

Hermes

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Autumn Term

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Spot the ball!



Boys House Football

Dear Parents

The first full week back in school has positively sped by and there's lots to share with you.



I've had lots of reports from the Form 7's in Suisse Normande. It has been the first time that we have combined a French/History/Outdoor Pursuits trip in one

go and it sounds to have been a roaring success. I'm looking forward to their French assembly in a couple of weeks' time. I must express my gratitude to the staff who have accompanied the trip. It is a huge undertaking to prepare and an even bigger responsibility on the ground where it's non-stop. They're due back at 11pm tonight.

Whilst I'm on the subject of trips, I had to explain to Form 3 parents this week that their exped next week to Rock and Rapid would not be able to go ahead. With an experienced member of staff down who knows the children and venue well we found ourselves too stretched and we have opted to postpone until mid-May. I must thank all the parents who attended the meeting and offered such great understanding and support.

Form 2 had their own mini exped this week, heading to Brownsea Island to kick start their topic off on Katie Morag and the Isle of Struay. Their highlight was fending off peacocks whilst they ate their lunch.

Form 8s were due to visit a synagogue in Exeter later this term only to find out it has been closed for the foreseeable future due to an arson attack. What a terrible state of affairs when there is no tolerance and respect of different creeds and cultures. Respect is something that we talk to our children about all the time.

We also keep nagging about sustainability and being environmentally friendly. For the past five years we have had the target of reducing our consumption of utilities but have yet to meet our target. Perhaps this will be the year? Liz Stein, our master gardener is doing her best to contribute. She has hatched the master plan that we should be recycling all the left over drinking water at lunch to feed to her plants. You might think this is just a drop in the ocean if you

pardon the pun, but each day two huge buckets full are reused.



If I want to change the world it must start with me!

On Thursday evening the first PTFA planning meeting took place, with events and dates planned for the whole year. I must thank retiring teachers Mrs O'Donnell and Mrs Sales and welcome Mrs Sewed and Mrs Thorpe. Please don't forget if you wish to join this team they would be only too glad to welcome you. Their first event is the wine tasting event on 11th October closely followed by the Quiz Night in November. Mr Vanburgh has offered to be the quiz master this time. Rumour has it that the old quiz master no longer has the emotional resilience to deal with the rowdy crowd, though I've heard he is keen to join the staff team bringing with him a wealth of knowledge on black pudding and the life and times of Sir Geoffrey Boycott.

Talking of nights, haven't the evenings begun to draw in quickly. Have you noticed a real nip in the air when it's time to take the dogs out for their evening constitution? Lots more new dogs can be seen around school, some having travelled from as far afield as Portugal. One pup seems to be part of a handbag accessory that I imagine you can only buy from Accessorise. It is even rumoured that our very own registrar Mrs Jones is heading into the territory of owning a canine companion. There's tidy for you now!

It has been fantastic this week to see how enthralled our senior children have been to

spread their imaginative wings into the domains of Design Technology and Food Technology. These lessons take place each Thursday and I was very impressed with the inspiring work they were all involved in. When you add into their diet the fantastic robot STEM project and Shakespeare in School festival work that is ongoing. It is a dramatic move ahead in terms of the skills we are helping to develop and the level of cross-curricular thinking that is needed. It is also a big shift away from the rather staid curriculum that Common Entrance offers. It is our plan this year that no pupil will have to wait until mid-June to find if they have achieved their first choice school for Form 9.



If you are a Form 8 parent, and the Thomas Hardye School is your first choice, please make sure you have logged on to the "Dorset For You" website and filled in your application before the end of October. If you miss this deadline your place will be in jeopardy. You have been duly warned!

If you are a current Form 6 parent and Canford School is on your horizon, please would you make contact with me so I can share with you their new admissions procedure.

On the sporting front, the senior girls headed straight into hockey fixtures this term. Their match report can be found later in Hermes. I must thank teachers for their efforts in compiling these reports. They get back from their matches, often some distance away, tidy away all their kit and then settle down to write their lengthy reports. It is a great commitment.

The boys enjoyed a house football competition on site, with their report also posted later in this edition. We even had spectators in the form of a match day doctor and also Sholto whose ear to ear grin gives you an impression of how much he was enjoying himself.



