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“Bora da from the Summit of Pen y Fan!”



Dear Parents

Welcome to this week's editorial.

With the departure of Form 5 on their summer exped to the Brecon Beacons, school (and home) have been somewhat quieter this week.

Mrs Stazicker, Mrs Thorpe and Mrs Sales have been blessed with much better than normal weather and we all look forward to hearing of their exploits when they return later on today.

On Tuesday, we shared our three year development plan of iPads with the Chair and Treasurer of the PTFA. They both have a particular interest in how technology can enhance learning and are going to share their thoughts of how they might help accelerate their acquisition with their team at the next PTFA meeting.

Earlier in the week all the staff were delighted to receive an invite from Form 3 and 4 children to their VE celebrations. The quality of the home cooked forties food was fantastic and congratulations to all the parents who went the extra mile to make something authentic.

I am going to Marwell Zoo with Form 3 next week. Mrs Kings suggests you send us off with some more of those home baked goodies. She's especially fond of a cherry and coconut cake!

On Thursday, I rushed back from a meeting at IAPS HQ in Leamington Spa to watch the final holes of the school's first competitive game of golf.

Nathan S, Douglas B and Dylan W, accompanied by Mr “Tiger” Adams, were invited to play in a tri-school friendly game held at Sturminster Marshall. Castle Court and Sandroyd made up the other two teams. There was a wonderful sense of fair play and togetherness, not to mention impeccable course etiquette from all the boys.

The only slight blot came from Dylan W who saved his very best shot of the round for the very last hole. He connected rather too well with a five iron, flying his ball over the heads of the five players on the green, much to the embarrassment of the Castle Court member of staff who suggested he “played up” as he was unlikely to reach.

I don't think he was aiming for me!

I am hoping this will be the first in a number of golf matches we play in the coming months and years.

A full match report can be found later in Hermes.

Ongoing discussions with our senior girls have provided our SLT with a much clearer picture of what future uniform regulations might look like.

It is more than certain that those girls wearing shorts, shirt and tie feel empowered by their liberating choice and are eager to keep it. They have our support. It is also clear that many girls love their kilt and summer dress and wish to keep both these options.

That gives three options, which seems more than enough variables. We may need to consider a moratorium for next summer for those who have bought a skirt in Form 7 that will fit them next summer.

I will write a separate letter home shortly with a uniform list that fully itemises the new options.

What remains essential to me is that children wear their uniform with great pride and respect what it stands for.

Various staff have been away from school for various reasons this week.

Mrs Akerman has been at her national bursar's conference in Brighton this week. I think they have been practicing dramatic sharp intakes of breath when extra funds are sought, and how to tie tight knots around purse strings!

Joking aside, the prudent financial management of small schools remains an essential part of our longevity and I thank Eileen and her team for their great work, ably supported at governor level by Duncan Perks and Rosemary Lewis.

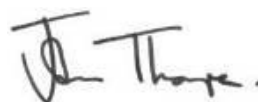
Mrs Sewed has also been on the second part of her masters residential which I know she finds absorbing and highly valuable for her CPD.

Finally, today was our last Open Morning of the academic year. It was a very successful

day, superbly organised as always by Mandy Jones and Sarah Smith.

I must thank Form 6 for being great tour guides, the kitchen for their superb catering and Lynn Strover our chair of the PTFA for representing the parent base at this important school function.

Wishing you an excellent weekend ahead



Mr John Thorpe
Headmaster

Fledglings

This week Fledglings have thoroughly enjoyed their role play outside. We love the story of Goldilocks and the 3 bears especially when we get to stir the porridge!





Nursery



We have been lucky enough in Nursery to have been able to buy these amazing new diggers for our sandpit! The children all love them, and have been great at learning how to use them, even if they found it difficult at first.



We have been observing our real life caterpillars over the last few weeks! The children are surprised how big and fat they have got from when they first saw them so small. They are looking forward to watching them all turn into beautiful butterflies.



This week we have been making some delicious, healthy fruit smoothies that were very refreshing in this warm weather! All children at least tried their smoothie, even if they decided they didn't like it. However, a majority asked for 'more please!' There were smoothie moustaches all round!!



