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“And hats that, folks!!”



Dear Parents

February is here at last and the woes of January are hopefully behind us though we can't leave it behind without letting Mandie G know that she was the first person to tell us that the lyrics in the song were sung by the group, Pilot.

As a reward, Lawrence has chosen to pick a school lunch after half term. He tells me he'd like chilli con carne with nachos, sour cream, salsa followed by a jam or treacle sponge. Great choice!

Only minutes behind were two other parents hot on the trail. So near and yet so far. There was a brief request for a steward's enquiry that was politely declined.

On Monday of this week we welcomed Corianne and Sonny to school. Corianne is a volunteer puppy walker for the Guide Dog for the Blind association. She is looking after Sonny for the first year of his life before she has to sever her bonds with him when he goes to puppy college. I'm sure you remember that Sonny is the puppy we all raised money to support. He is a Goldador

which is part Labrador and part Golden Retriever, specially bred for his temperament and size. Aged just five months old he is already as tall as Molly and is going to be a big and active boy. He visited lots of classrooms and was impeccably behaved for such a young boy especially so when you consider the energy transmitting from all the children he visited. It bodes very well for his future training though he will have to pass some very stringent exams to graduate as a fully-fledged guide dog for a blind handler.



He was very cute but nowhere near as appealing as Albi B's Briard who came to school for the first time this week. She looks like she is going to rival the school's majestic Leonbergers for biggest dog in school and is going to offer her rivals a lot of competition in the PTFA Dog Show that we will hopefully run for the second time this summer.

On Tuesday we sent home the third set of effort grades for the year. The function of these interim reports are hopefully self-explanatory. By totalling the last set of effort grades against this current set we can easily gauge in which direction we are heading. It is also very easy to set simple and realistic targets. Trying to improve this

current total by two points by the time we publish the next set would be a great target. If you'd like to know records, I think 19 is the lowest total I can remember. We've never had a complete set of 1s!

On Wednesday, Mrs Moss and her Form 4 class welcomed Chris Jelly to school for a day of creative writing with his own design called Story Walks. Armed with iPads, and supported by Head of English Mrs Fernley, they co-scripted wonderful stories that were enjoyed by parents at the end of the day. As a special treat for their hard work they finished the day with hot chocolate around a camp fire.



At 12.15pm on the very same day I looked out of my office to see a small number of snowflakes falling. Lasting just a few minutes they made no impact and failed to settle. I'm fairly certain that will be it for the year. Another winter without a snowball thrown in anger. I think we're going to have to invest in a snow machine if this continues.

On Thursday evening Mrs Fernley took her team of three to the regional leg of the Youth Speaks competition. Faced with much older opposition Mrs Fernley noted how superbly they performed and how much they enjoyed the whole occasion.

Finally, today we enjoyed a home clothes day with a particular emphasis to "Wear your Hat" in support of Alison T's strong desire to support this charity that is doing so much to support research and awareness into brain tumours. As part of the fund raising we were all able to buy some cakes

both at morning break and after school in Compass Lobby. What a lovely way to end this half of term.

Wishing you all a wonderful half term break with your families

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

Mr John Thorpe
Headmaster

Fledglings

Fledglings have had great fun exploring their new construction sandpit. We used our gross and fine motor skills to manipulate the crane and the digging vehicles. We were also interested in the marks our wheels left behind in the sand.





Nursery

The children made some beautiful valentines cards and Finlay said “I will give it to my mummy”!



Last Friday, the children were invited to the banquet held by Reception, Form 1 and Form 2. They were very excited to dress up, be treated to some lovely food and enjoyed the entertainment from Form 2's.

Last Thursday some of the children enjoyed a visit to the library. The children all followed instructions really well. They walked and crossed the road really safely, and were very polite when greeting the library staff!

They all chose a book and sat down to look at them independently. There was lots of enthusiasm which was great to see!



