



# Hermes

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*“Gratulerer med dagen!”*



Dear Parents

What a busy and successful week in school it has been.

My report begins last Friday when the Form 6 children returned home with the Dorset U11 Team Orienteering championships under their belt. This is a fantastic performance by all those who took part, especially Gemma FW and Erin P who were first home. Full report in the sports section.



Not to be outdone, the sailors from Form 5 and 6 took part in the IAPS National Sailing championships held on home turf at the WPNSA.

For the second year running Mr Stazicker's experienced sailors beat a national fleet in what turned out to be very strong winds - perfect conditions for Erin, Gabriel, Archie and Valentine to prosper in. Report later in Hermes.



I must also congratulate Frida, Nathan, Lewis and Atlanta who came 11<sup>th</sup> in their age group category. Out of a strong field of 40 including many GB sailors they did incredibly well.

It is an event I had planned to spend time watching but I have been rather preoccupied looking after our team of four inspectors who have been in school for two very full days. Our senior leadership team and governors received a verbal feedback on Thursday afternoon though we will not be able to share the written report with you for about six weeks when it is published. Until then we are sworn to secrecy, though I look forward to sharing the results with you as soon as I am able to.

We've had celebratory birthdays in our staff this week with two special milestone dates to remember. I won't reveal the specifics only to reveal that their combined ages total eighty-one. I'll let you work out how many candles each one has on their cakes.



We also celebrated Norwegian Constitution Day with the Hoyvag family on Thursday which has become a Sunninghill tradition, especially as the cakes that accompany the event are so tasty.

More celebrations came in the shape of another published book for authoress Helen B, mum of Albi who very proudly shared with us a photo together with the book in question which quickly shot to the top of the Amazon book list.



I must also spend a quick minute praising the great work of the estates team. The grounds really do look beautiful at the moment. The childrens' garden is most definitely my favourite classroom in the school and each time I pass by there is a new addition to the team that works with Liz and Jo.

I share an honorary role in the estates team as it is one of my passions too. Rarely does a meeting take place that concerns flowers or wood or trees that escapes my attendance, attention or possibly interference. In recognition of this I was presented with a special commemorative watering can by Katie S this week. She even got my favourite colour right!



With inspection out of the way we have some massive events to really get rolling.

First up is the Grandparents' and Alumni Day next week which Mandy tells me has rapidly taken on rather epic proportions with nearly fifty old girls (no offence meant) visiting. That will be exciting because they always come in very high spirits. Please do extend a warm welcome to your parents and do sign them up with Mandy as we'll need to have a military plan in place.

It's then full steam ahead to getting Joseph and His Amazing Technicolour Dream Coat ready for you all to enjoy. As you will remember, we set the bar at the very highest level with the Lion King and have given ourselves a much shorter time framework to succeed. No pressure there then!



To end an incredibly busy week, Form 5 entertained us and their parents to a wonderful class assembly that shared their Exped week with us all. It was great fun and even included an awards ceremony.

At break time our amazing conservationists in Form 6 arranged a cake sale in aid of the Lorton Meadow barn owls who are sadly in decline. The Dorset Wildlife Trust have recently brought to our attention the plight of Betty and Bob. If you have few spare moments this weekend please do google them. You will be able to share live images of them via their webcam.



I'm heading off now to buy a new set of pyjamas for Elodie's "Wear your pyjamas to school" event in aid of Julia's House which takes place next Friday. I wonder if any parents might want to join in the fun at drop off.



Have a relaxing weekend!

*John Thorpe.*

Mr John Thorpe  
Headmaster

## *Fledglings*

This week Fledglings have spent a lot of time outside in our lovely courtyard garden.



We especially enjoyed excavating in our sand pit looking for dinosaurs, and making sure our baby dollies were nice and clean.



## Form 2

We have been learning about habitats and adaptation this term. We learnt some interesting facts about penguins and decided to make some of our own, as they were so cute!



On Thursday, Forms 3 and 4 went to Marwell Zoo. We all had a wonderful day, with some of us seeing certain animals for the very first time.



## Form 3 & 4

Last week we had a joint VE Day celebration to mark the end of the Second World War and the end of our topic.

