

# Hermes

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Summer Term

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“May, She’s Arrived Early!”



Dear Parents

A very warm welcome to the first Hermes of the summer term, and what a glorious week it has been with weather that we could only dream of having in July.

Firstly, there is lots to report from over the holidays.

It was great to welcome three new pupils in Nursery, Form 3 and Form 5, and also reacquaint with existing pupils who had been skiing or adventuring further afield. It is also exciting to meet families who want to do something different to enrich the lives of their families. My support will always be there so please do come and chat to me if you would like support for an extended visit somewhere.

The pool has a new liner, which looks and feels quite superb. We started filling it three days ago and we hope to be ready for the off next week. I daren’t look at the water meter spinning around or think about the cost of filling it up, but it will be all worth it.



We also changed the Foundation outside classroom and play area, moving huts and fences to create more space in preparation of the summer re-fit.

Ahead of our summer production of Joseph, we have installed a very expensive new sound system in the hall that includes four new speakers, radio and stage microphones and a new control system. This should make a huge improvement to further enhance the superb music and drama that takes place in school.

On this topic, please do set aside Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> or Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June to share at least one of our performances with us.

More details will follow shortly together with all the other dates of our major events (and there are many).

Whilst I’m on Music and Drama, Mrs Moss brought me great news of our recent success with LAMDA and ABRSM exams both of which were excellent. I must congratulate all those teachers and peris who supported the children in their preparation, not forgetting of course all of your support at home.



The Form 6's all gained distinctions in their group work and Olivia K finally managed to overcome her nemesis of Grade 5 Music theory. Phew!

The Summer Fayre is one of the highlights of the term. Our organising PTFA team meet next Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 6pm in the Drawing Room. Please do feel free to join us if you have a few hours to spare and would like to help in any way, shape or form.

I would also like to draw to your attention to our second invitational golf day to be held at the Dorset Golf Resort on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July. If you are a keen golfer and would like to play in this event, please do let me know. Last year's event was incredibly popular and really great fun.

On the estate front, we have removed several huge trees that have in turn provided us with enough firewood to keep our hungry stoves fed for a number of years to come.

The old tin hut outside compass lobby has been removed, smartening the area significantly. The main loo in the reception area has also had a complete refurb.

Finally, lots of time and effort has been invested in the planting up of the borders. I cannot remember the school ever looking so pretty and I'd like to thank Eileen and all the estate team for their brilliant efforts.

Like the weather, uniform has been a hot topic in school this week. A number of girls have decided that the summer pencil skirt is

really not fit for purpose and they have chosen to wear shorts to give them much more freedom to do all the adventurous things they'd like to. As a staff body we have fully supported their choice and will use this opportunity to review their uniform with them.

I would be delighted to hear your own thoughts on this issue and will also seek the opinions of the school council and class reps when both committees next meet.

I always tend to favour keeping things simple and at the moment the girls have four different variations to their uniform which ranges from a dress to a kilt to a skirt to shorts. There must be a simpler solution!

In my Friday assembly today I challenged the children to "dare to be different" and have a plan up my sleeve for Monday so that I practice what I preach!

Elsewhere in school, we were delighted to celebrate a special birthday with Mrs Wilson. I've known Sue for nearly twenty years and she continues to have the energy and fitness of a forty-year-old.



Bird of Paradise flowers were very symbolic. Unbeknown to Sue, she is being secretly whisked away tonight by her two best friends, Mrs Thorpe and Mrs Jackson for a weekend of pampering at a golf and sports resort in Oakhampton.

That seems to leave me with a weekend to myself.

What a rare treat!



Hoping to escape the toils of a lengthy “to do list” regular readers of Hermes will have a good idea where I’ll be for a significant proportion of the time, particularly as my “silver tourists” should be in the Frome this month.

*John Thorpe*

Mr John Thorpe  
Headmaster

We enjoyed building the house of bricks and mixing mud together to fix it.



### *Fledglings*

This week Fledglings have spent lots of time outside.



We have been following the story of the 3 little pigs.



### *Nursery*



As the warmer weather is approaching, please remember to provide your child with sun cream and a hat. Please also ensure that your child has their sun cream on before they begin their session. We will be able to top it up during the day. We are able to keep both sun creams and hats in a box in the Nursery, so that they can stay here and do not get forgotten! Sun creams must be within their usage period (usually 12 months) as otherwise they can be ineffective. Thank you.”

Our class photo will be on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 9:30. If your child does not attend this session, it would be lovely to include them; however parents/carers will need to stay for the duration.



If you would like to sponsor this lovely event then please contact one of the Fledglings or Nursery parents or pop and see Lydia to complete her form!



We have been loving the sunshine, and have really enjoyed some water play outside!



