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“The Beast from the East Brings Hysteria from Siberia”



Dear Parents

A very wintry welcome to a Hermes editorial that can finally report snow and lots of it!

With school closed on Friday we are a few days behind our usual publication date.

On Thursday evening, freezing rain coated Dorchester with a thick sheet of ice that made the school resemble a skating rink. It was just too dangerous to open so we reluctantly had to close for the day. Even walking down to school early Friday morning was challenging, though stunningly beautiful with early morning light reflecting off an icy coating to the snow giving the whole school a watery feel. I've occasionally encountered rime in my time in the mountains in winter but never before in Dorset.

I hope you were all tucked up safely at home and didn't have to make any emergency journeys? For those who had journeys to and from school on Thursday I hope that you eventually made it home safely.

Mr Stazicker wasn't so lucky and had to abandon the school mini bus somewhere on the A35. Thankfully, as an experienced walker himself, he had set off fully prepared, with a rucksack full of cold weather kit for “justin”. I'm glad to report he finally made it home safely!



The educational world didn't start the week on a high note. Over tea and ginger biscuits during mid-morning break, teachers were discussing Snr Trump's belief that it would be sensible for teachers to arm themselves in preparation for another mass shooting in a school. It's an unthinkable proposition for us.

It is thought there are 283 million guns in civilian hands in the USA. In 2015 there were 13286 people killed by firearms and double that amount badly injured. Let's hope we never find ourselves in that position!

Our staff were armed in a different way throughout Thursday. Their weapon of choice was small, white and spherical, home-made, and on more than a few occasions our aim was deadly. To be fair, we

took more than our fair share of unfriendly fire and our actions were largely (though not wholly) in self-defence! The bravest combatants were Form 4s who seemed relentless in their pursuit of battle. We all had to make the most of it as it might be another five years before we get the chance to enjoy ourselves.



Education featured elsewhere in the media this week with news of a new boy's hair cut called "Meet me at McDonalds."

I kid you not!

It consists of a grade zero back and sides and a very lengthy top piece which is then permed. I haven't brought this to your attention in the hope that it will be a new fashion in school or to take over from my preferred short and smart, rather in the hope that you will all do your best to avoid fashion cuts for as long as you can. The same must be said of the spread of smart phones to ever younger age groups.

On Monday I welcomed Kate Reynolds to school. Kate is the Head of Leweston School. She came to have a look around Sunninghill and also to talk to me about their plans for going co-ed and how their new structure will work. I have invited Kate to come and talk to our parent body about her plans and will let you know when we have found a suitable date.

I was delighted this week to get an update from the lovely Corbett family, now happily ensconced down under and enjoying some much warmer weather than us. Their extreme weather policy is slightly different to ours and prohibits children from going

outside when the temperature exceeds 35°C, as it regularly does. "No hat no play"!



Many more pupils have been to see Dippy this week. Sadly, the eagerly anticipated Form 5 and 6 visit had to be postponed on Thursday due to the bad weather, though we hope to reschedule as soon as possible.



Rarely does a week go by in school when we do not have to begin some form of new statutory compliance. Of late, the new regulations for GDPR has occupied much of our time.

General Data Protection Regulations has an enforcement deadline of 25th May 2018. In summary, the digital age has left organisations data rich but compliance poor

and many guidelines have been laid down about what, why, when, where and who we keep data on. Failure to be rigorous and keep this data safely stored can lead to 4% fines of annual turnover.

On Wednesday I was delighted to be able to attend a Junior Prep assembly hosted by Mrs Nolan-Stone and our peripatetic music teachers. Each of the “peris” who give music lessons, played an exciting piece for the assembly and then talked a little bit about their instrument, how it works and how it can be played. It was thoroughly enjoyable and will hopefully inspire more children to take up a musical instrument of their choice.