On Monday this week, we enjoyed a 'big read' session with Form 1. The Form 1 children partnered up with a child from Nursery to read to, and they all shared some stories together. It was great to see them all so engaged in story time with older children.

Thank you, Form 1 for coming to read to us!



Nursery and Reception

Our Nursery & Reception children have been celebrating and learning more about Chinese New Year. They all found out which Chinese Zodiac represents the year they were born and enjoyed some delicious Chinese food.



Reception, Form 1 & Form 2

Our combined class trip really enjoyed a sunny but chilly trip to Corfe Castle on Tuesday.

After a very interesting tour of the castle and learning a lot about its history, we relaxed and enjoy our lunch in the sunshine.

Form 3 & 4

During enrichment we've been making World War II gas masks ready for our Evacuee Day to the Nothe Fort.



On Monday, Beryl visited Forms 3 and 4 to share her first-hand experience of World War II. Beryl is 88 years old now, and she was 9 when Britain went to war with Germany. She remembers it like it was yesterday and she was evacuated to Somerset from London during the Blitz. The children had a fantastic opportunity to ask lots of questions and hear all about her incredible experiences.

Thank you Beryl!



Form 7

Bronze arts award workshop.



We recently received a lovely letter from Hooke Court in Malawi thanking us for all the wonderful books that were donated to their charity. So a big thank you from us all to you all for your kind donations. They will be shipped over to their new home in the summer.

Form 4

What an exciting day Form 4 had with Mr Storywalks himself, Chris Jelley. After using the iPads and GPS locations to unlock secret incredible inventions, we then had the opportunity to design and write about our own. The day ended with us 'hiding' our inventions in the school grounds and inviting parents and our friends to discover the secret locations in order to unlock our writing.

We even ended up listening to the end of our story around the fire pit, drinking hot chocolate! What a fantastic day!

As part of her bronze arts award, Poppy decided to deliver a drama workshop on 'characters' to Form 5. She delivered a well organised and creative lesson, where the children devised a short drama, concluding in a freeze frame, linked to a piece of visual art.

Well done Poppy! I was very impressed.

Lecca Moss

In other news.....

Music news

AB Theory date: Wednesday 28th February

AB Practice date: Thursday 15th March

Timetables will be on portal the first Monday back in school after half term.

Music lessons will continue as normal first week back after half term.

Lacrosse Club

Lacrosse starts after half term on Tuesday 20th February for:

4:00-4:30	Lacrosse	Forms 3-4
4:30-5:15	Lacrosse	Forms 5-8

Dorchester Lions Fun Swim

A number of Sunninghill pupils were involved in a Dorchester Lions charity swimming event at 1610 at the weekend. They helped to raise more than £2000 for good causes by swimming in relay teams and also incorporating a fun swim into their West Dorset Warriors training session. Well done all of you!

Julia's House

Pippa (Form 3) has managed to raise a total of £82 with her combined cake sale, name a teddy and guess the number of sweets in the jar. Mirabelle (Form 3) won the teddy and Enzo (Form 3) won the jar of sweets with the nearest guess of 200. Well done Pippa and her family for all your effort!

Lost Property

George in Form 2 has lost his white trainers, can you look out for them please?

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 16th March to ensure that all days can run.

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



Easter Holiday Club

PTFA - Notes from the Chair

And just like that....its half term! This term is really flying by.

So, here are the promised details of our next event, the **Barn Dance** on **Friday 16 March** in the Community Hall.

We'll kick off with a Barn Dance for all pupils during Enrichment (free event), expertly led by Mrs Sales:

Junior Prep Barn Dance	1.30pm to 2.30pm
Senior Prep Barn Dance	2.30pm to 4.15pm

Refreshments: water, squash and fresh fruits

Then in the evening the big kids (that's us adults) will have our own Barn Dance, 7pm to 11pm, with live music from The Black Sheep Band and a caller to guide us through

the boot scootin' steps. Don't forget the barn dance outfits!