### *Form 2*

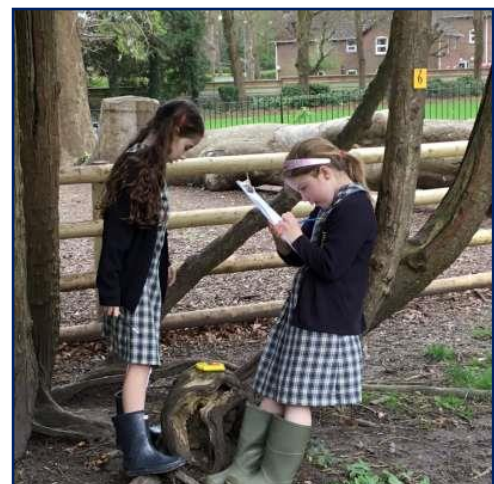
In Active Maths earlier this week, Form 2 were practising telling the time.



We have been doing a spider topic this week, and Mrs Stein found us a wonderful spider to look at with our binoculars and magnifying glasses!

### *Fledglings & Nursery*

Nursery are taking part in the Save the Children Peppa Pig's Muddy Puddle Walk next week. On Wednesday next week we will be making the muddy tuff spot trays with Fledglings. On Thursday next week at 9.45 we will be joining Fledglings to toddle around the school grounds and find the muddy tuff spot trays. We will be having a snack together outside at 10.30.





# *In other news.....*

## *Parking Permits*

Car Parking Permits Reminder - if your child is in Form 3 - 8 and you require a parking permit, and haven't already requested one, please contact Lydia by Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at the very latest - with thanks

## *Dorchester Cricket Club*



Dorchester Cricket Club are excited to forge links with Sunninghill School in the coming years.

Having just taken over the running of the Recreation Ground in Dorchester from The Town Council we are now in a position to invite all pupils at Sunninghill to use our excellent facilities. This includes a three bay net and grass and artificial pitches and clubhouse with changing and toilet facilities.

Along with being able to enjoy these top class facilities with your school all pupils are very welcome to attend our junior sessions throughout the week. Junior sessions are every Wednesday at 6pm at the recreation ground in Dorchester with the highest level 3 qualified coaches in the county backed up by two very exciting new acquisitions, ex pro Gloucester rugby and cricketer Eral Anderson will be running a summer holiday camp for juniors during the holidays at the ground and New Zealand international Bharat Popli will be running one to one

sessions with any juniors who would like to take advantage of this unique opportunity.

The Wednesday evening sessions, for boys and girls will be for U9s through to U15s and the subscription is £30 for the whole summer which includes all training and matches. Ex Sussex and Hants County player Joanna Haysom will be coaching the girls.

Dorchester CC were also very proud to be in the top 5 clubs in the whole country in 2017 for the ECB ALL STARS initiative with over 50 children taking part every Saturday morning. This is for boys & girls aged 5 to 8 years and registration for this is completed on line by visiting the ECB All Stars website and typing in Dorchester CC in the tool bar. This aimed at improving hand eye coordination and movement and lots of fun. The cost is £40 which includes a whole personalised kit bag including, bag, water bottle, shirt, stumps, bat etc. There is also tea & coffee available for parents whilst the children are playing.

Registration is now open and the first session is on Sat 26<sup>th</sup> May at 10am and everyone is welcome.

Please feel free to ring Simon Joslin on 01305 262850 for more information.

## *Fundraising*

Gail, Rosie's mum in Form 8, has decided to challenge herself by taking on the Moon Walk in London next month. It is in aid of breast cancer and she has requested if anyone would like to sponsor her then the link is below.

<http://wtwalk.org/moonwalklondon2018/gail-reynolds-walking-the-walk>

Good luck Gail!

## *Music news*

We have a double celebration this week with the both the ABRSM results from the Spring Term and also LAMDA.

There were 108 LAMDA exam entries and 50% received distinctions, 45% merits and 5% pass.

Two pupils (both in Form 2) received 100% and Year 6 all received a distinction in their Grade 1 group devising drama.

Congratulations to everyone involved and the team that helped the children to achieve such fantastic results.

What an amazing set of results!

Lecca

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##### RESULTS

Spring 2018

Carolina	Prep Test	Violin	
Aaron	Prep Test	Piano	
Theo	Grade 1	Saxophone	
Freya	Grade 1	Singing	
Giselle	Grade 1	Guitar	Merit
Erin	Grade 2	Piano	Merit
Dominic	Grade 2	Piano	
Nathan	Grade 3	Singing	
Gemma	Grade 3	Singing	
Dylan	Grade 4	Piano	
Joseph	Grade 5	Singing	Merit
Olivia	Grade 5	Theory	
Joseph	Grade 5	Theory	Merit

WELL DONE EVERYONE!

### Calling All Budding Young Chefs

#### Dorset Junior Chef of the Year and South West Junior Chef of the Year 2018



Entries open until Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Entries are now open for South West Junior Chef of the Year 2018, sponsored by [Michael Caines MBE](#) and [Lympstone Manor](#).

With a county final held in each of the six counties of the South West, one young cook will initially be crowned Dorset Junior Chef of the Year before going on to compete in the South West final.