A little reminder to parents please: As a Foundation stage we always value the input, thoughts and views of our parents and children. If you could just take a few minutes to complete our Early Years Foundation Stage Parent Feedback form which has been given out, it would be hugely appreciated. Feedback can be named or anonymous and will only be shared with staff to improve on our provision and practice. Please return by Friday 18th May 2018. Thank you.

Reception



We went to Lorton Meadows all day on Tuesday and did some pond dipping, tree shaking to examine different mini beasts, meadow walk, plus much more. We thought it was important to examine our findings very closely!



Bugfest came to visit Sunninghill today and we had photographic evidence of a brave Miss Livesey holding a red kneed Tarantula!



Reception had a lovely morning out on Thursday for this week's Forest School session.

We spent some time listening quietly in the woods drawing what we could hear around us. Then we sketched the bluebells we could see surrounding us.

Form 3

On Thursday Form 3 went to the Fleet Air Arm Museum as part of their science topic: Forces and Magnets.



Lion's Lair

Simple as Science



Simple as Science are selling science kits to raise money for Motor-Neuron Disease UK. Our materials have arrived and pre-orders will be taken Friday 11th and Friday 18th in compass lobby from 3:30 to 4:30. If you are not available at these times please email or speak to a member of our team! We are still in need of more plastic containers. Please have a look at home and keep them coming! The science kits will be on sale at the Summer Fayre on 23rd June. Please speak to any of the group members or email Joseph.

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Thank you once again for your help, Erin, Tilly, Joseph, Lewis and Ophelia- Form 8

Form 7

On Thursday Form 7 had a great day with Darrell Wakelam making headdresses for our Joseph production.



In other news.....

Music News

Mr Vincent will be in on Friday to avoid trips but there will be no junior beat boxing club this week. Mrs Hawes will be teaching on Tuesday and Thursday.

Please note there is an informal music concert on Tuesday at 4.30pm in the Drawing room. This terms soloist's concert will take place on Friday at 7pm in the Drawing Room, please do come along to support our wonderful young musicians.

Lesley Nolan-Stone

Form 8

Tennis Tournament



Felix was part of the victorious Dorchester Tennis and Squash Club 8U team that recently won the West Dorset Aegon tennis tournament.

The tournament was played in a round-robin style against five other clubs from Dorchester, Sherborne, Blandford, Shaftesbury and Weymouth, meaning each player had to play a total of 10 matches in a single day. It was Felix's first ever tournament, but he managed to win all his matches, helping to secure overall victory for the team.

Much credit must go to tennis coach Michael Willemse. This is now the fourth year running that his 8U team has won the West Dorset tournament. The boys now go forward to the Dorset Final, which will be held in June.

Millfield Prep Sailing Regatta

On bank holiday Monday, Erin, Gabriel, Nathan and Lewis took part in the Millfield Prep Regatta at the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy. Postponed from the previous Monday due to forecasts of high wind and rain, the conditions could not have been more different - scorching sunshine and very light winds.



There were 14 boats taking part from five different schools - Millfield Prep, Eagle House, Princes Mead, West Hill Park and Sunninghill. Erin and Gabriel had a stellar day, gaining one first place and three seconds to finish 2nd overall, and Nathan and Lewis, sailing together for the first time, gained two fourths, a fifth and a sixth to finish 5th overall.

Special congratulations to Lewis for keeping such a cool head in his first regatta and good luck to all the sailors taking part in the IAPs regattas next week. Keep your fingers crossed for a bit more wind!

PTFA - Notes from the Chair

Let me start by saying my thanks to Class Reps, PTFA Committee Members and Julie Hansen for their contributions to our various meetings over the last couple of weeks where we formed our Summer Fayre plans. Things are steadily coming together and I'll share here an overview of organisation to date.

Sunninghill PTFA Summer Fayre
Saturday 23 June 2018
12.30 to 4.30pm

External vendor's stalls

Julie Hanson is looking after our vendor stalls, bringing her deep expertise from past

highly successful fayres to the fore. With our PTFA Summer Fayre being based on the school lawns, we have the opportunity to welcome a greater number of stall holders than we do when we are inside at Christmas time. If you know of any friends or family members who might be interested in having a stall at our Summer Fayre this year please be in touch with Julie via email julieannehansen1965@yahoo.com

Parent lead stalls

The following stalls are allocated by form with the Class Reps taking the lead on reaching out to parents for support. Please take a look at your schedules and see where you can give some time to advance preparations and to manning the stalls on the day, your Class Reps are working hard to get each stall organised.

