



Hermes

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Autumn Term

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We have all gone spotty!



We reached our target - £1,000 !!

Dear Parents

This week has been top and tailed by two very important events in our school year.

On Monday we joined in with national anti-bullying week with an assembly that was run by Mrs Carr and our Form 8 children who bravely role played out the three different scenarios of bullying.

We talked to the children about what to do if you feel you are being bullied or if you witness an event that you feel may need an adults help.



The theme of this year's campaign is RESPECT and we watched a short video of clip of what this meant to different people. Throughout the week every tutor group have made pledges that will be written up and displayed. In his capacity as Pastoral Deputy Head, Mr Stazicker will write to you to confirm both our practice and policy on this most important topic.

At the end of this week we then gave great support to Children in Need which was organised by Mrs Thorpe and her pupil voice. For a generous donation of £5, lots of activities have been planned for the children to enjoy. We have raised over £1000. I'll give you an accurate figure this time next week.



The teachers are back on their evening walks now it has got dark and cold and they can get their head torches out. On Wednesday night they left school at 5.30pm, not finishing until well after 10pm having walked twelve miles to Hardy's Monument and back. Not all the team were out, many having given various excuses including a note from one of their mums for a septic toe! Our former COG was also present, setting the pace in readiness for his forthcoming trip to the Southern Alps of New Zealand.



We welcomed the Fire Service to school this week. They routinely visit us to offer lots of good advice on how to keep safe in the event of a fire. We have also been contemplating what to do when the opposite of an evacuation is called for and we have to consider lockdown. It is a sensitive topic and one that needs careful consideration and a flexible approach with a range of different scenarios.

Politics seem to be taking centre stage in the country this week. Polina in Form 5 has been joining in with her right to express free speech. She recently wrote to the PM urging that greater thought be given to the environment and the widespread problem of single use plastics. I was delighted to see she received a lovely reply from 10 Downing Street. I'm not sure it came from Theresa May as I think she may be rather preoccupied at the moment.

Form 5 boys have been getting busy for their first official school rugby tour. Mr Willemse has organised an excellent program with a game against Warminster en route to an overnight stop in Trowbridge. On Saturday they will attend a training session by the Bath academy coaches then watch the Bath vs Worcester game in the afternoon. We may even run into Mrs Brunt who is a fanatical Bath fan (as in supporter rather than spinning air conditioner).



I have two important dates for your diary next week.

Tuesday evening sees the PTFA meeting to plan the Christmas Fayre and also conduct their postponed AGM. Further details can be found later in Hermes. Please do try to attend if you can. The more the merrier!

On Thursday morning we have the second class reps meeting of the new academic year. I have asked the team to be a focus group looking at an alternative to the parent portal. They will be finding out more about an app for your smart phone called Parent Hub which seems to offer a very simple way of receiving messages, dates and vital information. I will let you know how we get on next week.

Many thanks to all of you who took the time to feedback to me on the topic of homework following our mini social experiment of having none for a week.

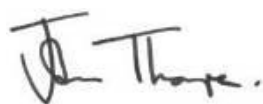
The consensus amongst parents seemed to be that some homework was good as it encouraged personal organisation and consolidates learning. At the same time,

families also enjoyed having quality time together without the stress of homework. I have also spoken to many children who generally seemed to have a similar opinion to asking turkeys if they'd like to vote for Christmas!

I haven't had an opportunity to discuss the results with teachers yet as our regular Tuesday staff meeting was taken up by the Form 8 parents' evening, which seemed to go very well indeed.

Finally, Mrs Akerman will be away for school for two weeks from next Tuesday. She is due to have a minor operation on her hand. She will be working from home if you need to contact her. We wish her a very speedy recovery.

Wishing you a lovely weekend with your family.



Mr John Thorpe
Headmaster

Fledglings

On Tuesday this week a small group of Fledglings took a trip to the library to join in with a song and rhyme time group. They enjoyed learning new songs and mirroring the actions, reading many books and colouring!



We've busied ourselves in our outdoor construction area planting garlic in this week's gardening club.

