

# Hermes

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Autumn Term

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## *Home Sweet Home!*



## *Baking starts in Nursery!*

Dear Parents

A blustery welcome to this end of week Hermes. The tail end of Florence has certainly arrived with a vengeance and blown away a lot of cobwebs. It has cancelled our weekly sailing and caused us to lock the low ropes course so we're not all playing under the trees.

Talking of tail ends and vengeance, we had a particularly angry swarm of wasps this week. Their hidden nest was disturbed and one young child was stung over a dozen times. She was incredibly brave and received a special award in this morning's assembly.

Despite the noisy wind, an eerie silence has descended on our own household this week.

Life may never quite be the same for Jo and me again. Rosie, the youngest of our three children, has gone to university having set herself the goal of studying Journalism and PR at Bristol uni. True to form, it was all a bit of a last minute change of heart and took

us both by surprise. Having looked forward to life post-children for quite some time, we've finally got there and we are a bit lost for what to do. Surfaces remain tidy, clean pans are in the cupboard, doors don't slam and full time chauffeuring has come to an end. Ivy keeps moping around the house looking for her and her bedtime routine of snuggling in with Rosie under her duvet (gross I know!) has been changed to sleeping in the dog house with Molly. Titbits have gone together with new spangled collars. How the mighty have fallen!

It's all a bit strange and proves you must be careful what you wish for.

We've had a few new events in school this week.

Junior Prep children have enjoyed a taster session of yoga, which they seemed to really enjoy and some Junior Prep children have had their first taste of playing a musical instrument. Do remember your children can have a free taster lesson in any instrument. Contact Mrs Nolan-Stone for further details.





Nursery and Reception children have been enjoying lots of creative play this week as part of their “Let’s Explore” sessions.



Please can I remind Reception parents that we would like the default for Wednesday afternoons to be that all your children stay for the afternoon and that you remind us if they are not going to stay, rather than the old system of needing to tell us if they are staying. Mrs Sewed tells me that’s worth more than fifteen extra days of learning per year!



At the other end of the school, the Form 7’s have settled quickly back into school having had a brilliant trip to France.

If you are a Form 8 parent do remember that your application for Thomas Hardy must be submitted on the Dorset for You website by the 31st October. Please don’t be late in applying as it will put your place in jeopardy.

On Tuesday, Mandy and I spent some time talking to a company about an App for your phone that seeks to improve communication and provides an interface which is more accessible and user-friendly. This research is in response to the feedback we get from you that the Parent Portal and Clarion are really not working for us all. We really liked what we saw and we’d like to extend our exploration of the uses of the App by inviting a small number of critical friends to be part of a focus group. If that’s you, please make contact with Mandy. You’d need to be available for an hour in the next couple of weeks.



I will be away from the chalk face from Wednesday onwards next week. It is the IAPS National Heads Conference, held at Celtic Manor. It is a great opportunity to listen to inspiring speakers and network with all my fellow IAPS heads (there are 700 of us). Finally, thank you for the lovely messages of support you have all sent to Mr Stazicker via the cards in Compass Lobby (and thanks to Mrs W for buying them). I am sure his spirits will be lifted.

Wishing you a lovely weekend with your family.

*John Thorpe.*

Mr John Thorpe  
Headmaster

### ***Fledglings***

Fledglings have been out and about this week collecting items for our Autumn display. We also love mark making with our friends outside.



*Mrs Carr*

### ***Nursery***

This week, as part of our 'birthdays' topic, we made a Victoria sponge cake! The children were great helpers and helped to weigh out and mix the ingredients together. They all came back to Nursery saying how lovely their cake was!





Rosie exploring the teddy bears, matching numbers and recognizing numerals.

*Mrs Beasley*

### ***Let's Explore with Reception & Nursery***



The children all loved exploring with playdough and using the autumn related themes to put on top of it to make marks. The playdough was made with cinnamon and

mixed spices. The children all commented how nice it smelt. We had comments saying "it smells like Christmas", "it smells like pancakes" and "gingerbread".



All the children enjoyed accessing the art session on Monday afternoon moulding clay together and then putting autumn related items on top of their clay to make marks. They collected them from around our grounds. They had great fun finding leaves, feathers and acorns. Sadly we found no conkers!

### ***Form 2***



*We have been learning about using nature's colours to create artistic designs.*





*Mrs Thorpe*

## **Art**

Form 2 have been looking at some beautiful sunflowers in art. They investigated colour and tone using soft pastels in preparation for their drawings inspired by Vincent Van-Gogh.



Forms 3 and 4 have looked at a range of Roman pot designs and patterns in preparation for their work in printmaking. They used symmetry to help develop the shape at the planning stage.