Form 1 & 5	Deirdre Nolan & Jane Henshaw	Teas & cakes
Form 2	Claire Flower	Skittles
Form 3	Jo Foote	Book Stall
Form 4	Diane Frake	Bouncy castle
Form 6	Sam Barrington	Second Hand Uniform
Form 7 & 8	Carol Krosnar & Sophia Radford Wilson	BBQ

Foundation Years (Nursery and Reception) will be forming a joint team of staff and parents to organise a Jolly Jar stall. More information will follow in the coming weeks on how the jars are to be filled and where and when to drop into school. For now though, please can we all start collecting empty jam jars at home in preparation?

School lead stalls

Staff and pupils will be arranging their stalls on the run up to the big day and there may be some last minute requests coming through as preparations are squeezed in with Joseph rehearsals, exams and end of year activities.

The following are already set:

Form 8	Mrs Brunt	Lions Lair stalls
	Eileen Akerman	Wine & water stall

Grand Draw

A Grand Draw will be held at 4pm at the Summer Fayre and we are putting out a call for star prizes to be offered by members of our community. PTFA will be preparing a hamper and we have one or two prizes offered so far. If you or any business connections you have are interested in offering a prize for the Grand Draw, please be in touch with Lynn. Tickets for the draw will be passed to parents via pupil school bags and we ask for parents' help in selling tickets to friends and family.

Donations

We will be looking for the following items for use on the stalls. Please gather and keep at home for now, to be brought into school during week before the Fayre and we will let you know where they are to be deposited:

- Bottles of wine, spirits, soft drinks
- Empty clean jam jars for creating Jolly Jars (as mentioned above)
- Second hand uniform
- Cakes

Volunteers for set up on Friday 22 June

The day before the Fayre, we will be doing our best to get as much as we can organised to make sure the day runs smoothly. This will include getting tables/chairs arranged for the stalls, gathering donations for each of the stalls and getting items priced up etc. Please let Lynn know if you can offer a couple of hours after lunch to help.

More will follow in the weeks ahead. Let's all look forward to a wonderful Summer Fayre, bringing our whole community together. Happy weekend everyone.

Lynn Strover
PTFA Chair

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Sports News

Golf v Castle Court and Sandroyd

Results: Castle Court - 113 points
Sandroyd - 81 points
Sunninghill - 54 points



Our inaugural golf match and we took three eager novices to play a very friendly game at Sturminster Marshall. To give you an idea of how inexperienced our golfers were, only one had ever been on a golf course before and even that was just once. We were playing against some excellent golfers and, in the true spirit of the game, they were very generous and supportive of our players. In turn, we were very gracious and along the way learnt a massive amount about golf etiquette and shot selection. It was a very valuable first lesson that not all shots need max power.

We played a four ball with three pupils and a member of staff in each group (the Maths bit: our scores were based on 5 points for a par, 1 point extra for each shot below par and 1 point less for each shot above). Nathan - our number one seed - scored 24 points (including a birdie and two pars). Dylan - seed two - scored 15 points (and finished with a great par). Douglas - seed three - also scored 15 points.

It was a superb afternoon and they did amazingly well for their first match. I'm sure it won't be our last.

Contribution Award: All three - Nathan, Dylan and Douglas: I was so impressed from the very first tee where they showed

nerves of steel and throughout a fantastic afternoon

CLAYESMORE ATHLETICS

Year 6,7 & 8 (Selected Athletes)

Results: Report to follow



U8 Boys' Diamond Cricket v BCS

Result: Win 250 - 196

A really good win for the U8s who played and worked as a team. We were much stronger with the bat than the opposition hitting quite a few boundaries and even managing some sixes. Everyone is learning to call clearly which means that there are not so many outs in the game. We were a little slow when it came to fielding but after a few balls and some wake up calls from Mrs Wilson we were much sharper with Max making some excellent stops to prevent a four being scored. Some great catches by Alex and Felix and some accurate throwing in. A really good game all round and well done to you all on your attitude and performance.