The children have been fundraising in aid of Children in Need; they wore spots to our Pudsey party and drank hot chocolate with marshmallows as a yummy treat!



Nursery

This week, Mrs Stein kindly brought a baby hedgehog down to Nursery to show us. It was so cute! We talked about being quiet and gentle around it so that we didn't scare it.



Let's Explore with Reception & Nursery

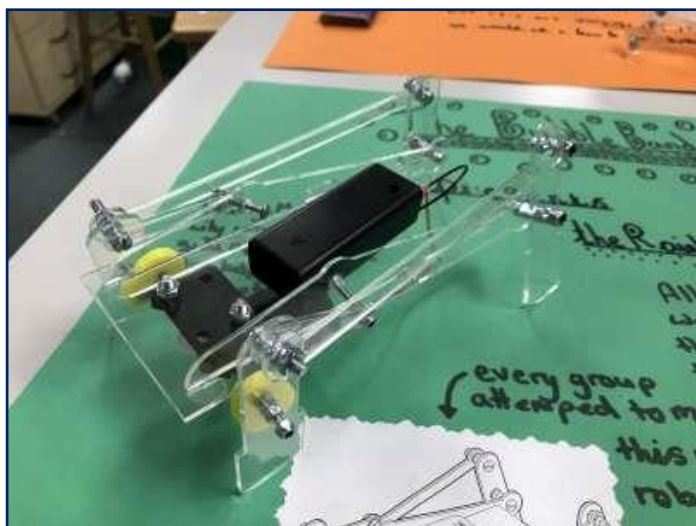
During the Let's Explore sessions this week, Reception and Nursery have been busy learning the songs and actions for the Nativity next month, on Friday 7th December.

DT & Cookery

Form 5 designing and making acrylic egg cups



Form 7 Robotics Challenge



On Wednesday morning Reception invited Nursery to come along during their Forest School lesson to have a campfire that was postponed from a couple of weeks ago. They all sat around the campfire beautifully and all enjoyed a hot chocolate that was specially made from the kitchen.





Music News

Mrs Stell will be teaching on Wednesday next week. Mrs Hawes will be teaching on Wednesday and Thursday.

Holiday Club



Bookings are now being taken for our Christmas Holiday Club. We are running for the first week of the holidays from Monday 17th December until Friday 21st December. Booking forms are available from our website.

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

It will be on a first come first served basis so please book early to avoid disappointment. All bookings to be submitted by Friday 7th December please.

PTFA News



PTFA Christmas Fayre, Thursday 6th December from 7.00 pm



Form 8 making flat breads

You may already be aware that Christmas is fast approaching... and so too is the annual Sunninghill Christmas Fayre at 7.00 pm on Thursday 6th December (pop the date in your diary). Julie Hansen has done a marvellous job booking stall holders and the building will be bursting with Christmas goodies, gifts, mulled wine, music and general cheer. But as with all these things it's a joint effort and we really need your help with the following:

1. Prizes for the draw... the £3 entry ticket will also be a prize draw ticket. Any donations of prizes, big or small, will be gratefully received.

2. Ticket sales... there will be a prize (and no doubt a handshake in assembly) for the child / family who sells the most tickets. Tickets will be available from Megan plus we need volunteers to sell tickets in Compass Lobby at school pick-up times (3.30-4.30pm) before the event... any tickets you sell can be added to your own family ticket sales count!

3. Help on the night... we need volunteers from 6.00 pm to man the door, help serve drinks and tidy up at the end (it should be over by 9.00 pm). If we have enough helpers, everyone will have a chance to mooch around the stalls as well.

4. School decorations... we need some volunteers to help decorate two Christmas trees and the school reception on the afternoon of Friday 30th November. Red wine and mince pies will be provided to get us in the mood.

5. Present wrapping... nothing to do with the Fayre, but we are once again hoping to tempt Santa to visit the pre-prep children during the last week of term. His elves are working 24-7 right up until the 24th and they are refusing all free-lance gift wrapping jobs. You can wrap from home in your own time or at school on Friday 30th.