Finally, we welcomed the heroic paramedics from the local ambulance service to our Friday assembly today. The response team wanted to spread the word about how important a helmet is when you are cycling on the road. They also gave some good careers advice to our older children.



Please do remember you are all cordially invited to join us for each and every Friday assembly. If you would like to enjoy a breakfast after the assembly, please do let us know by Wednesday afternoon so we can get the numbers right for catering.

Handwritten signature of Mr John Thorpe.

Mr John Thorpe
Headmaster

Fledglings

Fledglings have enjoyed being back after the summer break. We loved picking the last of our tomato crop and tasting them “yummy”. Welcome to all of our new starters as they begin their Fledglings journey.





Mrs Carr

Nursery

Nursery have been making some bird feeders along with Reception during their Let's Explore session this week. They will soon be hung in the garden for the birds to enjoy!



This week we have started our 'All about me' topic and have drawn some lovely self-portraits on fabric bunting.



Mrs Beasley

Form 1

Year 1 went for a walk through Dorchester yesterday. Our topic is 'Your World, My World' and we were comparing where we live and our local environment with those of children in Ethiopia, Brazil, India and Russia. Form 1 especially enjoyed the toy shop and were deciding what they wanted as their next toy. Plenty of ideas for Christmas!



We also stopped at a van that was promoting looking after our planet and keeping our environment free from waste, particularly plastic, and they were offering a token worth 10p for every plastic bottle and waste brought to them to recycle.



Mrs Jackson

Form 2 @ Brownsea Island

We followed the fairy box clues around the island and had fun in the woods building dens.

Mrs Thorpe



Form 3

Form 3 had great fun cooking for their Friday enrichment. The children made blackberry milk jellies and they even learnt how to wash up.



Music News

Instrumental Lessons - instrumental lessons have already started this term and it's been wonderful to see and hear our talented musicians. The music timetables are on the portal and up on noticeboards at school. Please encourage your child to check the day, place and time of their lessons. If your child is interested in learning an instrument or starting a second instrument we do offer free tasters on a wide range of instruments.

Please contact Mrs Nolan-Stone on lnolanstone@sunninghill.dorset.sch.uk to request a taster or for more information. We also have a selection of instruments that are available to hire.

Mr Oliver Vincent - unfortunately, due to his long commute, Oliver will no longer be teaching here every week. However, he is still very keen to come and run workshops and enrichments with us. Mrs Fredi Teale, our fantastic singing teacher will have some additional spaces available next term for Oliver's pupils. Please contact Mrs Nolan-Stone if you would like your child to have lessons with Fredi, or to arrange a taster lesson.

Our New Music Diaries - We are really excited about our new music diaries and we hope that the children will enjoy using them. They cost £7.50 per instrument and every child that has instrumental lessons at school will be given the diaries and they will last the whole year. This annual cost will be added to your school bill. Just like our school diary, they are an excellent line of communication and a record of the lessons and targets, contact information, ensembles, exams etc. Please do give us some feedback about them and let us know how they are working and if you have any ideas about how they could be improved.

Mrs Moss

Sunninghill's Got Talent

STOP PRESS!!! SAVE THE DATE: Friday 7th December 7pm for SUNNINGHILL'S GOT TALENT

At the end of this term we will be having our very own Sunninghill's Got Talent Show and

every child in the school in reception to form 8 is warmly invited to take part! Auditions (which will need to be no longer than 3 minutes) will be held in our Music and Drama lessons in the two weeks before half term. The winning acts will then be chosen to perform in our show on the 7th December. Children can enter both individually and in a group and we are hoping to showcase a wide range of talents!

Although our final show is a celebration rather than a competition we would like to have a panel of judges to give feedback to our performers. Please let us know if you have ideas or contacts for special guests we could invite.

If you have any questions please ask Mrs Moss or Mrs Nolan-Stone.

Form 1 & 2 with the Paramedics





Gethyn a clean pair of heels and sneaked an extra 4 points for his house.

