

Hermes

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"Nanny Sue"



Dear Parents

An easy choice where to start this week's Hermes.

Nanny Sue can finally relax having been on tenterhooks for most of the last few weeks. On Tuesday evening, mid-way through our regular staff meeting, the news came through that Steffi and Rees welcomed Kiera Jean to the world, weighing 7lbs 9oz.

I send all our congratulations to the extended Wilson family and to Steve and Sue in particular.

Sadly, it does mean they will not be able to join us for the PTFA Barn Dance tonight. It's a shame as it's building up to be a great evening. It has certainly whetted the appetite of the staff who will be there in great numbers and we look forward to sharing the evening with you.

With just a week of school to go, we also hope you will set aside a couple of hours next Friday afternoon to join us at St.

Peter's Church for our Easter service which begins at 2.30pm. As a special incentive, hot cross buns will be served back at school afterwards. Please do remember that school finishes at 4.30pm and that there will be no after school care that evening.

Tears flowed aplenty in Form two yesterday as the class presented Zac and his mum with leaving gifts. They were even serenaded with a Florence Nightingale lantern song. We wish them the very best of luck in their new career and school.

Next week we will also say a fond farewell to Jemma Fowler who has been a 1:1 LA to a Reception pupil for the last year and a half. Jemma has a new job at Conifers Primary School and we wish her the very best of luck with in her new post.

A plea from Lydia and the mini bus drivers now. Please could we politely ask that you do not park in the bays set aside for them as it makes life very tricky indeed when you return from a journey and find the space is filled by a small car.

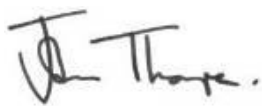
Elsewhere, Mrs Brunt continued her drive for extending curriculum experiences by taking a small group of Form 6 boys to a Winfrith STEM day.



Ben, Daniel and Aidan came back with bags full of presents they had won, together with a trophy and cheque for £500 for being the top team of the day. What a fantastic result and what talented young men.

The music department have certainly been doing their bit by supporting musicians through ABRSM exams this week. To have a grade four singing exam at 9am in the morning must surely be a tough task for anyone. I know Mr Vanburgh was delighted with their application and enthusiasm, not to mention their incredible talents.

Wishing you a great weekend ahead



Mr John Thorpe
Headmaster



Fledglings

This week Fledglings have been celebrating the start of their Easter theme. We particularly enjoyed our boiled eggs for snack “yummy”.



Nursery

This week the children have enjoyed making some chocolate Easter nest cakes which they took home to eat! Apparently they were ‘very yummy’!



We have also made some Easter cards for our families. The children have been getting on really well with writing their names independently.



On Wednesday Reception joined us for an 'egg rolling' competition! Phineas was the winner on all three races!



We were able to spend some time in the low ropes area which was a nice treat. The children were so good at using the equipment to climb and balance.



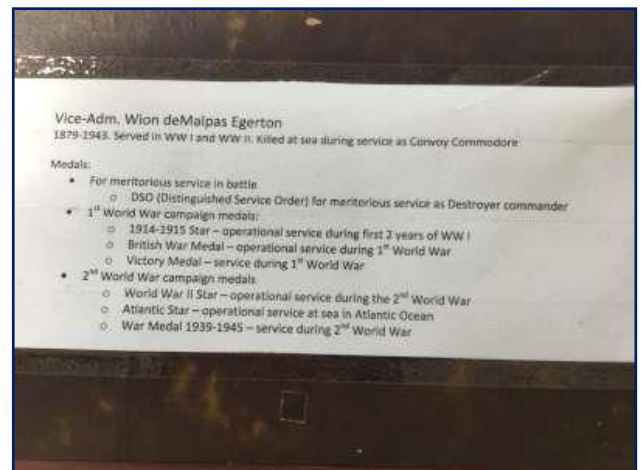
Form 2

We have been enjoying getting into character during our Florence Nightingale role play sessions.



Form 3

Last week Mark and his family brought in his great grandfather's medals to show Form 3 as part of their World War II topic. We were all extremely impressed and thought about how courageous Mark's great grandfather must have been.



Form 3 & 4



On Monday Year 3 and 4 went for an Evacuee Experience Day at Nothe Fort. As they stepped out of the minibus they went back in time to 1940! The children had to march into the fort, having their Identity cards ready for inspection, and answering only “Yes Sir” or “Yes Madam” when spoken to by an adult! Whilst at Nothe they experienced a Monday wash day, a 1940’s shop, and a school room with a very strict headmistress! The boys found it difficult to remember to take their caps off when entering a room, but the girls were lucky as their hats could stay on. The children also experienced an air raid when they had to run for cover into the Anderson Shelter and when the “All Clear” was sounded they had to use a stirrup pump to put out the fire!