Don't forget that your children can have a free taster lesson in any musical instrument that we have on our taught list. Arranging a free taster lesson is easy, just complete the attached taster form and email it to lnolanstone@sunninghill.dorset.sch.uk. Do contact Lesley or Lecca if you have any questions.

Grangers braved the elements for their art. Several teachers re-enacted their youth and came in pyjamas and dressing gowns as Hitchhikers of the Galaxy.



Mrs Fernley organised for all the older children to head, en-masse, to Junior Prep to share the joy of reading with our younger children. Hopefully you celebrate the joy of literature everyday through listening and reading stories to your children.



It is well worth thinking about, as learning a musical instrument has long been proven to significantly improve cognitive development. Some research suggests being a grade 5 musician may be worth 1 ½ extra grades at GCSE.

On Thursday (happy St. David's Day by the way!) World Book Day was rather overshadowed by the weather, though several princesses, a snow white and the usual crowd of Harry Potters and Hermione

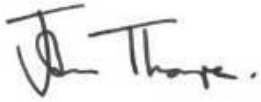
Jo and I have always loved travelling and no journey for us with our children when they were young ever began without us being armed with copious story and music tapesand a sharp pencil to wind the fragile tape back into the cassette when our favourite story inevitably got chewed up again!

Even though it is years ago and I can still remember the exploits of Pauline, Petrova and Posy in Ballet Shoes. Rosie loved it and

like all children wanted to listen to it on every journey until we all knew every word off by heart.

Time flies by quickly as she passed her driving test last week!

Wishing you a great week ahead.



Mr John Thorpe
Headmaster



They weren't at all fazed by the structure of Dippy towering over them, and they spent time looking at the other exhibits around the room, which included 'feeling' fossils hidden behind a cloth.

Fledglings

Did someone mention snow?



We then had time to create some dinosaur pictures before eating our packed lunches. A great day was had by all, and well done nursery for making it a lovely outing!

Nursery

What a great day we had seeing Dippy the dinosaur at Dorchester County Museum last Friday! All the children were very well behaved and did very good listening whilst walking to and around the museum!



This week's topic is frogs:

The children enjoyed going outside to have a look at how our frogspawn is getting on. They found that the water had frozen overnight! Nevertheless, they liked using the magnifying glass to see inside the tub and could spot some frogspawn at the bottom!

Our tuff spot is filled with gooey 'frogspawn' at the moment! It consists of water, water beads, logs, marbles, gel and frog figures. The children are having great fun and enjoying this sensory play! Along with singing the rhyme '5 Little Speckled Frogs'.



52 Lives Kindness Workshop organised by Jaime Thurston



Form 2

Rex brought some frogspawn from his pond for us in Form 2 this week.



It will be transferred to the school pond and we will keep you posted, as the tadpoles and frogs arrive!



Form 2 and Reception class went to a Kindness Workshop on Friday Feb. 23rd. Greig Trout came to talk to us about one particular girl who was in need of encouragement and love. This particular girl's name is Kelsie. The story of Kelsie's childhood isn't a very nice one. It's as if she missed out her childhood. The first unpleasant thing was Kelsie's father was very violent towards her mum. Kelsie had to move away and leave everything behind. A while later Kelsie's mum fell ill. Then Kelsie had to become a young carer when she was only 14! Then she started to be bullied at school. Form 2 made Kelsie pictures, chatterboxes and things like that to make her feel encouraged. Kindness is also good for your heart, it widens your airways and

slows down aging. Kindness costs nothing and is contagious.

Kitty

On Friday Greig Trout went to Sunninghill Prep School. He did a kindness workshop. The children made cards and hearts and bracelets to help Kelsie. She is poor. Kelsie's dad was very violent and Kelsie is bullied at school.

Alexander



Mr Hall's Doctor's Surgery

To fit in with Form 2's Florence Nightingale topic Mr Hall came into class and discussed the difference between Doctors back then and now. He put a cast on children's arms and talked about his work in hospital. Thank you for a great interactive lesson Mr Hall.