Form 8 are researching portraiture and exploring how artists use symbolism to convey meaning. They have begun to develop and improve skills with drawing facial features as they prepare to plan and organise ideas for their self-portraits.



## **Construction Club**

The Junior Prep club enjoyed Construction Club!



## ***“Much Ado About Nothing”***

Form 8 will be performing “Much Ado About Nothing” for our Shakespeare play this year. We have been doing comical sketches and rehearsing scenes for the play. We would really like your support by coming to our show on the 7th of November.



Tickets are available for the 7th of November at the Weymouth Pavilion; please get your tickets from their box office.

*Clara, Amalia, Lily and Lea*

## ***Music News***



Exciting news in the Music Department this week as we took delivery of a class set of Trumpet's and Trombone's for Forms 3 and

4. As part of this terms music and drama lessons, children will be learning how to play with Mr Penfold and Mrs Nolan-Stone. Everyone took part and enjoyed their first lesson, we hope it will encourage more students to start learning a brass instrument within school.

Mrs Hawes will be teaching on Wednesday and Thursday.

## ***Notes from a small garden*** (although decidedly bigger than it was..)

It was a lovely welcome back to a blustery garden this week, with record numbers of mini gardeners keen to try us out and see what we have on offer in our little oasis.







With still an abundance of crops to harvest, we filled our bags with tomatoes and snozcumpers (cucumbers for those uninitiated in the ways of the BFG) garlic and a few of the last beans.

Our beautiful crop of onions were strung up to dry in the greenhouse, and we set about gathering seed heads to store for next year. Calendula and sunflowers this week, but we hope to create our very own seed library as we move into autumn from the things we have grown this year to re sow as the seasons change.

Although we are moving into chillier times, there are still crops that can be sown, like the spring onions we put in this week, and the chard, growing happily under cloches, that was planted in the first week of term. Still plenty to do in our ever expanding garden.

## Sports News

**Team: U10 Hockey v Castle Court**

**Date: Weds 19th Sept**

**Result: 1 - 0 Win**

The team started the game tentatively but soon gained confidence, controlling and passing the ball well. Everyone was involved which was nice to see. Polina was strong in

midfield passing the ball effectively and Imogen was solid in defence. The team put more pressure on the Castle Court goal and Polina managed to score after a goal mouth scramble! We played some constructive hockey in the second half with Poppy playing well at the back and Imogen at Centre Forward. Lydia, Izzy C, Izzy S and Amelia all worked well and it was great to start the term with a win. Well done everyone.

**Contribution Award: Imogen for a good all round performance.**

**Team: U11 Hockey v Castle Court**

**Date: Weds 19th Sept**

**Result: 2 - 1 Win**

A very good game overall which was fairly even until a bit of indecisive defending by Sunninghill led to the first goal for Castle Court. We then switched on in midfield with lola and Indy getting control of the ball to give our forwards more opportunities to get the ball into attack. lola took advantage of this by scoring our first goal to make the scores equal. We continued to keep the pressure up and just before half time we won possession from a long corner and Holly scored our second goal. Castle Court came back strongly in the 2nd half but we tackled well and never gave up. We held on well for a deserved win. Great effort girls.

**Contribution Award: Indy for reading the game and the improvement in skills.**

**Team: U12/13A Hockey Castle Court**

**Date: Weds 19th Sept**

**Result: 3 - 0 Win**

For some of the girls this was their first game of the term. We started really well putting pressure on the opposition, not giving them chance to pass and winning the ball back. Frida slotted the first goal in from a tight angle after some good midfield play from Lily. Atlanta and Erin were strong in defence and Amelia was moaning that she had had nothing to do in goal! Frida scored

another 2 goals before half time to get her hat trick.

Everyone changed position during the second half and although we hit the post and had some near misses we failed to score again. Megan played well, strong on the ball and looking to make an effective pass. Tallulah and Freya whizzed up and down the wings and Eleni made some good tackles. A great win although we do need to work on our scoring technique, taking more time on the ball and using our skills.

**Contribution Award:** Frida for scoring a hat trick and Megan for her first hockey game for Sunninghill.

**Team:** *U12/13B Hockey v Castle Court*

**Date:** *Weds 19th Sept*

**Result:** *4 - 3 Win*

An end-to-end game played in excellent spirit by both teams resulted in a deserved win to Sunninghill.

Both teams began the match with some scrappy play - loose passes and sloppy tackles - but players gradually settled into their game. Somewhat against the run of play Castle Court took a 2 - 0 lead. This seemed to spur Sunninghill on to play with a little more determination and commitment and they were soon able to draw level with goals from Jessie and Esme.