We will be meeting in the Drawing Room at 6.00 pm on Tuesday 20th November to pin all this down, please come along if you can, or drop me a line if you would like to help but can't make it on the 20th.
carolkrosnar@btinternet.com

Thank you!

Tickets are now on sale from Megan for this wonderful festive event @ £3.00 each.

Sunninghill's Got Talent, Friday 7th December 7 - 9.00 pm

The auditions have been held and the selected acts have been rehearsing ready for the big night! Tickets are now on sale @ £3.00 each available from Megan.



Refreshments available to purchase on the night. Proceeds from the night are being donated to Activate.





Mosaic, a local charity supporting bereaved children, is hosting a concert in our School Hall on Friday 30th November. A small number of our pupils will be performing at 7.00 pm to open the show.

Tickets for Sunninghill parents are being offered at the reduced price of £4. Children are free. Please email Lydia if you would like to purchase some tickets.

secretary@sunninghill.dorset.sch.uk

Please see the attached poster for more details.

Lydia

Sports News

Hockey

Team: U8/9 v Sherborne
Date: 13th November
Venue: SPS
Result: 5 - 4 win

Sherborne made a very strong start to this game and scored very quickly. After that it was end to end play but Sherborne just managed to sneak a goal at the end of the quarter. In the second quarter, Mirabelle and Carolina linked really well in the middle of the pitch and this resulted in 3 goals, 2 for Mirabelle and 1 for Carolina. Lucy worked really hard to get the ball up the pitch and Maggie tried hard to use her skill to keep the ball. The score at the end of the second quarter was 4 - 2 to SPS.

Izzy, Isadora and Kitty came on and made a difference to the passing with strong pushes and good running into spaces. Kitty was

particularly good at getting the ball out of the D even though she was playing a forward!

Flora showed her natural ability as a defender and Izzy ran all over the pitch, getting the ball off everyone. Izzy also managed to score 2 great goals in the third quarter.

Sherborne came back at SPS in the final quarter but the final score was 5-4 to Sunninghill.

Team: U10 v Knighton House
Date: 14th November
Venue: Away
Result: 6 - 0 loss

We played a very quick and determined opposition who scored 4 goals in the first half and took us a bit by surprise. It probably could have been more but for Izzy S in goal. She blocked well and cleared the ball away down the pitch. Defending we didn't get our tackles in strongly enough which let their forwards into the D to shoot. Our target at half time was to defend better, work harder and try to prevent Knighton from scoring. We were much better in the 2nd half. Katie and Bea got their 'mojo' and made some demon tackles. Imogen was all over the pitch with some good control and passing. Knighton only managed 2 goals so improvement all round. We need to start the game this way next time.

Contribution Award: Izzy S for some great goalkeeping and Imogen for her work rate.

Team: U11 v Knighton House
Date: 14th November
Venue: Away
Result: 5 - 0 loss

This was a much closer game than the score suggests. Izzy played for the U11's in goal and again was amazing with her clearances. Knighton were again more powerful with their shooting and we backed off with our tackling allowing them to get even closer to

the goal. We had a switch around at half time and Indy was really strong in centre midfield, winning tackles and passing the ball to our forwards. She was involved in so much of the play all game. Georgie worked hard up and down the wing and Mia never gave up in defence. Zuzanna had a couple of shots which were just wide so we were unlucky not to score. We are starting to realise that we have to put the effort in all game and think about the accuracy of our pass.

Everyone increased their effort which was good to see. Keep it up girls!

Contribution Award: Indiana for her strong tackling and her work rate throughout the game.

Team: U12/13 A v Knighton
Date: 14th November
Venue: SPS
Result: 5 - 0 win

Wow!! What a great game of fast-paced, committed hockey - their best performance of the season by a long way. Great entertainment for the well numbered (and vocal) supporters.

