

# Hermes

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Summer Term

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“Sailing into the Summer Term!”



Dear Parents

Week two of the Summer Term seems to have quickly sped by.

The children were all very pleased that clubs and activities have begun. It constantly amazes me that they have so much energy and enthusiasm left at the end of the day and it has been fabulous to see so many different groups heading off in different directions.

For the very first time, junior and senior children have enjoyed attending Greek lessons with Mrs Elina Dysipri, accompanied by an eager parent too, which was great to see.



Mr Adams and I have been busy chasing that vain pursuit of trying to hit a small white ball as far as we can in a straight line, all under the watchful gaze of the Dorset Golf Resort pro.

Golf 1 teachers 0!



Thankfully, my fishing seems to be a bit steadier. Out of the blue this week I was awarded super power status by the loveliest Amelia F who endowed me with super-fishing powers. I'm on the river bank this weekend and will let you know if these special powers have weaved their magic.



We've also seen some great activities taking place in enrichments, none more so than Form 3 and 4 sailing. For the very first time Ian and I can remember we managed to get every single child on the water and sailing. When we add Thursday evening sailing club to this number over 40% of the school have been sailing which is a great achievement.

I must thank Mr Adams for his great organisation as Co-Curricular Coordinator.

I must also congratulate Mr Peel, our rugby coach, who has been appointed first team coach of Dorchester Rugby Club. It's a great chance for Martyn to cast his magic spell over an adult audience, and an experience that can only benefit all the other rugby players he comes into contact with. We wish him the very best of luck and I will keep you up to speed on how his season begins in September.

Staying on sport within the town, Mr Willemse and I met Simon Joslin who is the new coordinator of Dorchester Cricket Club. Simon is very keen to extend the town's use of such impressive facilities and has a very talented coaching team including an ex-Kiwi international ready to help. The cricket club also gave us some details of excellent holiday courses that they will be running.

On Thursday evening, the PTFA met to review the Barn Dance events and also begin preparations for one of their major fundraisers of the year which is the Summer Fayre.

With eighty attendees, the barn dance was a complete success and one we will definitely re-run.

Earlier on the same day we also held our termly governor's education sub-committee meeting and welcomed new governor Miss Jean Walker. Jean is a very experienced senior leader having spent the majority of her teaching life at St. Mary's, Shaftesbury. The governors have also voted unanimously to invite Dr Stephanie Dean to join the board from September. Stephanie will take over the role of governor responsible for safeguarding when Dr Rupert Tuberville-Smith leaves. You will no doubt know Stephanie as mum to Theo S in Form 5, with

elder boys Alex and Oliver also having gone through Sunninghill.

With Chair of Governors and Vice-Chair John Chittenden also leaving at the end of this term, a new team is ready to take over the reins, spearheaded by Mrs Penny Graham. More on this at Speech Day on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July. On this subject, I am delighted to announce that Charles Jardine will be our Guest Speaker for the event. Charles is a wonderful speaker, superb artist and CEO of a government initiative called Fishing for Schools.

Finally, it's a couple of weeks away now but I would like to draw your attention to our forthcoming Open Morning on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May. Please do come along yourselves and encourage friends and family who might be interested to come and have a look round and see what we have to offer. Please contact Mandy to register.



In my Friday assembly today I talked about fund raising to send two milking goats to one family in Africa. At a cost of just £66 I believe we can raise this total in just one week by bringing in only copper coins. Please get searching in the rubber seal of the washing machine and under the cushions on the sofa and we'll get there.

To steal Oxfam's strap line, "changing the world one family at a time!"

I'm off to the gym now to work off the thousand or so calories that I have just consumed by supporting the Lion's lair cake bake sale, all this despite telling myself just before break that I was going to resist the temptation.



As the saying goes, everything can be resisted except temptation!

Wishing you a wonderful weekend ahead.

*John Thorpe*

Mr John Thorpe  
Headmaster

### *Fledglings*

This week Fledglings have been focusing on their PSED and physical development.

We have been washing and caring for dollies and have been very excited to explore our new construction area outside.



Mr Thorpe kindly donated his tortoise box to Fledglings we decided it was perfect to turn into a bug hotel!



