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“St. Trinian’s Return!”



Dear Parents

I write this week’s editorial after an incredibly busy few days day in school.

Yesterday afternoon was Grandparents’ and Alumni day. It is normally a very well attended event but numbers were swelled by nearly fifty former pupils of St. Genevieve’s convent who came en masse to relive their school days.

It really was all hands on deck with the kitchen making afternoon tea for seventy five visitors. I can’t ever remember seeing so many scones and jam in one place. It did open a very heated debate of whether one puts the cream or the jam on first and whether milk or tea goes in the china cup first.

I’m fairly certain scones should first be smothered in salty butter then layered with clotted cream followed by a generous portion of homemade raspberry.

Milk should always go in the tea and not the other way round.

Feel free to enter the debate!

There were many tour guides and musical performances courtesy of Mrs Nolan-Stone,

the Junior Choir and the Senior Woodwind group.



I know the children absolutely loved showing their grandparents around school, visiting their favourite places and showing them the work they do in the classroom. It is an event we will keep on our annual calendar.

Earlier in the week we were delighted to hear that Megan Lane had accepted the post of full time school Receptionist. Megan will join the school for the last three weeks of the Summer Term where she will shadow Lydia, ready to fly solo in September when we return from our summer holidays. Lydia will then be part time working as the School Secretary.



Megan was the unanimous choice of all those involved in the interview process and we very much look forward to her joining the admin team.

We have had two cake sales this week, one to support Form 3's project for Monkey World (more later in Hermes) and Form 2's one to raising an additional £142.90 to the increase the number of goats we can send to Africa.



Originally my ambition was to raise enough to buy two goats but it seems we have a bigger appetite. (hmm roasted kid!).

It looks like we are aiming to now buy a tribe (the collective noun for goats by the way) I know that because my Form 5 maths class somehow distracted me into talking about collective nouns. We found a crash of rhinos, a charm of goldfinches, a giggle of girls and a rascal of boys!

Today is GDPR day!

I am sure that you have, like me, received hundreds of "soft opt in" emails this week to ensure you understand why companies hold your data and what they use it for. As an employer we are under the same ICO regulations and have sent you our privacy notices too.

I am indebted to Mrs Sophie R-W who has been the Bursar's indispensable "go to" guru on all matters GDPR. Sophia made a guest appearance at Tuesday's regular staff meeting to make sure we were all up to speed on these issues of compliance.

To show how contrasting life in school is, my key appearance this week was as a guest at the Fledglings Royal wedding celebratory party, accompanied by adults in their posh frocks and hats. What great fun!



Not to miss out, the PTFA are busy organising their own summer fayre and have written a letter to you this week outlining all the main parts of the organisation needed. Please do offer your help and support wherever you are able to do as it is a fantastic event.

At the other end of the spectrum, the Form 8 children have had no such luck themselves in terms of partying. Their final Common Entrance exams are now just ten days away with half term in between.

Form 8 parents, I am sure you are "right on it" already but do please encourage your children to work from a revision timetable and spend time (little and often rather than in big chunks) revising key areas. Don't forget to remove all distractions, especially their phone and connection to any and many screens. Offer some tempting treats in exchange. Early to bed, early to rise!

Thankfully, they have an exped on Guernsey to look forward to once they have finished, so there is a light at the end of the tunnel.

Finally today we were royally entertained by a collaborative assembly performed by Reception and Form 3 celebrating the amazing work carried out by Julia's House.

It was a very moving and sensitive assembly that children staff and parents really enjoyed. There were even three Hilda Ogden look-a-likes present which added great frivolity and great style to the occasion.



Wishing you a wonderful half term holiday together and I look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 4th June.

John Thorpe

Mr John Thorpe
Headmaster



Nursery

We have been busy making some lovely pine cone bees in Nursery. They look amazing hanging from mobiles in our classroom!

Fledglings

This week Fledglings and Nursery enjoyed a street party to celebrate the marriage of Prince Harry to Meghan Markle. We had a high tea followed by a disco, fun was had by all.



Also relating to our bees topic this week, the children have all made and enjoyed eating some yummy honey sandwiches. We have been talking about the importance of bees and how their honey is made by watching videos and listening to stories.