Throughout this half term, they will be developing different ways of thinking creatively, starting with a focus on the imagination! This week, they were inspired by the early signs of spring that we can now see all around us. The children had lots of fun using their imaginations to create stories, pictures and cartoons. These really came to life when they placed snowdrops, green leaves and other natural items that Miss Dingle had collected, into the picture.



Form 3 & 4

Last week, children from Forms 3 and 4 came together Friday in lunchtime to start a new Art Club, 'The Creative Challengers'.

We are all looking forward to flexing our imaginations when we are out and about exploring!

WWII

On Tuesday we had a visit from Chris Copson from The Keep Military Museum and he gave a wonderful talk with a PowerPoint on WWII, bringing in many authentic artefacts. The children were totally enthralled by his informative talk.



The uniforms the children wore are as follows:

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| Polina - | Russian |
| Otis | British |
| Mirabelle | British uniform for the desert |
| Lydia | Secret agent disguised as a first aid nursing yeomanry |
| Max | Paratrooper |



In other news.....

Mr Stazicker's Dippy Report



I have never been accused of being a groupie but that's changed since Dippy went on tour! Everyone's favourite dinosaur started his British tour in February and he will continue for the next two years ending in Norwich in October 2020. Over 30,000 people have seen Dippy since his 292 bones arrived at Dorchester museum before half term and last week the first school groups were welcomed.



Just over a year ago I leapt at the chance of being involved on the education side of Dippy and have had a number of training days and been involved in the development of resources. Last week I was privileged to face the first school groups and over three days, 9 schools with 504 children, with ages from Reception to Year 6 roamed the Jurassic gallery finding fossil evidence about the two amazing creatures that were living in Dorset while Dippy was munching the vegetation in what is now North America. With the older children we ended with a 'face off' between the mighty Pliosaur and Megalosaurus comparing features in Top Trump fashion while the younger ones enjoyed stamping their cards with every new discovery.



Some have been disappointed to find that Dippy is effectively a model (Scale 1:1!) made from plaster of Paris, however, at 26m long there are few that will deny him the moniker given when he was first displayed in 1905 of 'The greatest animal that ever lived'. I can't quite describe the feeling when on arriving early on Wednesday morning I found myself alone with Dippy. I must have been affected because I did something quite out of character. I took a selfie! My excuse was that there was no one else but me and the remains of a once magnificent but sadly extinct dinosaur - *Diplodocus Carnegii*.

Mr Stazicker

Holiday Club



Easter Holiday Club

Please also do not leave it too late to book places in the Holiday Club, all forms need to be submitted by Friday 16th March to ensure that all days can run.

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

Music News

Mr Garden will be teaching on Tuesday this week. Mrs Hawes will be teaching on Thursday and Friday.

Just a reminder about the Formal Music Concert this Thursday 7pm in the Drawing Room.

Gold Skiing Success!

After crashing in early January and having to take time out of school, training and all screens for a month with concussion, Atlanta is back! The MRI showed no structural damage and the doc said she could resume in time for the English Champs last week in Bormio. Success came with second place in the speed skiing but she failed to podium in the main events. It was a fantastic experience nonetheless with Alain Baxter doing final prep on her skis.

This week Atlanta has been racing in Pila in the BISS races (British Independent Schools Ski racing) representing Sunninghill. She easily won the Combi on Tuesday and looked on track to win yesterday's giant slalom until crashing out on the second to last gate in spectacular fashion. Unfortunately she

was too beaten up to put in a second run but is fast recovering. Sunninghill came 4th overall in the Junior Category with the win in the Combi.

Interschools in March are next on the agenda.



with mudguards, stand, rack etc, but lights may not be working. All we ask is that you make good use of them while you have children of the right age, after which we'll pass them on (again).



Please contact David & Jane Henshaw 01305 259998

Bikes for Free Loan

We have two German-made Puky children's bikes available on free loan for as long as you need them. The smaller 16-inch wheel bike is a single-speed and suitable for a child of 3 to 5 years old.