### *Nursery*

This week we have really enjoyed making some 'muddy puddles' and splashing in them for our Save the Children Muddy Puddle Walk! Please remember to bring back your sponsor forms and money by next Friday (4<sup>th</sup> May).





The children have loved meeting Noah, Miss Blair's tortoise this week! They have been very inquisitive and caring towards him which is lovely to see.



Also, please remember our whole school photograph on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May. You are welcome to bring your child in for the photo if they do not usually attend the Friday morning session, however parents/carers must stay and collect their child afterwards.

### *Reception*

This week Reception explored colour, tone and texture in art. They mixed a range of greens using turquoise blue and brilliant blue with yellow to paint their frogs and worked into wet paint to explore texture and pattern.



### *Form 2*

We had a wonderful time planting up a bee friendly garden outside compass lobby with Liz on Thursday afternoon. We also left dishes of sugar water for the bees, as they are often weak and thirsty when they wake up!



Mrs. Saines took F2 out for a nature walk in the garden. We took time to look carefully at the trees, bushes and climbing plants, before settling down to do some observational drawings. We also took some photographs to further support our work in the coming weeks.



### Form 8

As part of their Lion's Lair project, one Form 8 team have a request, combined with an advert.....

### Recycling Plastic Container for Simple as Science



Erin, Tilly, Joseph, Lewis and Ophelia are selling science kits to raise money for Motor-Neuron Disease UK. We wish to be as eco-friendly as possible so we have placed a box in compass lobby. Please have a look for any plastic containers with lids you may have and donate them. They can be any size or shape. Thank you for your co-operation. The science kits will be on sale at the Summer Fayre on 23<sup>rd</sup> June and pre-orders are available. Please speak to [joseph.burdge@mac.com](mailto:joseph.burdge@mac.com)

## In other news.....

### Heather's Challenge



I did it! I had trained in every weather except one.....heat! And of course it was ridiculously hot, but I made it. I smiled my way around the course enjoying every minute, the crowds were amazing! Arthur had a brilliant time too.

What an incredible experience for all of us and I raised money for a good cause while I was at it. I'd like to thank everyone who has supported me but it's not too late to donate!

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

### News from Oz

We are all still loving living in Canberra. We've had a heatwave for the last month and it's very dry. Oliver has finished his first term at 'High School' and I don't know the pick-up plan for when it rains, as it hasn't since he started 10 weeks ago!!

Alexandra is very happy, today she was mountain biking and is at the moment at a swimming party. We managed to get to South Island NZ last September and up onto a glacier and loved Queenstown. Just back from a weekend at the coast at a lovely beach with kangaroos and starfish



everywhere. Below 'Australia Rock' which does look very similar.



I hope that you have a lovely summer term (always the best I think) and good luck with the Fayre and Joseph (and any fishing!).

The Heal Family

### *Dancing success*

Mrs Sales has been away competing again at a Pro-am competition last weekend in Gothenburg.

Along with her partner Argo they won 8 first places and 3 second places in both ballroom and Latin dancing!

Congratulations Tracey.



## **PTFA**

Many thanks to the PTFA Committee members who came to last night's full meeting, deep discussion on GDPR, potential funding requests, feedback on the Barn Dance and Summer Fayre planning kept us going for longer than usual so I really appreciate the time given.

Regarding the Barn Dance (held on 16 March), I am pleased to report that we just about hit the breakeven point on this event. Most importantly, feedback from around the table shared observations that it was the best attended PTFA event in the groups memory, lots of smiles and fun had by all, and some good ideas for how we can 'tweak' it for next time to keep us in the black and enhance the experience further.

Summer Fayre planning continues next week on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May with Class Reps meeting at 8.30am (Chaired by John) and PTFA Planning meeting at 6pm, meet in the Drawing Room for both. We will be getting into the nitty gritty of organisation. Requests for support will follow. Mark your diaries for 23<sup>rd</sup> June Summer Fayre, 12.00 to 16.30, and let's put a collective call in for good weather!

Happy weekend everyone.

Lynn Strover

PTFA Chair

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## ***Notes from a small garden...***

It's all go in the garden, we returned back last week to see a host of seedlings struggling upwards, beans and peas, onions and garlic, making an appearance over the Easter holiday. At least all that rain did some good.