In gardening club, Nursery were lucky enough to pot some tomato plants and take them home- very exciting!



Form 2

On Monday we took a trip to Lorton Meadow.

We had fun pond dipping and identify a host of different creatures. We spent some time in the woods investigating which creatures were living under the logs and which were living in the trees.



We held large nets under the branches, shook them hard and waited to see what would fall out. It was great!



We also looked at leaves and bark to identify different trees and noted which ones had flowers.



Form 3 & 4

Our cake sale to adopt Reike the baby orang-utan raised £172.50!

We have surpassed our target of £150 which is the cost for a school to adopt. Thank you everyone for your support.

Form 8

Lion's Lair



Simple as Science are selling science kits to raise money for Motor-Neuron Disease UK. Our materials have arrived and pre-orders can be taken throughout the school day. If you are not available at this time 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. Big kits are £5 and small kits are £2. The experiments include; rock candy, lava in a cup, Mentos and Coke, Oobleck and Slime.

Our group would like parents with any spare small/medium size cardboard boxes or paper bags to please bring them in after half term and put them in the big clear plastic box we will place in compass lobby.

Please speak to any of the group members or email Tilly or Ophelia.

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Thank you once again for your help,

Erin, Tilly, Joseph, Lewis and Ophelia

In other news.....

Holiday Club



Booking forms and activities sheets for the Summer Holiday can be located on the website and we are now taking bookings.

<https://sunninghillprep.co.uk/information/holiday-club/>

Whole School Photo

Your child has brought home their order form envelope this week for the whole school photo. The large framed photo can be viewed on the Main Stairs. If you would like to place an order please return your completed order to Lydia by Monday 4th June.

Music News

Date Change!! Please note that the date for the **ensemble assembly** has been changed from the 8th June at 8.30 to **2nd July at 9.00am**. You are very welcome to come along!



On Tuesday, Forms 3, 4, 5 and 6 went on a musical journey to the Lighthouse in Poole with the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra. We also performed 3 pieces with the Orchestra too and managed to wave at our very own violin teacher, Mrs Hawes, on stage!



Congratulations to the Junior Choir and the Windband for performing brilliantly at our Grandparents Day!

Pyjama Day

Today we have been raising money for Julia's House and all wearing our pyjamas. A great way to finish the half term!



Notes from a small garden....

A scorcher this week, and a lot of frog excitement! Two were spotted as were many large tadpoles. It's a great distraction the pond, and quite a lot of time this week was spent pond watching... just in case our froggy friends popped up, indeed Hamish kept a watchful eye for most of break, occasionally raising the frog alarm, causing trowels to be thrown aside and planting to be forgotten! If only those frogs knew how much delight they bring!



We did manage to plant a few things, carrots and sunflowers, cosmos and spinach all were sown or planted on. The sunflowers are now nestled into our sunniest corner by the art room, a fitting place, as they were grown from seeds collected last year on the trip to Stokewater Meadows!



One of the more spectacular crops at the moment are our broad beans, unfortunately hidden by the greenhouse in the furthest bed, these humble beans are putting on a great show of flower. Next year I think we might plant them in the flower border along with the cosmos and the sweet peas at the front as they deserve to be shown off, and why not plant veggies in a flower bed?!



Next week, not a lot, as it's half term!

Jo Foote

Sports News

Swimming / Sailing Thursday 7th June

We are hosting a Year 5 and 6 swimming gala v Sherborne Prep. There are 7 children in the gala that normally sail.

Please can I ask that they swim as we are trying to include as many children as possible? The swimming team sheet will be on the portal.

Many thanks
Mrs Wilson

IAPS Fencing



Khalid (Form 8) and Lily R (Form 7) competed in the IAPS National Fencing Competition at Millfield.

Competition was fierce and they both did extremely well with Lily coming 8th in the U12 age group and Khalid coming 3rd in the U13 age group.

Huge congratulations to both!

