

Hermes

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Autumn Term

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Take up the Baton!



Much Ado About Nothing!

Dear Parents

Welcome to a briefer Hermes than usual as I am on my annual IAPS Heads conference, held at the Celtic Manor this year. In total, IAPS looks after some seven hundred schools worldwide. The three-day event consists of district meetings, our AGM, key note speakers and some great hospitality events too. I mustn't share too many details of those with you as the teachers might find out and I'd be in trouble upon my return to school on Monday.



It was lovely to see a very-well respected and recently retired Headmistress from our district receive a lifetime award. At one stage in our past, Penn Kirk was a governor of Sunninghill. Some of you may remember her?

The highlight of the event for me was our after dinner speaker. His name was Rainer Hersch. He combines conducting Philharmonic Orchestras around the world, with being a professional comedian. Those two occupations don't immediately jump out as having any synergy but he was simply fantastic.



He managed to get a thousand of us on our feet and conducted us all as if we were a full orchestra. It was really great fun.

More importantly, his subliminal message was about how an orchestra takes it non-verbal cues from his actions and energy and how there was so much cross-over in the roles that Heads undertake in school.

If you see me walking around school with a baton next week you'll understand I am on my way to teaching Form 4 science,

undoubtedly the highlight of my week (apologies to Form 8 Geographers).

Back in school, Mrs Sewed has had “hold of the reins” for the first term. I think she has really enjoyed herself and I look forward to hearing how the Form 7 assembly went.

Whilst writing Hermes from a far, I received a message from Mr Stazicker checking I was behaving and that the nearby River Usk hadn't seduced me into paying her a visit. I assured him of my diligence to duty and checked how he was doing.

He was very eager for me to thank you for all your wonderful messages of support and how they have brought a great cheer to him whilst tests continue to establish what the problem might be.

I'll be missing Friday afternoon Games today. This fantastic addition to our timetable for senior children has very quickly proven to be an incredibly popular and valuable addition to our sporting curriculum. A surge of energy definitely creeps into Friday lunch as we all get ready for our chosen activities for the afternoon.

Looking ahead to next week, Form 4s head off on their expedition to Brenscombe with Mrs Moss and Mrs Sales. I'm hoping to have supper with them on Wednesday evening.

Next Friday sees our first Open Morning of the year. Mandy Jones has been updating me on those new families that are coming to visit. It is reassuring that we continue to have a steady stream of visitors coming to see us.



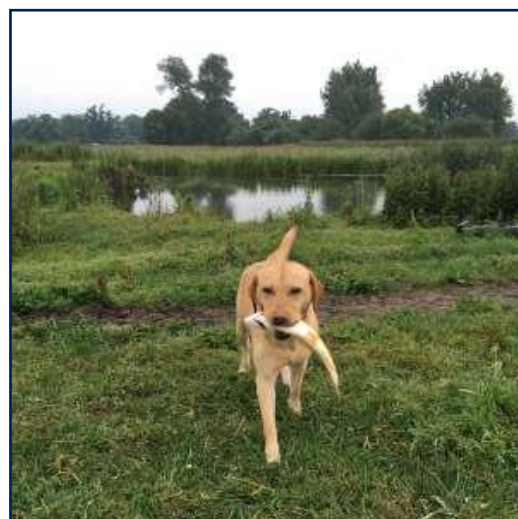
Do remember you are all very welcome to join us for the morning if you'd like to have

a look at some of the improvements that have taken place over the holidays or perhaps to drop into a lesson to share some learning with your children. Please would you remember to sign up with Mandy if you are planning to join us so we can arrange the correct number of tour guides.

We are still searching for a new Chair of the PTF. I have quietly “tapped up” a few nominees but they have all seen me coming from a distance and have a strong reason why the job might be beyond them. If you might be interested in the post, please do come for a chat. I'm not sure we can continue constitutionally without someone at the helm which would be a real shame as the Association does so much for the school.

Sunninghill is delighted to host a charity evening in support of Fishing for Schools and Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance. The event will take place on Tuesday 18th December. Join us for an evening of hearty dining, fine wines and entertaining after dinner speakers in our Drawing Room. Please see the attached poster for further details.

Finally, I wish you are lovely “Indian summer” weekend ahead. Perhaps have a last sea swim of the year before the cooler weather slips in. It's definitely on my agenda with Molly!



Mr John Thorpe
Headmaster

Fledglings

This week in Fledgling's we regularly went out on Autumn walks to ensure we collected enough leaves for our sticky hedgehog creations. We have focused upon a favourite book of ours 'Owl Babies' and reflected this in our baking when making chocolate nest cakes.



Nursery

Rosie and Lilia have a lovely friendship! They enjoyed playing in the vets role play together and transporting the animals around the room, building up scenarios and a story around what they were doing.



Mrs Beasley

Let's Explore with Reception & Nursery

During Let's Explore, the children planted daffodils. Reception and Nursery all had a go and discussed which way round the bulb needed to be planted.



