

# Hermes

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Spring Term

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“What is the collective noun for an assembly of Thorpes?”



Dear Parents

Today signals the end of a rather wet and windy week in school that started with Blue Monday, officially the psychological low point of the year. With the length of day gradually extending, it's full speed ahead from here, though I'm still hoping for some snow before winter finally gives way to spring.

In these drearier moments we are all looking for inspiration and it arrived in two ways this week, both originating in Form 7.

Firstly, a wonderful picture was sent to me by Mrs T, despite the protestations from her modest daughter who would rather she hadn't. Tallulah was moved by a charitable request for human hair to help make wigs for those children without any hair and volunteered her long locks to such a worthy cause.

Form 7's were also out in force in the town on Thursday. Inspired by Mrs Fernley, they have been painstakingly and lovingly preparing their team entries to the town's Rotary Youth Speaks competition. As the only school to enter, we were unsurprising school winners though the outcome of the individual prize for best speaker and best team were far from certain.

Perhaps the most surprised winner of all was Giselle who scooped the individual prize for best speaker. Her expression was priceless; wonderfully modest and self-effacing. The best team prize went to Tallulah T, Poppy B and Lily B. They will now compete in the county finals early in February and we wish them the very best of luck. I must also thank Mrs Fernley for the highly professional way in which the children were prepared and for encouraging them all to be happy and relaxed and to enjoy the occasion.

It has been a particularly good week for Lily B as she also won the DOMVS Story House Competition, as announced in last week's

Hermes. You can read her story later in this edition.

Clubs started again this week with lots of activities on offer. The dry slope skiers got going early with Mr Stazicker leading the way with his snowboarding exploits. This was also true of the horse riders who visited the excellent stables of Kingston Maurward, carefully looked after by their instructors and trainees. I'll try to get a photo of my climbers for next week's edition.



On Wednesday I met up with the class reps for our half termly meeting. It is a really valuable forum that enables me to get grips with problems that are causing you consternation.



To make sure we fully understand your thoughts on communication, a survey will be sent out to all parents next week that will allow you to quickly express an opinion on

the key front of house points of communication that will include the Bursar, Registrar, main desk, myself and the portal. Please can I encourage as many of you as possible to spare a couple of minutes to rate the various positions and to offer constructive criticism.

Mrs Sewed has been busy generating the Spring Term curriculum maps for us all. These will be on the portal for you to peruse at your leisure. These excellent documents will enable you to look ahead to the topics your children will study and will hopefully enable you to engage in pre and post topic discussion that will further support meaningful learning.

Finally Form 4 delivered the most wonderful class assembly to us today. The theme was celebrating difference, being unique and being yourself. It was really great fun and yet had one of the most important messages we can share within our community. I'm not sure where they got the photograph of my dad from!

It was great to share a post breakfast with the parents. The picture below shows a very proud Mrs Amos who miraculously had her solitary house point chosen from a box of several thousand. Sally had helped Mrs B set out the chairs and casually wondered if a house point might be on offer. Mrs B asked Sally to stand at the front to receive her award from her son Ben!



As Mrs Brunt said, "If you're not innit you can't winnit!"



Seems a great point to bid you farewell and wish you a very happy weekend together.

John Thorpe.

Mr John Thorpe  
Headmaster



Story time

### *Fledglings*

Fledglings have enjoyed gardening club with nursery, show us your trowels!



We have spent a lot of playtime exploring our sensory room in the cold weather



### *Nursery*

We have been following the Gingerbread Man story this week. Every child has enjoyed making their own gingerbread man then decorating them when they have cooled down.



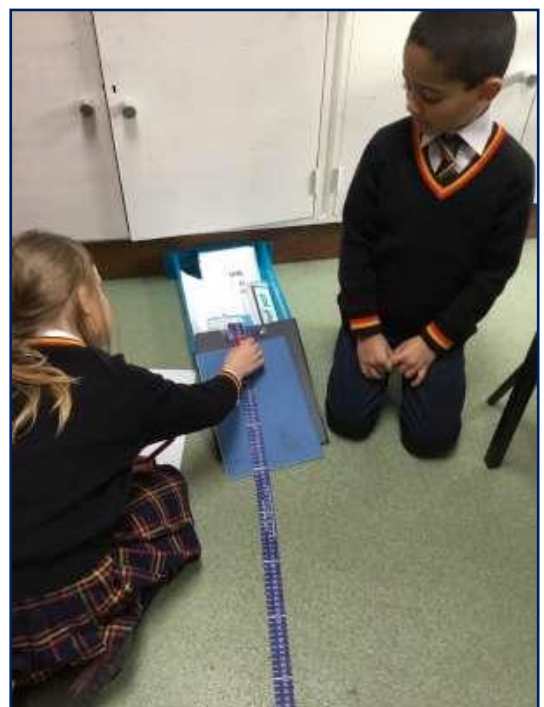
We have all been making patterns with shapes and seeing which ones the children can recognise.