Contribution Award: Max, who like his name was springing round with some excellent fielding.

U9 Boys' Cricket v BCS
Result: Win 338-268

The team's focus was much improved in this encounter. Sunninghill started the match fielding, trying to build a fortress around the boundary to minimise the amount of 4's and 6's scored. Communication was excellent throughout and the catching skills are gradually improving.

In the second innings it was Sunninghill's turn to bat. Communication is vital in diamond cricket and the boys seemed to be more courageous than their opponents at making runs which resulted in a higher score. Many 4's and 6's were scored. Well done!

Contribution Award: Thomas E for his excellent concentration and communication.

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	[10am - 12pm]	[12pm - 3pm]	[3pm - 6pm]	[6pm - close]
<u>Monday</u> 12pm - 9.30pm May 28th	CLOSED	12pm - 1pm Holiday Drop-in (6-8 years: Max 8 per session) 1.30pm - 2.30pm Holiday Drop-in (9-12 years: Max 12 per session)	4.30pm-6.30pm T'n Drop-in (13-17 years)	Bouldering: 12+ U18s must be supervised by a competent/inducted climber
Bookable Sessions (60mins) 3pm, 7pm -- Public Climbing between 12pm-9.30pm (inc during Sessions)				
<u>Tuesday</u> 4pm - 9.30pm May 29th	11am - 11.45am: Holiday Drop-in (4-5 year olds)	12pm - 1pm Holiday Drop-in (6-8 years: Max 8 per session) 1.30pm - 2.30pm Holiday Drop-in (9-12 years: Max 12 per session)	4.30pm-6.30pm T'n Drop-in (13-17 years)	7pm - 8pm: 'Introduce a Friend' Registered climbers can introduce a friend for £5 (inc. Kit hire)
Bookable Sessions (60mins) 3pm, 7pm -- Public Climbing between 12pm-9.30pm (inc during Sessions)				
<u>Wednesday</u> 12pm - 9.30pm May 30th	CLOSED	12pm - 1pm Holiday Drop-in (6-8 years: Max 8 per session) 1.30pm - 2.30pm Holiday Drop-in (9-12 years: Max 12 per session)	4.30pm-6.30pm T'n Drop-in (13-17 years)	Bouldering: 12+ U18s must be supervised by a competent/inducted climber
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<u>Thursday</u> 12pm - 9.30pm May 31st	11am - 11.45am: Holiday Drop-in (4-5 year olds)	12pm - 1pm Holiday Drop-in (6-8 years: Max 8 per session) 1.30pm - 2.30pm Holiday Drop-in (9-12 years: Max 12 per session)	4.30pm-6.30pm T'n Drop-in (13-17 years)	Bouldering: 12+ U18s must be supervised by a competent/inducted climber
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<u>Friday</u> 12pm - 9.30pm June 1st	CLOSED	12pm - 1pm Holiday Drop-in (6-8 years: Max 8 per session) 1.30pm - 2.30pm Holiday Drop-in (9-12 years: Max 12 per session)	4.30pm-6.30pm T'n Drop-in (13-17 years)	7pm onward: Ladies Night An instructor will be on the arena, offering advice and support to our community of female climbers
Bookable Sessions (60mins) 12pm, 6pm, 7pm -- Public Climbing between 12pm-9.30pm (inc during Sessions)				
<u>Saturday</u> 12pm - 8.30pm June 2nd	Climbing Clubs 9am - 12pm Centre closed to the public	Public Climbing U18s must be supervised by a competent/inducted climber	Public Climbing U18s must be supervised by a competent/inducted climber	Public Climbing 12+ U18s must be supervised by a competent/inducted climber
Bookable Sessions (60mins) 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm -- Public Climbing between 12pm-8.30pm (inc during Sessions)				
<u>Sunday</u> 12pm - 8.30pm June 3rd	CLOSED	1.30pm - 2.30pm Holiday Drop-in (9-12 years: Max 12 per session)	Public Climbing U18s must be supervised by a competent/inducted climber	Public Climbing 12+ U18s must be supervised by a competent/inducted climber
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