Sunninghill were on fire from the first whistle continually putting together some excellent attacks. Knighton House defended well but eventually succumbed to a goal from Frida at close range. They created several more chances but the final shots went wide before a great drive and pass from Lily found Frida to score. Meanwhile Megan was making some excellent breaks on the right wing. One such run resulted in her scoring from a brilliant strike just inside the D - her shot leaving the Knighton keeper totally stranded.

Further fast and accurate inter play between the forward and midfield resulted in a hat trick for 'goal poacher' Frida. However they saved the best for last with another excellent long range strike from Megan which the Knighton defence could only stand and admire!

Mrs Wilson please note 2 long range goals (last Monday lesson's focus)!!

Contribution Award: Megan for 2 superb goals.

Team: U12/13 B v Knighton
Date: 14th November
Venue: SPS
Result: 4 - 1 loss

A truly entertaining game of hockey which Sunninghill did not deserve to lose - and I'm still not sure how we did lose!

The home team came flying out of the blocks playing their best hockey of the year in the first half. They went a goal up within 2 minutes. A break down the left wing produced an accurate cross into Poppy who put the ball in the far corner of the goal. The whole team continued to pressure their opponents both in attack (where Verity had a 'stormer' on the right wing) and in defence (where Sofia commanded the D).

Poppy and Verity went close to extending the lead but, against the run of play, Knighton House managed to equalise shortly before half time.

After the break, the intensity of Sunninghill's game dropped slightly and despite still having the better of the play, silly errors allowed Knighton some fairly easy scoring opportunities. Sunninghill were denied a penalty late in the game when it appeared a sure goal had been illegally stopped - would the TMO have agreed?

Contribution Award: Verity for her excellent wide play.

Rugby

Team: U8 v Sherborne Prep
Date: 13th November
Venue: Away
Result: 5 - 4 loss

The boys arrived at Sherborne with a mixture of apprehension and excitement.

The extra half term of coaching for Sherborne showed in the first few minutes with the Sunninghill boys a little indecisive in their direction of running (ie backwards a lot of the time) and allowing Sherborne to run at them rather than getting into them to get the tags. After going three tries down we gained in confidence and began to run more directly and get the hang of tagging. By the end of the last third the tide had turned and Sam had scored three tries and receives the contribution award. Oliver was throwing himself at the opposition with gay abandon, William was running and tackling strongly and Freddie finally got his reward for his efforts with the last try of the match to bring us within one score of Sherborne. Overall an excellent first game. Well done!

Team: *U9 v Sherborne Prep*
Date: *13th November*
Venue: *Away*
Result: *9 - 13 loss*

Sunninghill U9's faced a strong and well drilled Sherborne side. The boys played very well in their first contact game. Leon, Max and Alexander were brilliant at running forward and all scored lovely tries. Freddie, Mark and Felix really improved their tackling skills as the game went on. A great first game, with many positives to take from.

Contribution Award: Max S for his brilliant tackling and running.

Team: *U10 v Sherborne Prep*
Date: *14th November*
Venue: *SPS*
Result: *8 - 4 win*

After a great training session on Monday, the under 10's were raring to go. The team attacked Sherborne well from the start with excellent tries scored by Archie, Max and Theo. As the match went on Sunninghill gained momentum and pushed up their defensive line. Sam, William B-K, William and Thomas made brilliant tackles. Aaron and James passed the ball well out wide

which opened up more attacking opportunities.

Sunninghill worked hard as a team and improved their rucking skills. The boys are already looking forward to their match against Warminster.

Contribution Award: Archie for his tenacious tackling and running.

Team: *U11 v Sherborne Prep*
Date: *14th November*
Venue: *DRC*
Result: *50 - 15 loss*

Tries: Henry 1, Theo 2, Harri 2, Gethyn 5

I asked our boys to play with their heads and their hearts - and they did - brilliantly. They showed some excellent 'thinking correctly under pressure' (TCUP) and played with great team spirit, passion and bravery. Everyone put in a shift and we really dominated this game. Terrific tackling and hard running from Valentine (captain), Harri, Gethyn and Henry.

As their coach, I was impressed with their overall game management and the way they acted on advice. The one area we were weaker - rucking and mauling - was massively improved and we ended up winning every ball from contact. Theo was a tiger in rucks in the second half.

