



Sunninghill
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Hermes



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Two by Two!

Dear Parents

A very festive welcome to the final Hermes of the year.

This week's edition is hot off the press as we've added the final "soupçon" having enjoyed the most wonderful Christmas service at St Peter's Church this afternoon. More on that later on.

This week's editorial begins with a quick review of the Sunninghill's Got Talent show that took place last Friday. It was epic theatre, with judges entering the venue through a smoke filled stage, sound technicians in uniform, professional lighting, a backing band and much more.



The evening was brilliantly put together by Mrs Moss and Mrs Nolan-Stone and superbly compared by the Form 8 children. The quality of the acts on stage was spellbinding and the evening an unparalleled success. "More", I hear you all shout and I say Aye!

The event raised over £300 for the charity, Activate.



As a community we can be very proud of the way in which we all never stop caring about those less fortunate than ourselves. Our Christingles

candles have been streaming in this week. They have all been filled with copper coins. Whilst they might be small in value it is astonishing how much money is raised by collecting loose change lying around the house. £84.00 from 22 candles!



School looked like a professional bakery on Monday morning with gingerbread houses arriving in every shape, size and theme, as part of a display organised by Form 2. Even better was the forced eating of gingerbread for the next three days. What a treat!



On Monday night, four of us travelled to Sidmouth after school to take a rugby refereeing exam, having already sat a "World Laws of the Game" exam and completed "Head Injury Assessment" online training. The practical component of the exam was still going strong at 9.45 pm. It was a late night but a very enjoyable and productive one. We now know how to manage the on-field game and the off-field antics better too. Our prize for passing was an Acme Thunderer!

On the subject of sport, I have received several concerns this week from anxious parents, relating to the boys and girls changing rooms. It appears that items of clothing have disappeared from both rooms recently. The reason for this appears to be either "borrowing" when you don't have the correct kit and then not returning it or worse still pranking. Either way, it is very frustrating and we would love to waste more than a bit of time for those found to be involved.

I have shared these concerns with Mr Willemse and Mrs Wilson and we will sit down with all the games staff after Christmas and find practical solutions to improve the matter.

On Tuesday afternoon we took the Form 7 and 8 children across the road to the Culliford House retirement home. We

entertained their residents with carols and in return enjoyed juice and mince pies. I would like to pay tribute to Mr Vanburgh who accompanied us. No task is ever too difficult for Mr V, no notice is ever too short. He epitomises a true Sunhillian.

On Wednesday evening, the staff set off on their usual late night hike via head torch. Mrs King led us on a merry dance around the valley. Several hours later, we ended up in the Drax Arms in Bere Regis. The Drax is run by Kerry (our chef) and her husband Owen. A live string group were strumming in one corner, a skittle alley was in full use at the back of the pub and my venison casserole was superb. My "Trip Advisor" recommendation is that you pay it a visit if you like a traditional pub with a great atmosphere and good grub.

(Other good hostelries are available in the district. Ed)

Elsewhere in school, Mrs Woollam sends a massive thank you to all children and parents for donating 62 "bag for life" size bags full of food, toiletries and Christmas goodies to the Weymouth Foodbank appeal. That is a huge amount of items. The volunteers at the Foodbank were overwhelmed with your kind, thoughtful generosity. Every item will make a difference to a person in our community this Christmas.

I would like to thank Mrs Woollam for inspiring us all to think of others at this time of plenty and also to thank Mrs Walters for being the delivery lady.

Katy Nolan-Stone and the Form 3 girls have been very busy making and selling soaps in aid of the appeal. The current total raised is a fantastic £92.70 if you would like to contribute to that figure please see Megan.

On the subject of fund raising, Steve Ray, treasurer of the PTFA, emailed me this week to let me know that the Christmas Fayre has raised an amazing £982.20. Many thanks to Julie Hansen and the PTFA for their efforts in organising such a great event.

With no time to come up for air, Thursday saw us enjoy an end of term achievement

assembly, a brilliant festive carols under the stairs, a sumptuous Christmas lunch then class parties all afternoon.