U13 Girls' Rounders v Sherborne Girls (16th May) Result: Draw 10 -10

The U13s had a very close game on Wednesday. When batting Erin and Hannah brought home an amazing two rounder's each! In fielding Katy made some accurate throws from first deep and Tilly caught a tricky ball on first post. The girls were not deterred by some tricky bowling and it ended in a draw with the final score of 10-10.

Contribution Award: the whole team for some amazing fielding and working together to get people out.

U8 and U9 Mixed Diamond Cricket v Salisbury Cathedral
Results: Win 38 - 32

It was an exciting game, albeit short, with both teams batting well and demonstrating sharp fielding. The final score was a win for Sunninghill at 38 runs to 32.

U9 Boys Pairs Cricket v Salisbury Cathedral
Result: Loss 56-59

Sunninghill started the match fielding. Bowling has vastly improved as fewer wides were thrown. Fielding positions were a bit too close to each other leaving gaps for Salisbury to hit into. Unfortunately concentration was low and we gave away cheap runs which were costly at the end. Beautiful catches from Max and Thomas enabled us to keep their score reasonably low.

In the second innings Thomas and Sam started as battings pair and scored many 4's and 6's. Their technique was a pleasure to watch. Ben, William, Otis, Max and William also batted superbly. Again near the end of the innings concentration wavered and Sunninghill got caught out by some interesting decision making. Skills are vastly improving but the team would benefit immensely from developing their concentration.

Contribution Award: Sam for his outstanding batting skills. Well done!

U10 Girls' Rounders v Knighton House
Results: Loss 10 ½ - 16 ½

The team batted first and got off to a good start with 7 ½ rounders with Holly scoring 3 of them and Mia 2 ½. When the team fielded, they focused well and got two players out, but did make some costly errors which allowed Knighton House to score 11 ½ rounders.

In the second innings the team was clearly feeling tired and Knighton House managed to get everyone out after 20 good balls, except Indy! Most got out on second post after doing a backwards hit when they

didn't actually need to run on! Our fielding improved and the final score was 10 ½ to 16 ½.

Contribution Award: Shared between Zuzanna for much improved bowling and Holly for consistently solid batting.

U11 Girls' Rounders v Knighton House
Results: Win 22 ½ - 13 ½

A scorcher of an afternoon and some scorching batting from Sunninghill gave them an impressive 12 rounders to 7 first innings lead. Freya was particularly strong, scoring a full rounder on each of her 4 bats in an innings where every player contributed to the score.

Both teams played well in their second innings and Sunninghill were able to extend their lead with more excellent batting and a couple of superb catches.

Sunninghill's fielding has greatly improved since the start of term with several players becoming more tactically aware. We now need to ensure everyone maintains full concentration throughout both fielding innings.

Contribution Awards:

BATTING - Freya for superbly consistent batting, scoring off every ball ashe faced throughout both innings

FIELDING - Gemma impervious fielding in the deep with some really strong and accurate throw-ins.

U13 Girls' Rounders v Knighton House
Results: Loss 14 ½ - 12

We got off to a slow start when we batted first and managed 5 rounders in the first innings. Our score was low as we kept hitting the ball to 2nd post and Knighton fielded very well. Knighton had 2 big hitters but we fielded well to keep them to 7 rounders after one innings.

Our second innings was much better and we scored 6 half rounders with much better

placing of the ball. We increased our score to 7 with Hannah as our top scorer overall with 3 ½, Imogen -2, Erin & Tilly - 1 ½, Izzy & Ophelia - 1 and Rosie ½.

There were some great catches from Hannah, Tilly and Izzy and Erin was steady on 2nd post. We lost this game on the last few balls when Knighton ran for everything and we were a little slow to throw the ball in. An exciting game which either side could have won.

Contribution Award: Hannah for being top scorer and making 2 excellent catches with some good fielding.

U13/12/11 A Cricket v Yarrells
Results: Win 231 - 229



Stunning weather, a fantastic cricket pitch and focussed players was always going to be a recipe for a brilliant afternoon. Sunninghill fielded brilliantly in the first innings. Concentration was excellent as they took out 6 wickets. Bowling was much improved and not many wide's appeared. Special mention to Henry, Harry and Valentine for their excellent fielding. In the second innings it was our turn to bat which started difficult as Yarrells bowled very well. Nathan hit two stunning 4's whilst Douglas and Lucas both defended their wickets superbly. Tom S and Dylan were the final pair to bat and were chasing 14 to win. It did not start well when Yarrells took two wickets but the boys remained calm and scored beautiful 4's and 6's after that. A huge well done to the team for their

excellent support and concentration throughout the afternoon.