On Tuesday we made some brilliant hedgehogs! We painted the paper plates brown and used glue to stick on twigs, lollipop sticks, pom poms and googly eyes to make the spikes and the face.



Please feel free to come into Nursery and look at our Let's Explore display board- you will see some lovely photos of the Reception and Nursery children and their art work displayed from these sessions.

Nursery to Form 2

Yoga Taster sessions were enjoyed by the Nursery to Form 2 classes this week. Some children were particularly enthusiastic!



Form 1 & 2

Form 1 & 2 had fun developing their orienteering skills in our Ladder Challenge this week.



Form 3

Form 3 had a wonderful outing to Thorncombe Woods. The class did a scavenger hunt and used the materials to make clay heads on the trees.



They also made impressions of leaves in plasticine.



Sam and Charlie were keen to show us their den that they had made previously.

Form 7

In their Science lesson learning about organs, tissue and cells. They had to dissect a chicken leg and were looking for tendons in these photos.



Much Ado!

Form 8 have been very busy preparing for their performance of 'Much Ado'. Here are a few pictures of us in the costumes for Beatrice, Benedick and Margaret.



Ballet with Miss Emilie



Next Wednesday I will be starting our Autumn term dance course at Sunninghill for Nursery, Reception and Form 1 children.

Weekly sessions will cover the fundamental skills of dancing, teaching the children their basic steps and technique, as well as timing and sense of performance, all with plenty of fun and confidence boosting encouragement.

If you would like your little one to join us for this term, please give me a call or send me an email. The cost for the Autumn term is £56, and I'm very happy for new children to try a session before families commit. If you would like to find out a bit more about my school and my training and experience, please visit The Studio's website.

Looking forward to my 14th year of dance at Sunninghill School!

Miss Emilie

Stitching Bees Club



Mrs Whittall



Music News

Mrs Hawes will be teaching violin on Tuesday & Wednesday. Form Two, as part of their music and drama lessons are learning the violin and all enjoyed their first lesson.

Form 2 Violin Taster Sessions





Public Health England

Children and staff in educational settings are particularly susceptible to the spread of infections, such as seasonal influenza (flu) and gut infections (such as norovirus) which increase over the winter months. Outbreaks often occur due to the close contact between children and staff. However, the impact can be reduced by following the advice provided and by adopting good infection control practices.

It is important that all children from aged 2 to 9 years are immunised against flu. Children develop the same range of symptoms as adults and can become very ill, or even die, from flu, but if young children become unwell they are also particularly likely to spread infections to other vulnerable people. Immunising children against flu can therefore protect them, their families, and also the wider community in which they live.

Children aged 2 and 3 years old are offered the vaccine via their GP, whilst those aged 4 - 9 years (Reception to Year 5) will be offered the vaccine at school, via their local school aged immunisation provider. The date for this year is Tuesday 6th November. A letter will follow later this month with more details. Children and staff in at-risk groups of any age are also offered immunisation via their GP.

Lydia



Holiday Club

Don't forget to make your booking for the Half Term Holiday Club. We are open for one week of the holidays from Monday 22nd to Friday 26th October. Full details and booking forms on the website link below and places are filling up fast so please do not leave it until the last minute!

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

Sports Club - Forms 5 - 8

Mr Willemse and Mr Thorpe will be running a 3-day Sports Club during the second week of half term. Please sign up as soon as possible to enable us to run it.

Open Morning

You are welcome to join us for our first Open Morning of the academic year next Friday from 9.30 until 12.00. If you would like to attend or you know anyone that would like to have a look around our lovely school, please register with Mandy on

registrar@sunninghill.dorset.sch.uk

Sports News

Hockey

Team: U8 v Castle Court

Date: 25th September

Venue: SPS

Result: 2 - 8 loss

This was the Form 3 team's first match of the season and the girls were extremely excited! They had to get used to staying in position on the pitch and trying to avoid crowding the ball, but nevertheless their play was very impressive and showed great potential for future matches. Castle Court had the edge, but the Sunninghill team stayed focused and never gave up. Clara and Izzy scored excellent goals. The final score was a 2-8 loss, but the team should be very proud of how they played in their first match.

Contribution Award: Izzy for very determined play.

Team: U9 v Castle Court

Date: 25th September

Venue: SPS

Result: 6 - 1 loss

Well, what can I say? I am so incredibly proud of SPS U9 team. There are only 6 of us and Castle Court brought 20+ girls which meant that SPS stayed on all game while 4 different Castle Court teams played us. The girls were exhausted at the end but had played with real determination and grit. They did not give up and actually their best quarter was the fourth. Flora showed that she is a natural defender, Lucy ran and ran, Mirabelle made some great passes out of the D and found good spaces, Carolina tackled like a demon, Isadora ran and ran and tackled really well, and Maggie astounded us all (including the opposition) with her nifty skills and confidence on the ball. Well done girls!

Contribution Award: Maggie for scoring our goal and generally being brilliant!!!