## Form 2

In DT Form 2 are building towers and ramps to rescue Rapunzel from the tower. They have been testing materials in Science to see which have the least friction and so will help Rapunzel slide down the ramp to Prince Charming the quickest!

We found out that wood is the best and bubble wrap was the worst!







Forms 3 and 4 are studying World War II this term and as an introduction, I mentioned how my grandad had been in the trenches during World War 1 and told them the story of how a little metal match box, which he had in the top pocket of his jacket, saved his life. My grandad was a signalman and had the dangerous job of standing up and sending messages by semaphore flags and a flashing light doing morse code. On one occasion a German sniper shot him. The bullet was aimed at his heart, but luckily it deflected off the metal matchbox in his pocket and ended up in his leg. My grandad was injured, but survived, unlike the rest of his regiment of 500 men, where very few men came back alive. My dad has the metal matchbox which has a bullet hole in it and the actual bullet, wooden matches and razor blade dating back over 100 years! It is the most prized family heirloom!

Karen King

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

### ***Music News***

Music timetables are on the portal and please note that Mrs Teale will be teaching on Tuesday and Wednesday next week.



## **Easter Holiday Club**

Dates have been confirmed for the Easter Holiday Club. We are offering almost 2 weeks during the Easter holidays that can now be booked via the website, link below. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us in school. Please also do not leave it too late to book, all forms need to be submitted by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March to ensure that all days can run.

<http://sunninghillprep.co.uk/information/holiday-club/>

### ***Friday Vocal Enrichment***



Last Friday Forms 3-7 were treated to the most amazing vocal workshop with Oliver Vincent. With the help of his beat boxing and loop machine we sang four different pieces and in five different parts. The hall was buzzing! The afternoon finished with a performance for parents.

A huge thank you to Oliver for a fantastic afternoon!

Lecca Moss

## ***Fundraising for Julia's House***

The Scott Family will be in Compass Lobby between 3.30pm and 5.00pm on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next week. They will be doing guess the bear name for a £1 and guess the number of sweets in the jar for 50p. The money raised will go to Julia's House along with the money that's already been raised.

Please come and support this worthy cause.

## ***PTFA - Notes from the Chair***

Singing .... D - I - S - C - O .... she is D - I - S - C - O .... My feet are tapping as I write, can anyone give me the name of the band that created this classic song, answers on an email please.



Yes, it's the school **Disco** on **Friday 26 January** and don't worry, the tunes will be age appropriate and up to date thanks to DJ Jamie....unlike the above reference to a vinyl track played at my own 5<sup>th</sup> birthday party!

**Please see the attached PDF for all the information and the posters around the school.**

Water, squash and fruit bowl will be available.

Parents you're welcome to join, I know this was popular last year, especially with the younger year's parents. We'll have some teas and coffees running throughout.

Plans for the **Barn Dance** on **16 March** are coming together nicely, watch this space, I will be bringing you details for ticket sales in the next week or two.

Now where are my deely boppers and leg warmers....;)?

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## ***Sports News***

### ***U13 Girls' Netball Bryanston Tournament***

**Results:**  
v Hanford 0 - 4 (L)  
v Castle Ct 0 - 5 (L)  
v FSM 0 - 7 (L)  
v Twyford 0 - 9 (L)  
v Hazlegrove 0 - 6 (L)  
v Amesbury 4 - 8 (L)



A tough start to the netball term with some very good teams in this tournament. The team tried their best on the limited practice we have had so far. We managed some good passages of play down the court and into our attacking circle. Shooters need to take any free opportunity to practice shooting as in a tournament with shorter timed games it is so important to make every opportunity count. We lacked accuracy with our passes and ball watched when we should have been marking our opponent closely.

The Bryanston coaches chose Tilly as our most improved player of the tournament and she received a Bryanston water bottle. Ophelia and Eve worked well considering they had not played much netball before joining us last September. Lots to work on

girls but we can all improve as we go through the term.