The larger 18-inch wheeled bike is a 3-speed, and goes like snow off a shovel... more than a match for any trendy-looking but ineffective mountain-bike. Suitable for a child of 5 to 9 years. Both well equipped

Twins Update!

Emma and Duncan Sleightholme popped into school last week and their girls, Ivy and Violet are still growing rapidly and keeping them busy!



Sports News

U8 High Five Netball v Castle Court

Result: Drew 1 - 1

The weather was bitterly cold and so a decision was made to play in the Castle Court hall which was a great relief to us all.

We played three lots of 5 minutes. Sunninghill leapt into the lead with a fantastic goal from Maggie. In the second third the teams were even and nobody scored, but just at the end of the last third, Castle court scored making the final score a draw at 1-1. The team need to be careful not to step with the ball and to look for who is free to pass the ball to. However they are showing much improvement and should be proud of the way that they played.

Contribution Award: Maggie for scoring the goal!

U9 High Five Netball v Castle Court

Result: Lost 7 - 1

As it was so cold outside we played our match inside and it took some time to get used to the slippery surface. However, despite the score line, this was a much better game for the U9s. We had worked on 'finding space' and 'dodging' after our last game and this really made a difference. All players tried hard to pass to a player in space and there were some good dodges. Isabel scored a beautiful goal and was very pleased with herself but all the girls should feel pleased because there are real improvements seen and I know they can get even better.

Contribution Award: Isabel for her goal!

U10 Netball v Castle Court

Result: Loss 1 - 11

Sunninghill Under 10 team played Castle Court on an indoor court at Redlands. As the weather was freezing this was greatly appreciated by all! Castle Court's team were very strong and unfortunately the

Sunninghill team took a while to warm up, leading to a score of 0-5 by half time. The team did improve enormously in the second half with more accurate passing and marking on court. Zuzanna scored a goal and Georgie positioned herself well on court, but we couldn't catch Castle Court up, making the final score a 1-11 defeat.

Contribution Award: Mia for good passing, a determined attitude and also stepping up and playing in the Under 11 match too!

U11 Netball v Castle Court

Result: Win 7 - 6

The Under 11 team played Castle Court at Redlands, with Mia stepping up from the Under 10 team to cover illness. From the very start it was clear that the teams were evenly matched and that this was going to be a closely fought match. Sunninghill had the advantage of height, with Freya and Gemma doing some excellent interceptions. Erin, who played Centre, was like a whippet on court, absolutely everywhere and a key player in getting the ball down to our D.

After the first quarter the score was two all. In the second quarter, Castle Court took the lead at 4-3. However Sunninghill didn't give up and the pace of the play became almost frenetic in the third quarter with some excellent goals from Freya and Eleni making the score 7-4 to Sunninghill! In the last nail -biting quarter the Sunninghill team was determined to hang on to their lead, but had a real fight on their hands when Castle Court scored two more goals making it 7-6.

There was great relief from the team and Mrs King when Mrs Brunt blew the final whistle for time up! The final score was a fantastic win for Sunninghill at 7-6.

Contribution Award: shared between Erin as Centre and Gemma in Defence for truly outstanding play, but a special mention should be given to Sophia who made a superb effort, playing Goal Keeper for the first time.

U13 Netball v Castle Court

Result: Loss 11 -12

What a fantastic game! After winning by one goal last week the tables were reversed and we lost by the one goal. We started well and scored the first 2 goals quickly but Castle Court came straight back and levelled. It was like this throughout the game, nip and tuck. Our two shooters Erin and Hannah worked well together working the passes to enable them to shoot nearer the post. Eve and Tallulah must be congratulated for playing together in defence in both games, working hard to intercept and get the ball into the centre court. The score was 7 - 7 at half time but in the second half at one point the opposition had a 3 goal advantage. Ophelia, Tilly and Imogen combined well to find Erin who was always available at GA and just one mistake gave the chance to Castle Court to score the winner. What a brilliant game. Well done to everyone for great determination and effort.