Everyone arrived in red, white and blue and had made authentic savoury and sweet dishes to enjoy. The sun shone on our street party. We missed putting the photo in so it has had a second mention!





We had two workshops; one on the rainforest and another on conservation. We had such a fantastic day!



## Andrew Simpson Watersports Centre Cardboard Boat Race



## In other news.....

### 500 Words Final: Hampton Court Palace 8<sup>th</sup> June 2018



Lea (Form 7) has been selected from those whose stories were longlisted and won a place at the final of the Radio 2 500 Words Story Writing Competition. This will be a star-studded event at Hampton Court Palace broadcast live on the Radio 2 Chris Evans Breakfast show.

As well as attending a spectacular 500 Words Final from Hampton Court Palace, where superstar celebrities will read the winning stories live on the radio, this year's winners will ride around the Hampton Court Palace grounds in Chitty Chitty Bang Bang and be offered tea on the Thames aboard Her Majesty The Queen's rowbarge, Gloriana!

Well done, Lea.

Mrs Fernley

We had a couple of team entries into the Great Dorset Cardboard Boat Race at the Andrew Simpson Watersports Centre on Portland on Sunday

Mr Stazicker was outstanding and a super support to Tallulah and Olivia who's vessel 'Old News' was a beauty on land but tended to roll once in the water! They went down laughing! Fab day all round!



Sunninghill managed to win third place overall after a hard fought battle.



## *Cake Sale results*



The morning break cake sale raising money for the barn owls was a great success. They managed to raise £123.10. Thank you for all the baking, selling and eating!

## *Cricket*

Dorchester Cricket Club is starting a new 'Cricket All Stars' Course on Saturdays from 10am-11am.

The course runs from the 26<sup>th</sup> May-July 14<sup>th</sup> and is open for 5-8 year olds.

Participants receive a personalised kit, Cricket sessions for the older boys and girls run on Wednesday evenings.

For more information please contact head coach Sean Fitzgerald on [sean.fitzgerald.dcb@gmail.com](mailto:sean.fitzgerald.dcb@gmail.com) or club chairman Simon Joslin on [Simonjoslin@hotmail.com](mailto:Simonjoslin@hotmail.com)

Please refer to the flyer at the end of Hermes.

## *Fencing*

There will be no Fencing on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> June and Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June will be the last session for the term.

## *Parking Permits*



If you requested a parking permit, please return your completed slip to Lydia by Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May. Thank you.

## *PTFA - Notes from the Chair*

Following on from my note in last week's Hermes, Summer Fayre remains at the front of our minds. Do take a look back at 11<sup>th</sup> May Hermes if you missed it for more details.

Thanks goes to the small number of parents who have been in touch to offer help with



setting up for the Summer Fayre on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June afternoon and Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June morning. Looking forward to hearing from more of you who can add hands to the pump so to say.

And if I may give the Grand Draw another plug here please, it will be held at 4pm at the Summer Fayre on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 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.

Summer Fayre posters will be appearing around school and town in the coming week.

As mentioned by Mr Thorpe last week, Steve Ray and I had the opportunity to see how technology is being applied in class, representing a popular theme in our conversations with parents over the last couple of months. We certainly got our morning wake up, joining Forms 7 and 4 and testing our little grey cells. It was fantastic to see the high level of engagement that IT tools can create along with the insights and support to learning garnered. Support to this initiative will be on our agenda at the next PTFA meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> June (6pm in the Drawing Room) alongside our usual updates on our event planning. All welcome, please let me know if you'd like to join us.

Sunny weekend on the forecast, enjoy it everyone!

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## Notes from a small garden....

A cold and blustery lunchtime this week, with just a few rain drops for fun. We separated into two groups, one worked at planting out the sweet peas around Liz's lovely willow tower. Whilst the other sowed some rather different seeds.



We planted rainbow spinach, purple carrots and nasturtiums into pots that the gardeners can take home at the end of term to make some interesting summer salads from. We can't wait to see if they taste the same as their more predictable cousins!



Good news from the pond! The wildlife is finally thriving, thanks to Leon we now have two newts, and we can report definite frog

and tadpole sightings too! Their only predators now are a few Form 6's who spend quite a lot of time hunting them down to make friends with them.....