We'll have a Hog Roast from Posh Pigs and Kerry's delicious coleslaw, quinoa salad, stuffed mushrooms and chocolate brownies. All washed down with a selection of libations from a licensed cash bar. Tickets will be on sale after half term, £15 per person to include all food, entertainment and your first drink (claimed by presenting your ticket at the bar). Keep a look out for posters on our return.

It promises to be a very fun evening, we look forward to seeing you all there.

Meantime, may I wish you all a fantastic break.

Lynn Strover
PTFA Chair
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Notes from a small garden....

Despite the temperature we have had a productive couple of weeks in the garden, getting lucky with some winter sun.



We decided to lavish some more attention on our garden guests and make another batch of bird treats. Although this time we stayed away from the pungent lard and used coconut oil instead, lucky birds! It was a much more pleasant experience for us all,

the only problem being the children wanted to eat them because they smelt so good!

After cutting the slab into shapes we tied them up tightly and decorated the garden. Virtually every accessible branch was adorned with seed and coconut blocks! We thought the abundance of food would surely last a while but by the weekend there was hardly any left, and by the following Monday the garden was bare! It was good to think of all the birds (and probably squirrels!) that were well fed over the cold of the weekend.



This week we were joined by a skeleton crew and went for a tour of our garden guru's compost heap.... it was fascinating for some, but others found the leaf pile more exciting and tried pretty hard to escape their afternoons lessons by hiding in it. Once all recovered it was back to the greenhouse for some potato 'chitting'. More on that next week!



Sports News

U12 Netball v Hanford

Result: Loss 22 - 10

This game does not really reflect the score line. We started well with some good passing and with our shooters Erin and Amalia working well together. At half time the score was 11 - 8 to Hanford with end to end play. Tallulah made some great interceptions in defence and Ophelia had to work hard against a very nippy GA. Hanford scored 2 more goals in the next quarter to give them a 5 goal lead. We were guilty of just throwing the ball at times and not waiting to be balanced or for someone to move into a space. This gave Hanford the upper hand and they pulled away in the last quarter scoring 9 goals to our 2.

Everyone worked hard and it was a good competitive game.

Contribution award: Amalia for some good work in the attacking circle.

U13 Netball v Hanford

Cancelled due to illness

U10 Netball v Clayesmore/ Leweston

Cancelled due to illness

U11 Netball v Clayesmore/ Leweston

Result:

An enthusiastic and warm team left Sunninghill. The two key questions of the afternoon were how cold would they get then how well would they play. Time would tell for both questions! The plan was for two games against Clayesmore and Leweston. With careful planning we had chosen a couple of combinations of player positions in order to get the best from the girls. Unfortunately, we discovered that the first choice wasn't the strongest!

Clayesmore appeared to be far more fluent in their movements around the court and were dominant. We lost the game 8-1. Changes were made (Plan B) against Leweston and immediately the girls looked more confident in their positions and the

score reflected this with us 2-1 up in the first half. A couple of minor changes in the second half (Plan C!) cemented victory. At times it did look like goal shooting practice but actually only resulted in one more goal and a 3-1 victory.

Clayesmore then played Leweston and were losing at half time and only scraped a 2-1 win at the final whistle showing how much better we had played in the second game.

Well done girls! Contribution award to Gemma and Erin, chosen by the opposition and Freya for all round play. Oh, the answer to the second question was 'very cold'!

U8 Football v Sandroyd

Result: Drew 0 - 0

The rather dour score line does not accurately retell the excitement of this game played in very chilly conditions high above the Blackmore Vale.

The steepness of the pitch meant it was always going to be a game of two halves and so it proved.

Sunninghill had to defend the slope in the first fifteen minutes with Vishnu in goals forced in to making many saves. His keeping improved when he remembered he was allowed to use his hands! Captain James S defended superbly in his "none shall pass" mind set.