Contribution award: The opposition gave 2 awards; to Erin for some very effective movement in attack and the circle and Tallulah for her sterling work in defence

U12 Netball v Castle Court

Result: Loss 10 - 3

Sunninghill sunk by slippery surface!

We played in Castle Courts new sports centre which appeared to have been designed as an ice rink. It took most of the first half for our girls to work out how to move on the surface without sliding and being penalised for footwork. At the end of the first half it was 5-0 to CC. After a good talking to by Mrs Wilson at half time the second half performance was much better and movements were more controlled with less rushing around the court. As a result we had far more shooting opportunities and both teams scored three apiece until a couple of small mistakes enabled CC to pull ahead again with the final score 10-3.

Contribution Award: The Castle Court girls awarded Tallulah and Amalia the contribution award.

Orienteering

We took 12 intrepid Orienteers from form 5 and 6 to Southill Primary School on Tuesday. It was the first of our interschool orienteering matches. We were confident about the format but were facing a completely unknown course. However we put our orienteering skills to good use to quickly familiarise ourselves with the course around their grounds. All the children were fantastic and everyone ended up in the top ten for their loops. Special mention must go to Valentine and Eddie who against all other competitors finished first in every loop! The full results are on the Matches Notice board.

Our session ended with a heavy downfall of snow. Running in snow and more biscuits than you can eat - does it get any better than this? Everyone was brilliant and had a great time. Next week we test our orienteering skills at St. Andrews Primary School. Bring it on!



U8 Hockey v Sandroyd

Result: Lost 0 - 2

Sunninghill started the match the better team by spending most of the first half in the Sandroyd's defensive area. Fierce attacks from Max, Oscar and Alexander made it look like the team were going to score but Sandroyd managed to hold on till half time.

In the second half the boys did not press as much and momentum started to shift. Two unfortunate goals meant the match finished 0-2 to the visitors.

Contribution Award: Max for improving his tackling technique.

U9 Hockey v Leweston
Result: Win 7 - 1

The U9's were keen to continue to display their excellent form and they sure did that! The team moved forward as a unit and were constantly looking to start attacks on the Leweston defence. Excellent combination play resulted into goals.

Contribution Award: William S and Ben E for improving their tactical awareness.

U9 Hockey v Sandroyd
Result: Win 3 - 0

The game started as an even match but Sunninghill started to dominate in the second half. The boys passed well and showed some strong hockey skills. Sunninghill were calm and composed in defence and played at a high tempo when attacking. A fully deserved victory!

Contribution Award: William BK and Joshua for improving their technique

U11 v St Mary's Swanage
Result: Loss 3 - 1

The U11's endured a cold and tough afternoon on the Sunninghill Astro. The team played well and the match was tight all the way through. A few tactical decisions enabled St. Mary's to open up the scoring. Tymon scored a slick goal in the first half but St. Mary's gained momentum in the second half and won the match 3-1.

Contribution Award: Ben E for doing the simple things very well.

U10 v St Mary's Swanage
Result: Win 2 - 0

The U10's have improved their positioning and tactical awareness in recent weeks and it was evident again today! They passed the ball well and fought hard as a unit. The team controlled most of the possession but unfortunately this meant that our goalkeeper Theo did not have much to do! Sunninghill managed to break down the Swanage defence and score two excellent goals.

Contribution Award: Daniel for his composed defending and William for improving his tactical awareness.

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Music Department

Instrumental Lesson Taster Request Form

We are delighted to be able to offer a free taster lesson for our Pupils, who wish to 'try out' playing an instrument/s before committing to having instrumental lessons.

We are currently able to provide tuition on the following instruments:

Singing (from Form 5)
Recorder
'Cello
Bass Guitar
Tuba

Flute
Clarinet
Saxophone
Trombone

Piano
Drums
Guitar
Euphonium

Bassoon
Violin
Trumpet
French Horn

Instrumental hire is also available for most instruments through the school should your child wish to start learning an instrument.