Team: U11 v Hanford

Date: 26th September

Venue: SPS

Result: 1 - 2 loss

A really close game which could have gone either way. We started well with Lola carrying the ball well in midfield and Georgie working her socks off on the wing. Katie and Mia were hassling the Hanford forwards and put in some strong tackles. Mia was alert at the back and took a hit out quickly passing the ball to Indy who took it forward, passing to Zuzanna who coolly slotted it into the goal. Brilliant. Hanford came straight back and a lack of concentration in defence gave them a chance to score the equaliser. With 2 minutes to go we made a substitution and unfortunately while this was happening Hanford scored the winner. A hard fought game which we were unlucky to lose. Some good hockey though girls, well done.

Contribution Award: Mia for some strong defending. Zuzanna for a calmly taken goal.

Team: U12 v Hanford

Date: 26th September

Venue: SPS

Result: 1 - 2 loss

It was nice for the U12's to play together but they started slowly and put themselves under pressure by not marking and hassling the opposition. Hanford scored both their goals in the first half and could have scored quite a few more if Sofia hadn't been on top form in goal, saving brilliantly on many occasions. Megan worked hard up front, using her skill to beat the opposition, ably supported by Freya and Erin. In the second half we came alight with Esme and Eleni tackling ferociously, winning the ball and making some effective passes to the forwards. We went close a few times before Megan scored our goal. We pressed to get the equaliser but just couldn't get past the Hanford keeper. An end to end game which we could have won if we had started more on the front foot. Well done to everyone.

Contribution Award: Sofia for an excellent game in goal.

Football

Team: U8 v Salisbury Cathedral

Date: 25th September

Venue: SPS

Result: 3 - 1 Win

After a fantastic draw last week the U8's were excited to play their second fixture of the term against Salisbury Cathedral. Sunninghill faced their U8 A's in the first half. The team dominated the travelling team and took control of the match early on. Gregory worked hard and completed excellent passes. In the second half Salisbury played their U9 B's who were more difficult to break down. Oliver and Rex made life difficult for the opponents with strong tackling.

A well-deserved victory!

Contribution Award: Sam L for his determination and creativity on the ball.

Team: U9 v Salisbury Cathedral

Date: 25th September

Venue: SPS

Result: 7 - 3 Loss

The U9's started the match brilliantly creating chances against a tall Salisbury defence. They played aggressively and really tried to take the game to their opponents. Near the end of the first half, Salisbury scored some unfortunate and sloppy goals which cost us momentum.

Big thank you to William for helping the U9's as the team missed key players. Leon moved the ball forward well whilst Max tracked back to defend when needed.

The game was closer than the score line portrays and there were many really positive aspects.

Contribution Award: Charlie for his never say die spirit.



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Form 8 Responsibilities for the Autumn Term

Head Boy	Lawrence
Head Girl	Verity
Sports Captains	Amalia & Nathan

Prefects:

ICT	Lawrence and Olivia
Art	Jessie
M&D	Clara and Lily B
Outdoor Ed	Atlanta and Frida
STEM	Verity and Poppy
Languages	Lea and Amalia
Humanities	Olivia
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Join us for an evening of hearty dining, fine wines and entertaining after dinner speakers.

Tuesday 18th December | Drinks and Canapés 7pm | Carriages 11pm | Tickets £25

The Drawing Room | Sunninghill Prep School | South Court | South Walks Road | Dorchester | DT1 1EB

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Weekly Diary

WHOLE SCHOOL DIARY OF EVENTS	1st		
	2nd	Form 3 & 4 Town House & Maiden Castle visit	
		SATIPS Orchestral Day @ Bryanston	
		U8 & U9 Hockey v Knighton House (A) 2.15 pm	
		U9 Football v St Mary's Swanage (H) 1.45 pm	
		Form 6 Parents' Evening 4.45 - 7.00 pm	
	3rd	Form 4 Residential departs for Brenscombe	
		Form 2 Portland trip	
		U12/13A & B Hockey v Dumpton (A) 2.00 pm	
		U11 Hockey v Dumpton (H) 2.00 pm	
		U11 Football Tournament v BCS (A) 12.30 pm	
		U10 Hockey v Dumpton (H) 2.45 pm	
		U13/12 Football v Yarrells (A) 2.30 pm	
	4th	Class Reps Meeting 8.30 am Drawing Room	
		Cracking the Code day at Sherborne 8.30 am	
		Reception - Form 4 Swimming	
		After School Sailing	
	5th	Form 3 Assembly 8.30 am	
		All parents invited for our weekly Friday assembly 8.30 am	
		<i>Please book breakfast with Megan by Wednesday</i>	
		Open Morning 9.30 - 12 noon	
		Parent & Toddler Group	
		Form 4 return from their Residential	
		Form 5 - 8 Sports afternoon	
	LETTERS ON THE PORTAL		Menu - 1st october
			Music Timetable - Week 5
			Sports Fixtures
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	