The children all looked absolutely fantastic in their costumes and had a truly memorable day.

Year 6 & 8 Girls’ Stem Day



Last Friday, Mrs. Sewed and Mrs. Brunt took 10 girls from Year 6 and 8 and travelled to the Land Rover Bar, Ben Ainslie’s America’s cup hub. We took part in a series of STEM activities. STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. By 2024, Britain will be 2000 people short in STEM based jobs. This day was aimed to encourage students to do STEM jobs and break the gender stereotypes associated with them.



Once we got there, we were taken to a room full of robots, VR headsets and lots of other activities. I particularly enjoyed the liquid nitrogen ice cream! A company called Glam Sci had a showcase explaining that there are many different and fun jobs available in Science. Portsmouth University held a showcase involving 3D printers and robots; showing how they can be used.



Rover himself and explained the problems he encountered as well as the solutions he found. Unfortunately, this mini mars rover won't be leaving this planet any time soon! Overall, we had a brilliant and interesting day that opened our eyes to more career opportunities available.

Ophelia & Izzy Form 8

In other news.....

Dance Team

Giselle and Verity were members of the County Youth Dance Team, performing to open the Sainsbury's Winter Games at The Leaf Academy in Poole. Look out Diversity!



Then, we were challenged to create a sail or wing with the lowest drag possible. We put them in the wind tunnel and tested them. With a lot of perseverance, Erin's team managed to get a third of the drag compared to the lift!

We also had the opportunity to speak to a variety of different engineers and inspirational speakers to learn more about the wide range of roles based around STEM careers and the variety of ways to apply for them. It was incredibly interesting to find out why they chose the subject. Many were heading for very different careers before finding Engineering.

A professor called gave us a talk on finding the area of STEM that suites our personality types and interests. We did several activities and were advised on different attributes and career choices open to us. I found this particularly interesting.



Mrs Wilson's Cake Sale for Women's Cancer



Towards the end of our trip. A gentleman came in with a mini mars rover. He talked to us about the European Space Centres latest project on building Exo Mars, the latest Mars Rover. He had built and programmed the

A massive thank you to everyone who made and brought cakes for my sale on Tuesday and for donations.

Total raised £160!!!

Heather's Marathon Challenge (Arthur's Mum in Form 1)



Pigs are flying, there's a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, and I'm running the London marathon on 22nd April 2018!

To me all these seemed equally likely. Yet to my own astonishment the latter is actually happening.

Don't get me wrong, having been a non-runner all my life and taking up the NHS couch to 5k programme a couple of years ago, I'd just like to cross the finish line vertically and on my own 2 feet!

In a moment of madness I decided I wanted to run a marathon before my 40th birthday (I have a year to go), so I applied for a ballot place for VLM, safe in the knowledge it was as likely as winning the lottery! But you guessed it, I got a place! Que lots of training, hard work, long Sunday runs and a few tears!

But in addition to the personal challenge I'd like to take this opportunity to raise money for an amazing and important charity, the NSPCC. In the past, while working as a lawyer, I saw first-hand what a fantastic job the NSPCC do, how much help they offer children and the importance of the Childline.

The NSPCC current campaign is that 'Every Childhood is worth fighting for.' I couldn't agree more, so while I fight to cross the finish line I'd be grateful if you could support me with a donation to the NSPCC.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/heather-ray-marathon>

Music News

Oliver Vincent

We are extremely fortunate to be welcoming Ollie as a new vocal teacher next term. We will then have two fantastic peripatetic vocal teachers at Sunninghill! At the beginning of the term, Ollie ran an inspiring vocal workshop for all our children in Forms 3-7. The children enjoyed it so much, that I received a written request with over 30 names on it, asking for Ollie to come and teach at Sunninghill!

This week I have sent home request forms to those children in forms 3-8, who are interested in having lessons. If you would like your child to have lessons, please complete the form and return it to school, or as soon as possible via email to:

LNolanStone@sunninghill.dorset.sch.uk

Ollie will also be offering junior and senior barbershop and beat boxing clubs next term. For more information about Ollie, please visit his website or contact Lecca Moss.

<https://www.olivervincent.net/>

Lost Property

Arthur has lost his white Lonsdale astro shoes - size 4, with a lion logo on the shoe - please check if your child has picked up the wrong pair - thank you.

PTFA

So today's the day of the Barn Dance, and there are a committed group of us going to get our knees up and hoe down!

