some magical moments of amazed and surprised little faces as we went round the classrooms. Santa was delivering gifts from the PTFA to the children and did a great job, we managed to get photos of each of the children with Santa, do ask your form teachers if you wish to see them. He'll be visiting again a year from now, I'll be booking him in once he's over the busy weeks ahead and is suitably rested.

May I say a thank you to those of you who have taken the time to register with The Giving Machine, at least three members of our community have mentioned this to me, and I'm hoping there are more silent registrants out there. This really is an easy way to raise funds for the PTFA whilst shopping online. We'll continue to give this a plug in the months ahead; I've got my aim of 50 new registrants as stated in my post in Hermes on 17 November, check back to that issue to read more on how to register.

Further thanks to a bunch of people who work tirelessly behind the scenes.... to Kirsty Humphries and Sophia Radford for looking after the Second Hand Uniform shop. Thanks goes to Steve Ray, Treasurer, for handling many a query from a remote position in South Korea over the last couple of weeks. And thanks to Carol Krosnar, Secretary, for getting us started on our PTFA goal to create a master file of guides for running each of our events.

Looking forward to next term, we will be holding our next PTFA Committee Meeting

on Thursday 11 January 2018, 6pm, in the Drawing Room, all welcome. On the agenda will be a look to future events in academic year 2018/9 including of course our May Ball with Auction of Promises in 2019. We are looking to form a working group for this in the New Year, come and join us and get involved, it's going to be a blast.

The date for the School Disco is now confirmed - Friday 26 January. And following the positive comments after last year's disco, DJ Jamie has been booked again for more fab tunes for all ages along with games for the younger years. This event will be held in the afternoon in the Dining Room, more details to follow in January.

May I wrap up by wishing you and your families a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Here's to a fantastic 2018, cheers!

Lynn Strover
PTFA Chair
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Sports News

They think it's all over - it is now!

Football match report for Mums & Dads vs Lads

***Results: North"ants" Town 2
Wolver"aunt"ton Rovers 2***

An end of season grudge match between my Thursday evening Form 1 and 2 football players and their overly unenthusiastic spectator parents looked certain to never get off the ground with more excuses offered than one might ever imagine. One mum's dog had eaten her trainers, another was worried about her Christmas hair style getting ruined, no babysitter was available here and a dentist appointment there, and so it went on until the promotor thought of cancelling and offering the expectant crowd a refund.

Needless to say Mrs Wilson is still waiting for sick notes from their mums and she will have to name and shame if they are not forthcoming.

In the end persistent nagging paid off and a team of five turned up (almost) raring to go.

Initially the game wasn't quite end to end nor was it bejewelled with skill. The early stages resembled a swarm of ants against reluctant aunts, both of whom cancelled each other out in the middle 2 square metres of the pitch.

Then, all of a sudden, reluct"aunt" players realised they had a bit more fitness and skill than they had imagined and the game was set alight. The pace picked up and some were even seen to break into a fast run.

Mrs Wilson impressed with her command of the right wing and Mr Zhou was a demon in goal. Neither could stop us going a goal down.

Thankfully a dazzling move between Mesdames Woolham and Krosnar ended with the ball being ceremonially bundled into the back of the net from all of 30cm and we had levelled the score.

A great solo goal by Mrs B had to be disallowed due to fowl play, something to do with a chicken?

At this point the ants submitted a transfer request and Dylan W was sold to the opposition, far too cheaply in my opinion.

This changed the dynamics and swarms of ants surged forward biting everything in their path and they took a 2-1 lead.

In the dying seconds of the match a sweeping move from left to right to left and back saw Mrs W scorch the ball in from 40 yards to level the score. The ref blew his whistle and we all went home happy.

Never let the truth get in the way of a good story!