The half time turn-around fuelled by good old fashioned orange quarters (who could resist making a gum shield from the remains!) heralded a change in fortune and we spent the second half camped deep in enemy territory. Alexander C made some barn-storming runs though could not find the finishing touch despite many excellent efforts. Josh H had several sights on goal but managed somehow to tackle himself.

Mark E and Enzo C fought the cold to make telling contributions in midfield. They are both used to plying their trade in warmer climes!

Having asked to go in goals in the second half, Oscar F rather regretted his decision as he spent much of the half as a spectator.

In the dying moments of the game a blazing shot from Alex C from 15 yards out rattled the cross bar but without the presence of GLT we had to accept no goal.

In the end a draw was a fair result and we all went home happy.

U9 Football v Sandroyd ***Result: Drew 2 - 2***

After a slightly timid display last week, the boys were eager to start this game well. Both teams played aggressively and it was Sunninghill who punched first, with a lovely touch and finish from Sam. Aaron, Otis and William kept their defensive line high and removed any danger. Sandroyd scored at the very end of the first half after a long distance clearance surprised our goal keeper as he lost his footing. Fortunately his team members supported him well which was impressive!

The second half continued to be exciting end to end play. Sandroyd scored early on in the second but Sunninghill kept positive and moved the ball forward using more width. Theo showed amazing determination to regain the ball and managed to pass it through to Sam who equalised. An exciting game with a fair result!

Contribution award goes to Otis for being calm and resolute in defence.

U11 Hockey v Perrott Hill ***Result: Loss 0 - 4***

Sunninghill started the game well with wide passes and a high pressing line. Archie managed to create some excellent chances in the D and Tymon was unfortunate not to score. Individual skill was excellent and Daniel played well in goal.

The boys stayed positive after conceding two late goals in the first half but did not quite want it as much as our opponents did.

Another improved performance from the U11's, well done!

Contribution awards go to Gethyn and Henry for getting more balls into the D and improving their tactical awareness.

U13/12 Hockey v Perrott Hill ***Result: Loss 0 - 5***

With nearly 2/3's of the squad missing, we knew it was going to be a tough afternoon. Thankfully Gethyn and Valentine from Form 5 and Henry from Form 6 were able to help the team and play up an age group.

The first half was tight and Douglas, William, Lewis and Joseph worked hard in defence. Unfortunately they ran out of steam in the second half and Perrott started to take control of the game and scored.

Contribution award goes to Valentine for his amazing energy and desire to defend for the team.

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Weekly diary and communications

WHOLE SCHOOL DIARY OF EVENTS	Mon 19th	Horse riding Club - not this week
		Forms 7 & 8 Rock climbing
	Tues 20th	Form 7 Mes Chers Voisin Theatre @ Leweston 12 noon
		U8 & U9 High 5 Netball v Leweston (A) 2.15 pm
		U8 & U9 Hockey v Sherborne (H) 2.00 pm
		Form 6 Milton Abbey Cross Country 2.00 pm
		Form 8 Parents' Evening with pupils, from 4.45 pm
	Wed 21st	U12 Netball v Sandroyd @ Redlands 2.15 pm
		U13 Netball v Sandroyd @ Redlands 3.00 pm
		U11 & U10 Netball v Sandroyd (A) 2.30 pm
	Thur 22nd	Reception Swimming, 9.15 am
		Form 5-8 After School Skiing, 4.30 pm
	Fri 23rd	Parent & Toddler Group 10 - 11.30 am
		U9 Salisbury Cathedral Hockey Tournament 10.45 am
		Form 2 52-lives 1.30 - 3.30 pm
	Form 1 Skiing Enrichment, Warmwell	
LETTERS ON THE PORTAL	Menu	
	Sports Fixtures and Team Sheets	
Fledglings	No letters	
Nursery	No letters	
Reception	No letters	
Form 1	No letters	
Form 2	No letters	
Form 3	Form 3 Trip information	
Form 4	No letters	
Form 5	No letters	
Form 6	Reminder: French Trip Letter	
Form 7	No letters	
Form 8	Form 8 Parents' evening	