Well done for your perseverance.

**Contribution award: Tilly for our most improved player of the tournament.**

### ***U11Boys' Back in2 Hockey Tournament at Castle Court***

The U11's played the 'Back in2 Hockey' hockey tournament at Castle Court and played matches against strong Sherborne, Clayesmore and Castle Court sides. Harry made excellent saves in goal and Valentine and Gethyn were solid in defence. Sunninghill needs to work on carrying and moving the ball forward as the boys did not get enough balls out wide and into the final third. Unfortunately Sunninghill lost every match but the team displayed excellent spirit and improved substantially game by game.

**Contribution award: Archie for improving his carrying skills.**

### ***U9 and U8 Boys' Tag Rugby v Bournemouth CS Prep*** ***Results: 1<sup>st</sup> team: 23-16 Win*** ***A Team 21-18 win***

Sunninghill mixed their U8 and U9 boys for this fixture so there were two matches being played at the same time. Thankfully the boys remembered all the rules and positioning from last term. Every boy played with a high intensity and gave their all for their team. Many brilliant tries were scored although Sunninghill could have closed BCS down a little quicker. The 1<sup>st</sup> team won 23-16 and the A team won 21-18.

**Contribution awards: Mark, Felix, William and Vishnu for their improved ball handling skills and movement.**

### ***U12/13 Boys' Hockey v Castle Court*** ***Results: 1-3 loss***

Sunninghill faced Castle Court in the first hockey match of the season. The team

started the game aggressively but as the match progressed the boys became too defensive and did not move the ball forward enough. Dylan worked very hard in the final third of the pitch and scored a terrific goal. He was unfortunate not to score more goals. Nathan and Tom defended well and displayed some excellent carrying skills. To improve, Sunninghill needs to make more runs and work harder to regain possession. Lawrence was excellent in goal and made some outstanding saves.

### ***U11 Boys' Hockey v Castle Court*** ***Results: 3 - 6 Loss***

This was our first Hockey match of the year and everyone played well. Archie 'The Cat' was brilliant in goal for only the second time and saved lots of shots but there attack was too strong. Gabriel bossed the midfield and set up two goals for Tymon to put away and scored one himself. Ben was quick on the wing and a constant attacking threat.

*Match report by Captain Henry*

PS - 'Henry was really good too!' - Vice captain Gabriel

**Contribution award: Tymon - always in the right place at the right time.**

### ***U10 Hockey v Castle Court*** ***Results: 2 - 3 Loss***

It was our first hockey match, we competed well and showed our skills as much as we could in a close game. Henry played really well in defence making really good tackles and passing well. Theo played in goal for the first time and was amazing and saved loads of goals. Leo tried hard in his first game of Hockey and impressed our coach Mr Metcalfe. Valentine and I scored our goals.

*Match report by Captain Harri*

**Contribution award: Henry for his amazing tackles in defence.**

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## ***Form 8 responsibilities Spring Term:***

Head Boy:	Lucas Jones
Head Girl:	Isabella Hopps
Sports Captains:	Hannah Davis Khalid Miah
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



Y7

## A New Beginning

Sunninghill

My B

Millie nervously approached the school gates, unsure of where to go. Suddenly, the bell rang. She noticed a group of children heading for a door in the front of the school. She jiled in, trying hard not to be noticed. Millie looked at her new diary. English. The one subject that she hated. As she walked reluctantly down the corridor, a girl, about Millie's age, came up and asked "What's your name?"

Millie replied in a small, nervous voice "Millie." The girl started to howl with laughter. Then all her friends around her joined in to. Millie came from Manchester. It was her accent she guessed the girl found funny.

When Millie finally got to the English room, she sat down as close to the back as possible. She looked around, and saw people staring. The teacher stood up and announced, "In today's lesson, we will be reading poems to the class from pages 52 and 55."

"Oh no," thought Millie. She didn't like reading. Especially out loud. Then she remembered how the girl had laughed at her. She sunk down in her seat, trying hard not to be picked. She obviously didn't go low enough.

"Ok, let's have you, what's your name?" She was pointing straight at Millie. Millie froze, not knowing what to do.

Finally, she stood up and said, "Millie Miss." She heard sniggers from the children around her.