I'd like to say my thanks to all those who have put effort into promoting the Barn Dance, our Class Reps and PTFA Committee Members who have kept the event in the forefront of your minds through conversations, WhatsApp groups and Compass Lobby ticket sales. Thanks to Mandy, Eileen and Lydia for ticket sales. Thank you to those who have spent time today making the Hall look suitably barn-dance-ish: Kirsty Humphreys, Claire Flower, Jo Vaughan, Gemma Tompkins. A special thanks has to go to Kate and Frank Hopps who not only sourced but also transported hay bales to school to really add some authenticity to the whole look. Steve Ray and David Frake, thank you both, you have worked behind the scenes to secure the Black Sheep band and make sure we are suitably refreshed to avoid dehydration. Helping hands are lined up for the event too and my thanks to them will follow next week along with my (selective) report back on the evening.

Looking forward to next week, we have the Easter Egg Hunt on Thursday 22 March. For Forms 1 to 8 this will follow the End of Term assembly. A big thank you to Karen Woollam who is masterminding this one expertly. She has also been working with staff in Fledglings, Nursery and Reception to make sure even our youngest egg hunters get a fun experience that suits their needs on the day.

Work on our Summer Fayre (23 June) programme is ticking along. I am going to repeat our need to find suitable musical entertainment, as mentioned last week, in the hope that this text might be read by some fresh eyes with potential brass or jazz band names and details to share. Please be in touch.

And I'm going to give you super advance notice now of an exciting event that is taking place on 11 October. The PTFA will be holding a fantastic wine tasting evening with a world renowned wine expert. I'll

leave that as a teaser for you, mark your diaries, and we will give you more information next term.

Have a wonderful weekend folks.

Lynn Strover

PTFA Chair

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Notes from a small garden....



With Easter approaching rapidly we set to planting up our chittings. It is always a crowd pleaser when we empty those big pots in early summer to find a host of tasty new potatoes!



Using some lovely leaf mould from Liz's legendary compost heap the children really enjoyed filling up the planters and composting around our fruit trees this week, all of which are covered in very promising

new buds, we also had a special guest looking on and supervising proceedings...



The girls did their usual chores of filling up bird tables, cleaning out the bird bath and rehoming stray bugs to safe places... I think our newest recruit, Hamish, was a little surprised by how busy it gets in the garden on a Wednesday lunch time!



Unfortunately we couldn't spot our frog spawn this week, but we are hopeful it has just sunk lower in the pond and out of sight, not munched by passing ducks... We will keep you posted!

Sports News

U12 Netball v Clayesmore

Result: Loss 2 - 9

The girls started the match determined to lose! It appeared that every time they received the ball they immediately gave it back to the opposition despite the obvious difference in the colour of the bibs. It was a sobering 4-0 at the end of the first quarter. Movement was much better in the second quarter with less wildly thrown balls and Clayesmore only added one more goal by half time. The third quarter was our best with 2 goals scored apiece. Sadly we couldn't build on this in the final part of the game and shooting accuracy was a little off. Clayesmore added more for a final score of 2-9. More focus is needed at set pieces such as back line balls and less panic while under pressure.

Contribution Award: Tallulah for most improved player through the game.

U13 Port Regis v Football Tournament



Played in a quagmire with a nasty easterly wind biting at our backs you might on 2, drawn 2 and lost 1 giving us a total of 17 points. This was slightly surprising as we believed we had won the first game 1-0 only to be told the goal had been disallowed despite it having been awarded and a centre kick given. As it was a friendly comp I was happy to let it go, though the competitive girls were eager to phone their lawyers and would not let it lie!

It did mean we didn't make the semi-final but I was delighted to watch their skill and determination, not to mention a few tough slide tackles!

Contribution Award: to be shared between Amalia and Ophelia who were just brilliant throughout the whole tournament. I'm sure the team would also want me to recognise the huge commitment from their whole team too.

U11 Netball v Clayesmore ***Result: Win 10 - 1***

This was the last game of the term and a great effort from everyone to achieve a convincing win. We had all the play in the first quarter with numerous shooting chances but Clayesmore converted the one chance they had and we were a goal down. After a brilliant 'Pep Guardiola' talk we stepped up a gear and at half time we led 3 - 1. Esme was steady and marking well at GK. Gemma was awesome in defence, leaping high; intercepting and frustrating the Clayesmore attack. Meena stuck with her WA and Erin was magnificent at Centre with her determination and 'never give up' attitude. The target was to maintain our 3 goal lead in the 3rd quarter which we did and we lead 6 - 1.

Sofia moved into some great positions in attack to feed into the circle and Eleni and Freya worked superbly together to get into some great positions near the post to shoot. We managed 4 goals in the last quarter to exceed our target. Well done everyone.

Contribution Award: The opposition chose Freya for her hard work throughout and her shooting.