In other news, progress is good on the growing front, strawberries, beans, peas and spinach all coming along nicely, and a few baby cucumber plants have appeared this week too!

Jo Foote

## ***Nutrition Natters***

Hello!



Today, and after a while of writing, I thought it would be interesting to speak about respiratory problems in children, such as asthma.

Asthma is a common long-term inflammatory disease of the airways, mainly the lungs. It is characterized by recurring symptoms, reversible airflow obstruction, and bronchospasm. Symptoms include episodes of wheezing, coughing, chest tightness, and shortness of breath.

Every child should register with a GP and a nurse to be properly diagnosed and treated. Also it's very important to find out what triggers the asthma symptoms and monitor them. Asthma.org.uk advise parents to have a calendar to help with this. It's fun and quite easy to use plus you can order one from the website. The calendar comes with smiley face stickers to encourage your child to keep an eye on their asthma symptoms. It seems parents find it very useful because it's not only fun but practical and really helps the children. It educates them, helps them to engage and be more involved.

Please have a look into the website, it is very interesting.

Also, it's imperative your child understands what kind of medicines they need to use and why. Usually and depending on the severity of the disease, your child should be using a preventer inhaler and a reliever inhaler.

A preventer inhaler contains a steroid medication and is designed to reduce the inflammation of the respiratory tract including the lungs to make sure the symptoms like coughing and shortness of breath improve. It builds up in the body and that is why it should be used every day at the same time to ensure your child gets into a routine.

A reliever inhaler is a sort of quick fix that your child can use when their symptoms are at there worst and they get out of breath. It works very quickly but only for a short period of time, which is why it doesn't help to control long term symptoms.

Careful with the sun and enjoy your weekend.

Marina Mendes

## ***Sports News***

### ***IAPS Sailing Regatta 2018***

The day started, Archie and Valentine's boat had lots of problems and resulted in them having to come in before the first race. It was a dramatic beginning to the day with huge winds gusting 27 knots. The first race was exciting for the whole team as Archie and Val capsized but managed not to lose any places. Whereas Erin and Gabriel death rolled, downwind, Gabriel managed to cling on to the boat but Erin was lost at sea, that meant that they came 8<sup>th</sup> with Archie and Val in 2<sup>nd</sup>. Second race was victorious as Archie and Val won and Erin and Gabriel came 3<sup>rd</sup>. Third race was the opposite results. In the fourth race it was exhilarating as the wind picked up further with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Gabriel and Erin and a 4<sup>th</sup> from Val and Archie.





The event ended with a tie, resulting in it coming down to who did best in the last race. That meant Erin and Gabriel came 2<sup>nd</sup> overall and Archie and Val in 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Sunninghill Prep School came 1<sup>st</sup> overall.**

### ***Dorset Schools Orienteering Championship 2018***



The Dorset Schools Orienteering Championship was held at Avon Heath Country Park this year. A beautiful venue and one we had never been to before. Our orienteering skills were going to be put to the test against an unknown course and Dorset's finest orienteers.

Our pupils, always up for a challenge, didn't let us down and we turned in some fantastic scores:

- Josh and Gabriel came 8<sup>th</sup> (95 points - 25 point penalty for lateness!) for Year 6 boys

- Erin and Gemma came 1<sup>st</sup> (150 points) for Year 6 girls
- Lily R and Tom came 2<sup>nd</sup> (160 points) for Year 7 boys(!)
- Lily B and Jessie came 1<sup>st</sup> (160 points) for Year 7 girls
- Amalia and Frida came 2<sup>nd</sup> (150 points) for Year 7 girls

Everyone finished in the top ten and we had two firsts and two seconds. It was a superb individual/pair effort with each competitor thinking fast, running hard and working as a team. Which meant collectively we put in a superb school score and won the Dorset Schools Orienteering Championship by the narrowest possible of margins 5 points!

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunninghill - 620 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Baden Powell and St Peters - 615 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Fordingbridge JS - 515 points

Congratulations to all those who took part and also Mrs Wilson for her work on developing those superb orienteering skills.

Our next round is in October. Bring it on!