"Can you start us off?" asked the teacher, ignoring the giggles. Millie started to read. She trembled as she held the book. She heard whispering all around her. Millie stood her ground, squeezing back tears. At last, she finished the poem. She breathed a small sigh of relief as she sat down. The class listened to two more poems, then the bell rang for lunch.

After lunch, she was heading to her locker, when she was greeted

by a note stuck on the inside of the door. 'GO BACK TO WHERE YOU CAME FROM,' the note screamed at her. Millie was distraught. But when she got home, and her mum asked how her day had been, she said "It was fine."

In next day, she came to school, dreading what the day would bring her. At break time, one of the girls stuck a note on Millie's back saying 'LOSER'. Millie didn't find out until a boy, who she had never talked to in her life, came up to her and said "This was on your back." As he said this, he held up the piece of paper. Millie was so upset that she told him everything. It all came flooding out in waves of emotion. When she had finished, he gave her some advice. "If you ignore them, then they will get <sup>one of</sup> bored and stop. There are lots of nice people here, it is just that girl Lizzy and her friends that are the <sup>ies</sup> bullies. Come and meet some people that you could make friends with. There is a chess club at lunch break. Please come, I will be there and I can teach you."

Millie didn't know what to say. She had never played it, and she thought it was for nerds.

But after some gentle persuasion, she finally said she would go. So at lunch break, she went to the maths room and learns to play. Millie is amazed! She loves it! Millie went home with a smile on her face and a feeling that things were going to be alright after all.

by Lily Barrett, year 7  
Sunninghill school  
Dorchester





# PTFA SCHOOL DISCO

Friday 26th January 2018  
SPS Dining Room

## **JUNIOR PREP DISCO 3PM to 5PM**

3.00pm Reception to join disco  
3.30pm Forms 1 & 2 to join disco  
4.00pm Forms 3 & 4 to join disco  
5.00pm Junior Prep disco finishes

## **SENIOR PREP DISCO 5PM to 7PM**

5.00pm Forms 5, 6, 7 & 8  
7.00pm Senior Prep disco finishes

## **ENTRANCE**

£1 entry on the door per pupil, entry through the Dining Room door by the Staff Room

## **DRESS CODE**

Your best disco gear!



# Weekly diary and communications

<b>WHOLE SCHOOL DIARY OF EVENTS</b>	Mon 22nd	Reception Visual Screening 1.30 pm Drawing Room
		Horseriding Club
		Forms 7 & 8 Rock climbing - group 1
	Tues 23rd	U8 & U9 High 5 Netball v Knighton House 2.15 pm (A)
		U8 Hockey v Castle Court (H) 2.15 pm
		U9 Hockey v Castle Court (A) 2.15 pm
	Wed 24th	U11 & U10 Hockey v Sherborne (A) 2.15 pm
		U13/12 Hockey v Sherborne (H) 2.30 pm
		U13 & U12 Netball v Knighton House (A) 2.30 pm
		U10 Netball v Knighton House @ Redlands 2.30 pm
		U11 Netball v Knighton House @ Redlands 3.15 pm
	Thurs 25th	Reception Swimming
		Forms 5 - 8 IAPS Swimming Qualifier, Millfield 1.35 pm
		Form 3 & 4 After School Skiing
	Fri 26th	Form 1 Assembly - all parents welcome, 8.30 am
		Parent & Toddler Group, 10 - 11.30 am
		Form 8 Holocaust Memorial Event 12 noon
		Form 2 Skiing Enrichment, Warmwell
		PTFA Disco in the School Dining Room:
		Reception start 3.00 pm
		Forms 1 & 2 join 3.30 pm
		Forms 3 & 4 join 4.00 pm. Disco finishes at 5.00 pm
		Forms 5 - 8 Disco 5.00 - 7.00 pm
<b>LETTERS ON THE PORTAL</b>		Online Safety Newsletter
		Week 4 Music Timetable
		Sports Fixtures and Team Sheets
		Spring Term Curriculum Maps Reception to Form 8
		Menu
<b>Fledglings</b>		No letters
<b>Nursery</b>		No letters
<b>Reception</b>		No letters
<b>Form 1</b>		No letters
<b>Form 2</b>		No letters
<b>Form 3</b>		No letters
<b>Form 4</b>		No letters
<b>Form 5</b>		No letters
<b>Form 6</b>		No letters
<b>Form 7</b>		No letters
<b>Form 8</b>		CE Registrations/Letter from Mr Stazicker & Mrs Brunt