We transplanted our fragile spinach crop outside, and I have to say how impressed I was with the delicate and considered way the seedlings were nestled into their new home. Some of our gardeners are fantastic at these fiddly jobs, Nathaniel is endlessly patient and gentle when it comes to the baby seedlings.



Liz has been off on a willow weaving course this week and returned with some amazing creations, one of which will be used for our sweet peas. Look out for them around school as they really are beautiful!



The fruit trees are all blooming with gusto which bodes well for our summer crops, the children are already excited about the cherries! They seem similarly excited about the garlic, I wonder how many of them will be as keen this year to try it raw again!



Next week; wild flowers and courgettes!

Jo Foote

## Sports News

***U12 Rounders v Castle Court***  
***Results: Win 9 ½ - 6***

I would like to say this first game of the Summer Term was played in warm glorious sunshine - but I wouldn't be telling the truth. Both teams were finding their feet in the first innings. Good fielding by us and a great catch by Atlanta meant Castle Court players ran themselves out and we kept them to 3 ½ rounders.

I think the girls thought it was going to be easy but when we came into bat we hit the ball up to give easy catches and for the last ten balls only Lily B and Tallulah were in. They managed to stay in for 8 more balls and scored 2 ½ of our 3 rounders in the first innings.

Second innings we kept the opposition to 2 ½. Our batting improved and we scored 6 ½ to win the game with Poppy and Lily R scoring ½, Amalia and Frida scoring 1. Lily B and Tallulah - 1 ½. We do need to work on improving the strength of our hit and the direction to find gaps in the field. Olivia and



Lily B bowled really well and it was a well-deserved win. Well done everyone.

**Contribution Award:** Lily B for some very good batting and Atlanta for a great catch in the field.

### ***U11 Rounders V Castle Ct/BCS***

***Results: win against BCS 14 ½ to 10***

***Win against Castle Court 18 to 13 ½***

Two great wins to start the Rounders season!

All teams surprised their coaches with a very high standard of batting and some outstanding moments of fielding.

BCS and Sunninghill both began slightly apprehensively but soon grew in confidence with everyone contributing - some excellent running whilst batting and thoughtful fielding.

The match against Castle Court was a real cracker with both teams really stepping up a gear. Some aggressive batting from CC saw them take a first innings lead of 9½ to 8½.

In CCs second innings, Sunninghill pulled off some excellent fielding especially from Freya on 2<sup>nd</sup> post and Gemma covering 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> deep. This resulted in 6 of the batters being dismissed restricting them to a further 4 rounders.

All the Sunninghill batters rose to the challenge with everyone contributing and some great work from Giselle and Leah.

A thoroughly enjoyable afternoon for players and spectators alike.

**Contribution Awards:** Fielding - Gemma; Batting - Giselle

### ***U10 Rounders v Castle Court/BCS***

***Results: Loss against Castle Court 4 ½ to 6***

***Loss against BCS 6 - 9***

The team played one innings against BCS first. This was the first match of the season. We batted first and scored 4 ½ rounders. BCS were able to hit the ball slightly further

than us and scored 6 rounders to make it a close game.

Next we played Castle Court, who proved to be a strong team with sharp fielding and hard batting. The girls put up a valiant effort and improved enormously with their fielding with Zuzanna bowling well and Indy doing some good throws in second deep. Another close game which we lost by 2 rounders.

**Contribution Award:** Iola on third post for her excellent focus and effort, going for every ball and stumping her post on many occasions.

### ***U10/11 Tennis v St Osmund's***

***Results: Win 5 - 3***

The format for the fixture was 4 pairs of doubles playing two rounds of matches against the 4 pairs from St Osmund's School.

Overall level was extremely high with strong club players playing against each other.

Freya and Erin were consistent and won both their matches. William and Orlando won both of their matches, had fantastic rallies but would benefit from taking pace off to increase consistency. Tymon and Daniel played two very strong pairs, lost both matches but stayed positive with each other throughout. Well done.

Henry and Ben also faced the two strong pairs and managed to beat the second pair convincingly by maintaining good length on their shots.