At half time we discussed how narrow Castle Court were playing. Mrs Brunt urged the team to expand with the wings staying wide to create space. Consequently the game became much more open with Poppy, Verity, Lily and Leah making numerous breaks.

One such break from Lily (playing her first match for the school) down the right wing resulted in poppy scoring the third goal for Sunninghill. Poppy went on to add a fourth and just before the final whistle, Castle Court pulled back a goal.

The team can take lots of positives from the game including strong tackling in defence and players staying wide to create space. They now need to work on keeping possession within the team by anticipating

the game eg passing/shooting before they are tackled!

**Contribution Award:** Poppy for her all round play and commitment.

**Team:** *U9 Football v Castle Court*

**Date:** *18.9.18*

**Results:** *B team 2 - 0 Win*

*A team 4 - 0 Loss*

The u9's started the match brilliantly, passing the ball around and creating many chances. Alex and Max had some superb shots on goal but their goalkeeper was tough to beat. Sunninghill kept pressing and scored to win the match 2-0.

During the second match the boys began to slow down and Castle Court's fresh legs took control of the match. The Sunninghill team fought as lions and kept fighting even after getting injured.

**Team:** *U10 Football v Dumpton*

**Date:** *19.9.18*

**Result:** *3 - 1 Win*



An amazing first game of the season which saw the dynamic under tens apparently scorch to victory. The match stats show quite a different story. We scored three great goals from three shots on goals, whereas the Dumpton boys had a least a dozen shots on goal which captain fantastic William BK managed to save or divert. The post also made some great interventions.



James S was immovable in defence and Theo S wins the award for the most miles covered in the game and for scoring a brilliant goal from the twenty yards out. It was fab to see Archie G play his first game for the school.

**Contribution Award** goes to mazy Max J who played centre half, centre mid and striker, scoring two great goals along the way.

Like my beloved Leeds we are top of the Championship!

**Team:** *U12/13 Football v Dumpton & FSM*

**Date:** *19.9.18*

We played our first match this week - a triwizard tournament against Dumpton and FSM.

In the words of Arsenal fans 'some you lose, some you draw'. We drew our first game against Dumpton and lost the second against FSM. Ironically we played our best football in the second half against FSM.

Nathan (captain), Tom and Henry worked tirelessly in midfield. Gabriel provided an intelligent and energetic link in attack. Harry and Ben made countless timely tackles at the back and Daniel made some super saves between the sticks. A good first outing that showed, in glimpses, what we are capable of.

**Contribution Award:** Ben - not your typical centre back physique but read the game superbly with crucial tackles and interceptions.

## ***Jeans for Genes Day***

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to this Charity by wearing jeans.



## ***News from two former pupils***

Erin, at her first Canford match. She was pleased as Punch at being in the first team, and the first match was a 3-1 win.



*Stanley, a former pupil of SPS*



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### ***Form 8 Responsibilities for the Autumn Term***

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

#### ***Prefects:***

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

WHOLE SCHOOL DIARY OF EVENTS	24th	Forms 1 & 2 trip to Thorncombe Woods
	25th	U8 & U9 Hockey v Castle Court 2.15 pm
		U8 & U9 Football v Salisbury Cathedral 2.00 pm
		Form 4 Residential Meeting 4.00 pm
		Form 5 Parents' Evening 4.45 - 7.00 pm
	26th	U12 Hockey v Hanford 2.30 pm
		U11 Hockey v Hanford 3.15 pm
	27th	Reception - Form 4 Swimming
		After School Sailing
	28th	Form 7 Assembly 8.30 am
		All parents invited for our weekly Friday assembly 8.30 am
		<i>Please book breakfast with Megan by Wednesday</i>
		Parent & Toddler Group
		Forms 3 & 4 Cranborne Ancient Technology Centre trip
		Form 5 - 8 Sports afternoon
LETTERS ON THE PORTAL	Menu - 24th September	
	Music Timetable - Week 4	
	Sports Fixtures	
	Reception to Form 8 - Curriculum Maps & Letter	
	Homework Letter from the Deputy Head, Academic	
Fledglings	No letters	
Nursery	No letters	
Reception	No letters	
Form 1	No letters	
Form 2	No letters	
Form 3	Cranborne Ancient Technology Day Trip/Thorncombe Woods	
Form 4	Cranborne Ancient Technology Day Trip/Kick Boxing	
Form 5	Parents' Evening/Kick Boxing	
Form 6	Kick Boxing	
Form 7	Invite to assembly/Kick Boxing	
Form 8	Kick Boxing	