The above photo was taken near the end of the match when the score was super tight.

They were supporting Dylan and Tom superbly who were batting for the match.

Contribution Awards: Dylan and Tom for being excellent leaders and producing the goods under immense pressure.

U13/12/11 B Cricket v Yarrells
Results: Loss 262 - 293

I praised our team last week for being generous hosts but this week our generosity extended too far: giving Yarrells far too many runs in the extras column. Through a combination of wides and no balls we managed to gift them 44 runs which was, in the end, double the difference between the two team's scores.

We took to the field first. There were some plus points in our fielding and bowling. Lawrence took a wicket in the first over. Gabriel held on to a fine caught and bowled - the best way to take a wicket - with his last ball. Gethyn was the most accurate bowler of the day giving just a single extra away. As they say in Wales - tidy!

In bat, we had a tough old climb to haul down their run total. It didn't start well with Gabriel and Tymon leaving dot balls. In a limited overs game every ball is a scoring chance and this was a very limited overs game. Gethyn's two overs was an edge of

the seat ride 1-w-6-1-4-2 scoring our only six of the game.

Contribution Award: Gethyn - frugal bowling and six hitting batting - IPL here we come!

School email addresses:

U11 Tennis v Millfeld (18th May)
Results: 4 wins, 6 losses, 2 draws

Lydia: lhampshire@sunninghill.dorset.sch.uk
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Sunninghill played some stunning tennis and were involved in lots of tough rallies. Application and concentration was excellent and the team was unfortunate not to get a few more wins under their belt.

To improve, the team needs to keep developing their footwork but with such brilliant attitude I am confident we will be a tough challenge for them again next year. Daniel, Ben and Henry were involved in stunning rallies in their singles whilst Tymon displayed strong reflex volleys in the doubles.

Contribution Award: William and Orlando for improving their consistency and remaining composed under pressure.

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Sunninghill PTFA Summer Fayre



Saturday 23rd June 2018
12.30pm to 4.30pm



Sunninghill Prep School, South Walks, Dorchester

Weekly Diary

WHOLE SCHOOL DIARY OF EVENTS	4th June	Back to school after half term
	5th June	Form 8 CE Exams/Forms 6 & 7 Exams
		Whole school photo order collected 8.30 am
		U8 & U9 Rounders v Knighton House (H) 2.30 pm
	6th June	Form 8 CE Exams/Forms 6 & 7 Exams
		U12 & 13 Pairs Cricket v Sherborne Girls @ Martinstown
	7th June	Form 8 CE Exams/Forms 6 & 7 Exams
		Reception Forest Schools
		Form 3 & 4 Monkey World Trip 8.30 am - 4.00 pm
		After School Sailing
		After School Golf
		Form 5 & 6 Swimming Gala v Sherborne Prep (H) 5.15 pm
		PTFA Planning Meeting 6.00 pm
	8th June	Nursery - Form 5 Move-Up Morning
		Forms 4, 5 & 6 Forest Schools
		New Parent Tea 3.30 pm - all current parents welcome
LETTERS ON THE PORTAL		Menu - 4th & 11th June
		Music Timetable - on the portal on Monday 4th June
		Sports Fixtures & Team Sheets
		Summer Fayre letter
Fledglings	No letters	
Nursery	Move Up Morning	
Reception	Move Up Morning	
Form 1	Move Up Morning	
Form 2	Move Up Morning	
Form 3	Effort Grades on the Portal/Paulton's Park/Move Up Morning	
Form 4	Effort Grades on the Portal/Paulton's Park/Move Up Morning	
Form 5	Effort Grades on the Portal/Move Up Morning	
Form 6	Effort Grades on the Portal	
Form 7	Effort Grades on the Portal	
Form 8	Effort Grades on the Portal	