U10 Netball v Clayesmore ***Result: Loss 7 - 1***

The Under 10 team played Clayesmore away. The Clayesmore team were very strong and Sunninghill had to fight for every ball. After the first quarter the score was 1-0 to Clayesmore. Mia had to work really hard as Centre to keep up with her opponent who was all over the court. In the second quarter

we lost focus a little allowing Clayesmore to score 5 more goals. However in the last two quarters we put up more of a fight. Unfortunately Georgie had to come off injured and the team was re-jigged.

Zuzanna stepped up into Goal Shooter position and managed to score a brilliant goal making the final score a 1-7 defeat.

The team need to work on getting into spaces and passing accurately.

Contribution Award: Georgie for determined play in both attack and defence.

U8 Hockey v Bournemouth Collegiate ***Result: Win 5 - 1***

Last week it was rumoured that the U8s had lost their mojo. I am pleased to report that it is definitely back. At the end of the first quarter the defence all complained about their positions because they had touched the ball twice between them all. Our attack however, despite constant pressure didn't result in a goal until late in the first half and then after that the umpire tightened up the rules to stop Sunninghill running away with it.

Everyone played their part both in attack and defence, however, the boys do need to realise that it is easier to play the game if they don't all bunch together and tackle each other in their desire to get the ball.

Even the supporters were shouting the same advice as the coach.

Contribution Award: Ben E for his constant support and energy.

U9 Hockey v Bournemouth Collegiate ***Result: Win 6 - 0***

After last week's outstanding performances, the team continued to start focussed, demanding the ball from their peers. Team work was good and gradually more and more balls were appearing into the D which resulted into fine goals. Another clean sheet

showed the excellent strength in defence. The players gained experience in different positions and displayed excellent work ethic throughout. Well done Form 4!

Contribution Award: Vishnu for his improved tactical awareness & stunning goal!

U13/12A Hockey v Clayesmore

Result: loss 2 - 4

An entertaining game played against Clayesmore. The first half was a very tight contest with Dylan scoring a well taken, cool goal! Clayesmore fought back to score and take the lead into the second half. We played good passing hockey and this kept us being very competitive and scoring a deserved goal!

A good team effort by all with an impressive appearance by Henry from Form 5

Contribution Award: Lawrence for great saves in goal & Dylan for the amount of ground he covered

U13/12 B Hockey v Clayesmore

Result: Loss 1 - 7

We were up against a skilful Clayesmore team and fell behind quite quickly. To our credit, our heads did not drop and everyone worked very hard for each other. Leo played in goal for the very first time and made some excellent saves!

We tired a little in the second half but Lucas and Douglas covered much ground, with Josh and Joe doing a sterling job at the back.

Contribution Award: Leo for an excellent first time in goal, Lucas for selfless running and support to the team.

U10 Hockey v Clayesmore

Result: Draw 3 - 3



Sunninghill started on the back foot with Clayesmore pressing high and moving the ball into our D. Aidan and Harry defended well but could not stop Clayesmore storming to a 2-0 lead. At the end of the second half momentum started to change and Sunninghill managed to pull the score back to 2-1. In the second half the boys expressed themselves more and really fought hard for the ball. Orlando carried the ball down the wing, passed it into the D which enabled Gethyn to tap it in to get the equaliser. Sunninghill then lost intensity and almost instantly conceded the 3-2. The boys kept fighting and Gethyn scored his third goal in the dying moments of the match.

Contribution Award: Gethyn for his outstanding goals.

U11 Hockey v Clayesmore

Result: Loss 3 - 1



We played their U11 A team who may not have been the best team we have played against this season but they were right up there. To get any form of result we had to raise our game to higher than we ever raised before.

And we did. In fact the boys played the best game all season. The whole team played out of their skin. Toby had the game of his life in defence and' even when he was substituted' supported and encouraged from the side-lines. Henry was a constant threat down the left and set up numerous chances. Gabriel ran the midfield and like all good central midfielders was everywhere. Harry made some great saves and kept our team in the game.

By Captain 'Birthday Boy' Tymon

Contribution Award: Toby - individually great in defence and a real team player

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Weekly diary and communications

WHOLE SCHOOL DIARY OF EVENTS	Mon 19th	Horseriding Club
		Form 5 - 8 House Cross Country
	Tues 20th	Junior Prep Mixed House Hockey
	Wed 21st	Effort Grades on the Portal
		Inter House Netball & Hockey
	Thur 22nd	PTFA Easter Egg Hunt
		Form 5-8 After School Skiing 4.30 pm
	Fri 23rd	Easter Service 2.30 pm
		Term finishes at 4.30 pm with no Prep Club provision
LETTERS ON THE PORTAL	Menu	
	Music Timetable - Week 11	
Fledglings	Easter Holiday Club reminder	
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Reception	Easter Holiday Club reminder	
Form 1	Easter Holiday Club reminder	
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