To receive a taster lesson, please complete the form or email your request to lnolanstone@sunninghill.dorset.sch.uk. A taster lesson will then be arranged.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Warm wishes

Mrs Lecca Moss
Head of Creative Arts



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Instrumental Lesson Taster Request Form
Please complete this form and return it to Mrs Nolan-Stone

Child's name _____ Form _____

I would like my child to have a free taster on the following Instrument/s

Signed _____ Date _____

Mobile Number: _____

Email: _____

(To be completed by Mrs Nolan-Stone):

Taster date _____

Comments _____

Contact made with parents? Y/N

Lesson start date and length _____

SUNNINGHILL PTFA BARN DANCE



ROOTIN' TOOTIN' BARN DANCE

Join us for amazing music, a delicious Western Hog Roast, fabulous accompaniments and bar

WHERE & WHEN

Sunninghill Community Hall, Friday 16th March 2018 from 7pm
- 11pm

ENTERTAINMENT

Live Music By The Black Sheep Band so wear your best boot
scootin' gear

TICKETS

Tickets available from Lydia, Class Reps, PTFA committee
members, from ptfa@sunninghill.dorset.sch.uk and in Compass
Lobby at pick up



Weekly diary and communications

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| WHOLE SCHOOL DIARY OF EVENTS | Mon 5th | Informal Music Concert 4.00 pm Drawing Room |
| | | Horseriding Club |
| | | Forms 7 & 8 Rock climbing |
| | Tues 6th | Forms 1 - 7 LAMDA |
| | | U8 & U9 High 5 Netball v BCS (H) 2.15 pm |
| | | U9 Hockey v Leweston @ Redlands 2.15 pm no match tea |
| | | Forms 5 & 6 Orienteering St Andrews Primary School |
| | | Form 7 Model United Nations trip @ Clayesmore |
| | | Form 6 Parents' Evening from 4.45 pm |
| | Wed 7th | Forms 1 - 7 LAMDA |
| | | U9 Boys Hockey Tournament @ Swanage |
| | | U13 & U12 Netball v Sherborne Girls @ Redlands 2.15 pm |
| | | U11 Leweston Netball Tournament 2.15 pm |
| | | U13/12 Hockey v Sandroyd (A) 2.30 pm |
| | | U11 Hockey v Sandroyd (H) 2.30 pm |
| | | U10 Hockey v Sandroyd (H) 3.15 pm |
| | | Dorchester Casterbridge Young Writer Award 4.30 pm |
| | Thur 8th | Forms 1 - 7 LAMDA |
| | | Reception Swimming @ 1610 9.15 am |
| | | Form 5-8 After School Skiing 4.30 pm |
| | | U11 & U13 Leweston Swimming Gala 5.00 pm |
| | | Soloists' Concert Drawing Room 7.00 pm |
| | Fri 9th | Form 7 Much Ado About Nothing The Globe all day |
| | | Forms 6-8 Girls STEM Day Portsmouth |
| | | Parent & Toddler Group 10 - 11.30 am |
| | | Form 1 Skiing Enrichment @ Warmwell |
| | | Form 3 Stokewater Meadow trip |
| | LETTERS ON THE PORTAL | |
| | | Sports Fixtures and Team Sheets |
| | | Snow Letter and update |
| | | Music Timetable Week 9 |
| Fledglings | | No letters |
| Nursery | | No letters |
| Reception | | No letters |
| Form 1 | | No letters |
| Form 2 | | No letters |
| Form 3 | | Nothe Fort cancelled |
| Form 4 | | Nothe Fort cancelled |
| Form 5 | | Form 5 Exped letter and information |
| Form 6 | | No letters |
| Form 7 | | MUN letter and attachments |
| Form 8 | | No letters |