### ***U9 Dorchester Area Swimming Gala***



Form 4 went up to the 1610 pool on Tuesday and performed admirably in all the individual races and the relays. Each race had two heats and the individual swimmer or relay teams with the fastest time were selected to represent West Dorset in the Dorset School Games Swimming Finals on Thursday 28th June at the 1610 pool. The following are finishing positions in the heats.

Swimmer	Event	Position
Lydia N	Freestyle	4th
Will S	Freestyle	1st
Amelia F	Breastroke	2nd
Sam H	Breastroke	1st
Polina Y	Backstroke	4th
Sam H	Backstroke	3rd

Girls mixed stroke and freestyle relays 3<sup>rd</sup>

Imogen H, Polina Y, Amelia F, Lydia N

Boys mixed stroke and freestyle relays 1st

Sam H, Theo S, Otis R, Will S

Many congratulations to the boys who have been selected to represent West Dorset in both relays. Well done to the whole team for supporting each other brilliantly and many thanks to all the parents for your vocal support and encouragement.

### ***U10 Girls' Rounders v Clayesmore/ Salisbury Cathedral***

**Results:** *Draw v Salisbury 5 - 5*  
*Win v Clayesmore 11 - 6*

The team played two games against Salisbury Cathedral and Clayesmore. In the first game against Salisbury the team batted first. We took a while to warm up with Katie scoring our only full rounder. The final score was a draw at 5-5.

In the second game against Clayesmore our batting improved and full rounders were scored by Georgie (2), Mia (1) and Holly (2). Both teams gave away half rounders for no balls. Our fielding also became sharper and after the first innings we were 3 rounders in the lead. We continued our lead and the final score was a win at 11-6.

**Contribution Award:** Katie for focused play and consistently good batting.

### ***U11 Girls' Rounders v Clayesmore/ Salisbury Cathedral***

**Result:** *Win v Salisbury Cath 7 ½ - 5*

This was an 18 ball one innings game with Salisbury in bat first. They managed several half rounders with some good running and a little bit of indecision in the field from us. Gemma was unlucky not to catch several of their batsmen but fielded well at 3<sup>rd</sup> post. Eleni was very accurate with her bowling and Esme was calm at backstop. Scoring was Eleni x 2 Lea, Esme, Sofia x 1 and the Salisbury bowler gave us quite a few ½ rounders with no balls.

**Result:** *Win v Clayesmore 2 ½ - 7 ½*

We went into bat first and hit the ball really well with nearly everyone recording a score, giving Clayesmore a tough task. Gemma and Esme hit well to run 2 ½ rounders each. Eleni x 1 ½, Verity, Giselle and Freya x 1 and Meena with ½.

Some great running between the posts as well. We fielded well again with Gemma taking a great catch, Giselle throwing in well and Verity and Freya alert on the posts. A really good double win, well done everyone.

**Contribution Award:** Eleni for some great bowling and joint top scorer. Esme for being joint top scorer with 3 ½ rounders.

### ***U12 Girls' Rounders v Sherborne Girls***

**Result:** *Win 10 - 6*

Sunninghill started as the batting team first and started strong with a half rounder from Lily R and a full rounder from Frida. The girls encouraged each other brilliantly and managed to score 5.5 rounders in their first innings.

Fielding was also excellent with Frida throwing accurate balls to second base. The team managed to keep Sherborne's score down to only 1.5 rounders in the first innings and 4.5 in the second. This was mainly due to a lapse in concentration!



When Sunninghill batted for the second time they were even more aggressive but were caught out on a few occasions. Never the less they managed to score 4.5 rounders to clinch a 10-6 victory.

**Contribution Award:** Frida for excellent batting and wicket keeping throughout the afternoon.

#### ***U8 and U9 Tennis v Leweston Result: Win***

The U8 and U9 boys and girls played tennis v Leweston. 15 courts were in use on which 30 mini courts matches were played at a time.

Every player played at least 2 matches, and some played more.

Consistency and rallying skills improved as the afternoon went on and Sunninghill won the fixture quite comfortably overall. To improve the players need to display more energy when moving and recover back to the middle after their shots. Well done!

**Contribution Award:** Lucy for improving her consistency on the forehand and backhand side.

#### ***U13/12 Boys' Cricket v Clayesmore Result: Loss 84 - 99***

Sunninghill fielded strong with a solid catch from Khalid following by a dive in the field to stop a boundary by Nathan. The boys were more alert and focussed when fielding during this match which was pleasing to see. Dylan's bowling was excellent.