John Thorpe

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
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Weekly diary and communications

WHOLE SCHOOL DIARY OF EVENTS	Mon 1st	Bank Holiday
	Tue 2nd	Staff Inset Training Day. 9.00 am
	Wed 3rd	Term Starts at 8.10 am
	Thur 4th	Reception Swimming
	Fri 5th	Nursery - Form 4 Jack & The Beanstalk - SCH
		(West End in Schools Theatre)
		Form 2 Skiing Enrichment, Warmwell
LETTERS ON THE PORTAL	Spring Term Calendar	
	Menu	
	Music Timetable Week 2	
Fledglings	No letters	
Nursery	No letters	
Reception	Spring Term PE Letter	
Form 1	Spring Term PE Letter	
Form 2	Spring Term PE Letter	
Form 3	Spring Term PE Letter	
Form 4	Spring Term PE Letter	
Form 5	Spring Term PE Letter	
Form 6	Spring Term PE Letter	
Form 7	Weather Hazard Homework	
	Spring Term PE Letter	
Form 8	Please look after this bear homework	
	Spring Term PE Letter	

Wimborne Orienteers

The Largest Orienteering Club for Dorset and the New Forest
www.wimborne-orienteers.org.uk

www.facebook.com/wimborneorienteers



Wimborne Orienteers invite you to their 47th Boxing Day Canter

in Ringwood North Forest at 11am on December 26th 2017



How to get there:

Take the B3081 to Verwood from the A31 at Ringwood. The event will be sign posted from the B3081 at grid ref: SU 101083

Forest Entrance at Grid Ref: SU 102 084

Nearest Post Code: BH31 7DE

Parking on tracks: £1 per vehicle



Driving Directions
Via Google Maps

Please check web site for final details

Cancellation Policy: In the event of cancellation a notice will be placed on the WIM website and an email will be sent by the Fabian4 system. Wimborne Orienteers reserve the right to retain some or all of the entry fee to cover unrecoverable costs.

Registration:	10:00am – 10:45am
Starts:	Mass start at 11:00am
	Course closes at 12.15pm
Course:	1 hour score with seasonal novelties using SI system
Entries:	Pre-entry via www.fabian4.co.uk
	Closing date: 25th December 2017 at 9pm
	Entry on Day (whilst maps available)
Fee (per map):	Seniors £9, Juniors £3, Family Groups £9 (1 Map & 1 SI Card)
	Hire of SI card Seniors £1, Juniors and Family Groups no charge
	Lost cards will be charged at £35
Dogs:	Dogs allowed under close control

***Please note that Orienteering is an adventure sport
and you take part at your own risk***



Orienteering in DORSET

December 2017 – March 2018

Looking for a local club?

Wimborne Orienteers covers most of the Dorset area outside Poole & Bournemouth.

www.wimborne-orienteers.org.uk

Wessex Orienteering Club covers the Poole, Bournemouth & Christchurch area

www.wessex-oc.org

Sarum Orienteering Club covers the South Wiltshire (Salisbury) area and North West

Hampshire area. www.sarumo.org.uk

LOCAL ORIENTEERING EVENTS OPEN TO ALL December 2017 – March 2018

2017

Saturday 9th December: Wimborne Orienteers Informal afternoon event at Avon Heath Country Park, near Ringwood. Coaching available. All welcome. See www.wimborne-orienteers.org.uk for detail.

Sunday 10th December: Southampton Orienteering Club event at Island Thorns, New Forest. See <http://southampton-orienteers.org.uk/> for details

Monday 26th December: Wimborne Orienteers Boxing Day event at North Ringwood Forest, Verwood. Morning event. All welcome. See www.wimborne-orienteers.org.uk for detail.

2018

Monday 1st January: SARUM New Years Day event at Woodfalls, New Forest. Morning event. See <http://sarumo.org.uk/> for details.

Sunday 7th January: Southampton Orienteering Club event at Southampton (venue to be confirmed). See <http://southampton-orienteers.org.uk/> for details

Saturday 3rd February: SARUM Informal Event at Dinton near Salisbury. See <http://sarumo.org.uk/> for details.

Thursday 8th February: Wimborne Orienteers Informal event at Gillingham, North Dorset. All welcome. See www.wimborne-orienteers.org.uk for detail.

Sunday 11th February: Wessex Orienteering Club event at Holmsley, New Forest. All welcome. See www.wessex-oc.org for details.

Sunday 18th February: Wimborne Orienteers event at Turfhill and Millersford near Fordingbridge (venue to be confirmed). All welcome. See www.wimborne-orienteers.org.uk for detail.

Sunday 4th March: SARUM Event at Great Ridge near Salisbury. All welcome. See <http://sarumo.org.uk/> for details