**Contribution Award:** Daniel and Tymon for displaying excellent sportsmanship and work ethic.

### ***U11A Mixed Cricket v Warminster***

***Results: Loss 273 - 269***

Warminster School visited Sunninghill as part of their cricket tour. The match started brilliantly with solid batting and good communicating between the players. The pupils worked well as a team. Every player



bowled, batted and scored runs towards the total score. In the second innings it was our turn to bowl and although Sunninghill fielded very well, we gave 22 runs away due to no-balls or wide balls. A lovely afternoon of mixed cricket!

**Contribution Awards: Gemma and Freya for excellent batting and fielding.**

***U13/12 Cricket v The Park***  
***Result: Win 249 - 235***

The U13/U12's played their first match of the season against The Park School in Yeovil.

Sunninghill started as the bowling team which had moments of both brilliance and inconsistency. Sunninghill managed to hit 5 wickets and Joseph and Khalid managed an excellent catch to get their opponents out. In the second innings Dylan and Tom Holding opened up and got the team on the score board. Overall communication between the pairings was good. To improve the boys must encourage their peers more whilst waiting for their turn. Well done!

**Contribution Award: Nathan for being the top scorer with 17 runs from 6 balls.**

***U11/10 Cricket v The Park***

A fun filled first festival game of the season saw the Park bat first in a big bash ten over per side game.

In sixty balls a normally very skilful set of boys managed to ball twenty wides costing two runs apiece. A hasty SMS was sent to our professional cricket coach!

Thankfully our fielding was much tidier and we restricted the opposition to eight runs, with one tidy run out achieved by Gabriel O'D. This gave Park a total score of 241 runs.

Mercifully, our batting proved to be much more adroit and we steadily built a good total thanks to some strong hitting to the boundary by a number of pairs.

With one over to go we were eight runs ahead and had to negotiate the six ball with fewer than two dismissals to win the game. Second ball saw an unlucky "hit wicket" appeal given by the square leg umpire and nerves began to jangle.

Thankfully, Aidan B and Tom C kept their heads whilst all about were losing theirs and the game was ours by a slender margin of four runs.

**Contribution Award: Captain Graja for his calm leadership of the team and providing some hefty hits whilst batting.**

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# Weekly diary and communications

<b>WHOLE SCHOOL DIARY OF EVENTS</b>	30th April	Sailing Regatta 8.30 - 5.00 pm
	1st	SATIPS Music Day Bryanston 1.20 pm
		U8 & U9 Rounders v Sherborne Prep (A) 2.15 pm
		U8 & U9 Cricket v Sherborne Prep @ DCC 2.15 pm
		Form 5 Exped Meeting 4.30 pm
	2nd	U12 & U13 Tennis v Leweston (A) 2.30 pm
		U11 & U10 Tennis v Leweston (H) 2.30 pm
		U11 Cricket v BCS (A) 2.30 pm
		U12 Cricket v BCS @ Martinstown 2.30 pm
	3rd	Class Reps meeting Drawing Room 8.30 am
		U9 Tennis v Millfield (A) 11.30 am
		After School Sailing
		After School Golf Club
	4th	Form 2 Class Assembly
		Parent & Toddler Group
		Whole School Photo 10.30 am
		Form 3 & 4 Sailing
		Form 5 Beach Art
		Form 8 Lions' Lair Parent Car Wash
<b>LETTERS ON THE PORTAL</b>		Menu
		Music Timetable
		Sports Fixtures & Team Sheets
		Class photo proof envelopes - please return to school by Friday 4th May
		Andrew Simpson Watersport Centre Open Day Poster
<b>Fledglings</b>		Class photo proof envelopes - please return to school by Friday 4th May
<b>Nursery</b>		Class photo proof envelopes - please return to school by Friday 4th May
<b>Reception</b>		Class photo proof envelopes - please return to school by Friday 4th May
<b>Form 1</b>		Class photo proof envelopes - please return to school by Friday 4th May
<b>Form 2</b>		Class photo proof envelopes - please return to school by Friday 4th May
<b>Form 3</b>		Fleet Air Arm Museum
<b>Form 4</b>		Class photo proof envelopes - please return to school by Friday 4th May
<b>Form 5</b>		Form 5 Residential medical and kit list
<b>Form 6</b>		Form 6 Outdoor Education Week
<b>Form 7</b>		Class photo proof envelopes - please return to school by Friday 4th May
<b>Form 8</b>		Form 8 Residential Letter