As their teacher, I was also pleased that the ref from Milton Abbey told them how impressed he was with the manner, politeness and sportsmanship shown throughout.

At the end of the game, the Milton Abbey ref picked out Harri and Gethyn as ones to watch. The Sherborne coach said that our boys just wanted it more and he was bang on. Their performance will hopefully be remembered and relived for a long time - well, till the next match at least.

Contribution Award: Harri and Gethyn linking up for a dazzling display of skills and great running.

Team: U13/12 v Sherborne
Date: 14th November
Venue: DRC
Result: 10 tries to 6 loss

This was a tough match with a lot of positives to take from it, however, there is also a lot to learn from it too. With a bit of space the likes of Tom H are almost impossible to stop and he scored five tries with some powerful running. Our other try was scored by Gabriel who ran hard and cleverly on Toms shoulder to take the pass and score in the corner. Decision making wasn't always so effective and on a number of occasions the ball was wasted by kicking it to the opposition. Tackling isn't consistent through the team, however, the likes of Henry committed himself to every tackle while Ben was involved in every ruck and maul and usually first up for a tackle.

Contribution Award: Ben for exemplary display.



Form 8 Responsibilities for the Autumn Term

Head Boy	Lawrence
Head Girl	Verity
Sports Captains	Amalia & Nathan

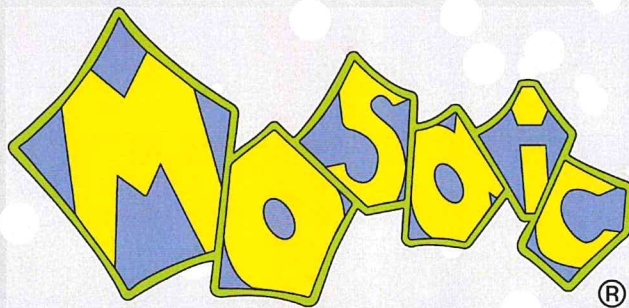
Prefects:	
ICT	Lawrence and Olivia
Art	Jessie
M&D	Clara and Lily B
Outdoor Ed	Atlanta and Frida
STEM	Verity and Poppy
Languages	Lea and Amalia
Humanities	Olivia
Eco	Jessie and Verity
Publicity	Clara



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Christmas Concert

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Matt Griffiths
Significance Sign
Choir

School Hall
Sunninghill Prep
Dorchester
DT1 1EB

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Free

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Refreshments

30th November
Doors 7pm
Start 7:30pm

To book tickets call 01258 837071
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Weekly Diary

WHOLE SCHOOL DIARY OF EVENTS	19th	
	20th	Form 3 & 4 Roman Morning
		U8 & U9 Hockey v BCS 2.00 pm (H)
		U8 & U9 Rugby v BCS 2.15 pm (H)
		PTFA AGM & Christmas Fayre planning 6.00 pm
	21st	U12/13 A IN2 Hockey @ Gillingham school 1.30 pm
		U12/13 B Hockey v Sandroyd 2.15 pm (H)
		U11 & U10 Hockey v Sandroyd 2.30 pm (A)
		U13/12 Rugby v Clayesmore @ DRC 2.15 pm
		U11 Rugby v Clayesmore & BCS @ Clayesmore 2.00 pm
		U10 Rugby v Clayesmore & BCS @ Clayesmore 2.00 pm
	22nd	Reception - Form 4 Swimming
		Class Rep meeting - Parent Hub focus group 8.30 am
	23rd	Form 5 Assembly - all parents welcome 8.30 am
		Please let Megan know if you would like breakfast
		Parent & Toddler Group
		Form 5 - 8 Sports Afternoon
LETTERS ON THE PORTAL	Menu - 19th November	
	Music Timetable - Week 10	
	Sports Fixtures	
	Weekly Diary	
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	Form 5 Girls re Netball Tour March 2019	
Form 6	No letters	
Form 7	No letters	
Form 8	No letters	