Sunninghill's batting innings was successful with quite a few 4's but Clayesmore won by direct bowling getting three wickets one after another.

**Contribution Award:** Khalid for excellent fielding.

#### ***U10 Boys' Cricket v Clayesmore Result: SPS 101 - 44 Clayesmore (3 pairs)***

Rain stopped play

We were going great guns then the rain came down. We batted brilliantly and a set a very aggressive target of 101. There were some fine performances throughout and everyone contributed. Stand out performances include our opener, who set the pace, Harry W with 5 fours and useful contributions that kept our score ticking over from Harry A, Henry and Leo also putting together some good knocks. Our final target for them was an impressive 101.

Our bowling was accurate. Again Harry W impressed with his tight bowling. As did Eddie taking a valuable wicket and Harry A with a pair. We were through their third pair and they not even halfway to our total when the rain became too much for Noah let alone cricket and the match had to be abandoned. Despite the rain there was some great cricket and some great sportsmanship on display

**Contribution Award:** Toby - called up at the last minute and played the game in its true spirit. He was a great host - both generous and great entertainment!

#### ***U12/11 Boys' Tennis v DMS (11<sup>th</sup> May) Result: Win 5.5 - 6.5***

Sunninghill started the matches slightly slowly with unforced errors creeping in early on. DMS were a tough test with tough opponents but tight wins from Ben and Henry in the singles gave the boys the lead. Nathan battled hard as number one displaying beautiful groundstrokes. Once again, Daniel and Tymon displayed excellent sportsmanship in the doubles and worked well as a team.

The match was 6-5 when Tymon played the deciding singles match. He played a tough match with long rallies and managed to finish the match 3-3 which gave Sunninghill the victory.

**Contribution Award:** Henry for his fighting spirit and emphatic wins.

***U9 Boys' Tennis v Millfield (3<sup>rd</sup> May)***  
***Result: Win 16 - 8***

The U9's competed against Millfield in an intense and high level tennis match.

Sunninghill were focussed and determined from the start. The boys displayed excellent sportsmanship throughout and won some very tight matches. Sunninghill just wanted it a bit more on the day and fully deserved the victory. Special mention goes to Theo for supporting his team brilliantly!

**Contribution Award: To the entire team for their ferocious efforts.**

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# Weekly Diary

WHOLE SCHOOL DIARY OF EVENTS	21st	Form 4 & 5 Exam Week	
	22nd	Form 2 Lorton Meadows	
		Form 3, 4, 5 & 6 BSO Celebration @ Bournemouth	
		U8 & U9 Mixed Diamond Cricket (H) 2.30 pm	
		U8 & U9 Cricket v Salisbury @ DCC 2.30 pm	
	23rd	Forms 3 - 8 Effort Grades on the Portal	
		Form 3 & 4 Monkey World Cake Sale 10.15 am	
		U13/12/11 A Cricket v Yarrells @ Martinstown 2.15 pm	
		U13/12/11 B Cricket v Yarrells (A) 2.15 pm	
		U13 & U12 Rounders v Knighton House (A) 2.30 pm	
		U11 & U10 Rounders v Knighton House (H) 2.30 pm	
	24th	Reception Forest Schools	
		Grandparent & Alumni Afternoon 2.00 pm	
		After School Sailing	
		Golf Club	
	25th	Pyjama Day for Julia's House	
		Reception & Form 3 Assembly 8.30 am	
		Parent & Toddler Group	
		Form 2 Goat Cake Sale 10.15 am	
		Form 3 & 4 Sailing	
		Form 8 Scrapstore	
		Form 6 Cooking	
	LETTERS ON THE PORTAL	Menu	
		Music Timetable	
		Sports Fixtures & Team Sheets	
		Police E-Safety Update Summer 2018	
Fledglings	No letters		
Nursery	No letters		
Reception	No letters		
Form 1	No letters		
Form 2	Lorton Meadows		
Form 3	No letters		
Form 4	No letters		
Form 5	No letters		
Form 6	PSHCE Information		
Form 7	No letters		
Form 8	No letters		