The final results for the afternoon were:

Ridgeway	Played 3	W 2	D 1
Lost 0	Points 9 ½		
(including 2 ½ from PSO)			
Frome	Played 3	W 2	D 1
Lost 0	Points 9 ½		
(including 2 ½ from the PSO)			
Purbeck	Played 3	W 1	D 0
Lost 2	Points 7		
(including 4 from the PSO)			
Maumbury	Played 3	W 0	D 0
Lost 3	Points 1		
(including 1 from the PSO)			

Mr Thorpe and Mr Adams

Sports News

To get warmed up for the sporting season ahead, the boys enjoyed a house football afternoon this week.



Nearly all the games were closely contested with some superb team and individual performances.

Gethyn J ended up with the golden boot and William BK was outstanding in goals. It was very reassuring to see some excellent talent coming in Senior Prep in Form 5.

We finished the competition with world cup penalties. A player from each team was chosen from a shoot-out within each house. Nathan S showed Tom, Max and

Girls Hockey v The Park

Team: U13

Result: Win: 7 - 1

Sunninghill began their season in the best possible way with a thoroughly deserved and convincing win over the Park School.

They began with a bang attacking from the first minute and after some early misses were finally rewarded with their first goal. Frida and Atlanta worked well together exchanging some lovely passes resulting in a goal each. The Park did manage to put together some breaks but great defence from Olivia and Poppy thwarted them and some well - directed passing soon put Sunninghill back on the attack. On the cusp of half time, the Park did score to make it 4 - 1.

Despite rolling substitutions, Sunninghill continued to play on the front foot. Jessie scored an early goal in off the far post. Goal of the match went to Lily who picked up the ball 10 meters out, dribbled into the D and slotted the ball past the stranded Park defenders and keeper. Atlanta made the score 7 - 1 with a goal in the dying minutes.

Well done to the whole team for such a great start!

Contribution Award: Frida for 2 excellent goals and great teamwork.

Form 8 Responsibilities for the Autumn Term

<i>Head Boy</i>	Lawrence
<i>Head Girl</i>	Verity
<i>Sports Captains</i>	Amalia & Nathan

Prefects:

<i>ICT</i>	Lawrence and Olivia
<i>Art</i>	Jessie
<i>M&D</i>	Clara and Lily B
<i>Outdoor Ed</i>	Atlanta and Frida
<i>STEM</i>	Verity and Poppy
<i>Languages</i>	Lea and Amalia
<i>Humanities</i>	Olivia
<i>Eco</i>	Jessie and Verity
<i>Publicity</i>	Clara



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OPEN
TO ALL

SUNNINGHILL'S GOT TALENT AUDITION!

Musicians | Singers | Dancers | Actors
Comedians | Magicians
Solo or groups of any size

WHERE

In your music and drama lessons

WHEN

Week starting 8th October

LIVE
FINAL
7th December
7pm

FAQ

TICKETS ARE STRICTLY LIMITED
ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS

PLEASE CONTACT RAGS OR GEORGE
TO CONFIRM TICKET NUMBERS

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Weekly Diary

WHOLE SCHOOL DIARY OF EVENTS	17th	All Clubs begin this week
	18th	Boys U8 & U9 Football v Castle Court 2.15 pm (H)
	19th	Reception Class photo - Echo
		Girls U12/13A & B Hockey v Castle Court (A) 2.30 pm
		Girls U10 Hockey v Castle Court (H) 2.30 pm
		Girls U11 Hockey v Castle Court (H) 3.15 pm
		Boys U13/12 Football v Dumpton & FSM (A) 2.00 pm
		Boys U11 Football v Dumpton & FSM (A) 2.00 pm
		Boys U10 Football v Dumpton (H) 2.30 pm
	20th	Reception - Form 4 Swimming
		U8 Football v Leweston (H) 2.45 pm
		After School Sailing
	21st	Jeans for Genes Charity Day - home clothes
		All parents invited for our weekly Friday assembly 8.30 am
		<i>Please book breakfast with Megan by Wednesday</i>
		Parent & Toddler Group
		Form 5 - 8 Sports afternoon
	LETTERS ON THE PORTAL	Menu - 17th September
Music Timetable - Week 3		
Sports Fixtures		
Police on-line safety Newsletter		
On-line E-safety Newsletter		
Fledglings	No letters	
Nursery	No letters	
Reception	No letters	
Form 1	No letters	
Form 2	No letters	
Form 3	No letters	
Form 4	No letters	
Form 5	No letters	
Form 6	No letters	
Form 7	No letters	
Form 8	No letters	