Open to young cooks aged 11-16, this competition aims to help young people to develop their confidence and skills in the kitchen and enables them to learn from some of the South West's top chefs, opening the doors to the region's leading kitchens.

Entrants are asked to submit their recipe for a main course dish to serve two people using ingredients principally from the South West of England - a chance to demonstrate their understanding of the wonderful array of ingredients available on our doorstep!

Selected entrants will be invited to cook their dish in 90 minutes for our judges at a catering college in their own county initially during June/July. The winner in each county will then receive mentoring from one of our judges, providing them with invaluable experience of a working kitchen and helping them to tweak and prepare their dish for the South West final in October.

The Dorset final will take place on the afternoon of Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June at Bournemouth and Poole College and will be judged by:

- Russell Brown, Director, Creative About Cuisine
- Gary Kilminster, Business Development Manager, Essential Cuisine
- David Marshall, Chef Lecturer, Bournemouth and Poole College

The Dorset winner will benefit from mentoring from one of our judges in advance of the final.

Further details can be found in the attached file and on our website at <http://www.southwestchef.co.uk/junior-2018/>

Entrants must be aged 11-16 years and still attending school in year 11 or below on the date of the final (6<sup>th</sup> October 2018).

Our judges will be keen to hear why competitors have chosen their selected recipe. The competition is organised in conjunction with renowned Michelin-starred chef, Michael Caines MBE, of Lympstone Manor in Devon.

### *Sun hats and sun cream reminder*

As the weather gets warmer and sunnier (finally) can we remind all parents to ensure their children have sun hats and sun cream please. Not just for our youngest pupils.

## **PTFA**

Welcome back everyone... as I pen this column on a super warm and sunny Wednesday evening, let's hope that this is the start of some fantastic weather for all to enjoy this term.

We kick off with lots of organisational focus and a series of PTFA meetings planned:

PTFA Committee Meeting on Thursday 26 April at 6pm in the Drawing Room  
On the agenda will be discussions of our Committee structure and constitutional requirements around GDPR. All welcome.

PTFA Planning Meetings focussing on our summer and autumn events organisation will follow on Thursday 3 May and Thursday 7 June, again to be held at 6pm in the Drawing Room.

Giving you all a heads up please - in the coming weeks we will be putting out requests for help and support to the Summer Fayre on Saturday 23 June. Good news to report is that we have musical accompaniment offered in the form of a quartet. PTFA and Class Reps will be looking for help with organising stalls and gathering donations of items to sell, play, and enjoy, so watch this space.

Wishing you all a warm and sunny weekend

Lynn Strover  
PTFA Chair

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## **Sports News**

### **AFC Bournemouth Year 5-6 Football**

A group of year 5-6 footballers went to AFC Bournemouth for the afternoon.



When we arrived, the students had lunch in the dugout area in the stadium which was actually where Jose Mourinho managed his Manchester United team from the previous evening.

The players were look after by Luke, Nick and Kieran and received a full stadium tour visiting the home and area changing room areas, the rehab room, owner's box and the pitch.

After taking us to the club shop to have a look at their trophy cabinet (not as big as Mr. Thorpe's beloved Leeds United) it was time for the players to put their boots on and have a training session with the coaches.

The boys were put through their paces and showed off some beautiful skills. Attitude and determination was excellent throughout.

**Form 8 responsibilities**  
**Summer Term:**

Head Boy:	Joseph Burdge
Head Girl:	Erin Philips
Sports Captains:	Tom Swanton Izzy Hopps
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	23rd	U11/10 Tennis Fixture - 6 pupils SPS 3.15 pm
	24th	Class Photos from 8.30 am
	25th	U12 & 13 Rounders v Castle Court (A) 2.30 pm
		U11 & 10 Rounders v Castle Court/BCS (H) 2.30 pm
		U11/10 Cricket v The Park @ Martinstown 2.30 pm
		U12/13 Cricket v The Park (A) 2.30 pm
	26th	Muddy Puddles for Save the Children
		After School Sailing
		After School Golf Club
		PTFA Committee Meeting 6.00 pm
	27th	Parent & Toddler Group
		Lions' Lair Cake Sale 10.15 am & 3.30 pm
		Form 3 & 4 Sailing
		Form 5 & 6 Martial Arts Enrichment
		U11/10 Tennis v Perrott Hill - 6 pupils (A) 2.30 pm
LETTERS ON THE PORTAL	Menu	
	Music Timetable	
	Sports Fixtures & Team Sheets	
Fledglings	No letters	
Nursery	No letters	
Reception	Welcome Back/Lorton Meadows/On-Line Safety Newsletter	
Form 1	On-Line Safety Newsletter	
Form 2	On-Line Safety Newsletter	
Form 3	On-Line Safety Newsletter	
Form 4	On-Line Safety Newsletter	
Form 5	On-Line Safety Newsletter	
Form 6	On-Line Safety Newsletter	
Form 7	On-Line Safety Newsletter	
Form 8	On-Line Safety Newsletter	