Molly feeling festive!

Finally, today has been a most wonderful way to end a superb term.

As always, we processed, two by two, through the town in our distinctive red

blazers. Poppy bravely got the service going with her solo first verse of "Once in Royal" and we were off and running. The Junior and Senior choir performed with great distinction and the readers were loud and clear.



I am very grateful to the Rev. Claire McClelland and St Peter's Church for making us so welcome.

After the service Kerry and her team warmed us all up with mince pies and mulled wine and we closed the term on a real high note.

Looking ahead to next term, Junior Prep children have formal Forest School lessons to look forward to as part of our desire to make learning more active and outdoors. Miss Livesey is now fully qualified and will be doing a weekly session on a Wednesday, starting with Form 1 and Form 3. More on this after Christmas.



On behalf of all the Governors and staff at school can I take this opportunity to wish you and your family and very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Wednesday 9th January.

John Thorpe

Mr John Thorpe
Headmaster



Christmas Jumper Day

Assemblies this week



Form 3 & 4 Brass Group

Endeavour Cup Winners



Fledglings

This week in Fledglings has been a super special week for all those involved. We've been exploring various different sensory materials that reflect special upcoming times and events and the seasonal changes. We used puffy paint to create our very own polar bears and watched in pure fascination as Danielle turned powder into beautiful fluffy snow, we were then allowed to explore this freely and independently.



Some of the children had a visit from the famous Father Christmas and were lucky enough to tell him in person what presents they wished for. We joined in with the schools festivities when participating in 'carols under the stairs' and joined Nursery for a roast dinner with all the Christmassy trimmings up in the dining hall.



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all!

Nursery

Tabitha is reading the story Dear Santa to her peers.



Nursery children have had great fun in their Christmas parties this week.

The children this week has made a lovely Christmas table decoration to take home.

Last but not least all of us at Fledglings would like to say a special goodbye to the few children who are moving onwards and upwards. It has been a pleasure to watch you all grow and develop and we wish you all the very best.



They have also been busy making 'hot chocolate reindeers'.



They have also all loved exploring the pretend snow, and playing with the small world amongst the snow.



Nursery staff would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and we look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 9th January 2019.

Music News

Congratulations to all performers who took part in our first Sunninghill's Got Talent Show on Friday. A big well done to Lily, Gethyn, Orlando and Lola who have all been invited to perform their acts again.

Music lessons will commence the first week back for some pupils and lesson times for Week 1 and 2 are on the portal. All music clubs will start back the second week.

Form 8

'Votes for Women' Tea Party

The pupils each delivered a 2 minute speech on a famous woman: either from history or an inspirational women from today. The class voted on the person they believed should enter our very own 'Hall of Fame'. They chose Ellen DeGeneres: a modern day comedian, television host, actress, writer and producer, who is a campaigner for equal rights.

We finished off our session with a 'well mannered' tea party. The pupils brought in cakes to eat, as well as, organising tea and hot chocolate to have alongside this. Some even chose to dance the Charleston!

The session had an important message but it was also was a great way to round off a busy and productive term.

Mrs Smith

Sports News

1st Maumbury
2nd equal Ridgeway & Frome
4th Purbeck

Great afternoon of hockey. Some sizzling skills and amazing play from everyone.

Fantastic teamwork and lots of encouragement especially from the Form 8 girls. Well done.



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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Our visit by Santa (thanks to the PTFA)



Weekly Diary

WHOLE SCHOOL DIARY OF EVENTS	8th Jan	Staff Inset Training Day
	9th Jan	First day of Spring Term
		Dorchester Literacy Festival Prizegiving 6.00 pm
	10th	
	11th	Falconry Visit
LETTERS ON THE PORTAL	Music Timetable- Week 1 & 2	
Fledglings	No letters	
Nursery	No letters	
Reception	Tennis Letter/Sports Letter	
Form 1	Tennis Letter/Sports Letter	
Form 2	Tennis Letter/Sports Letter	
Form 3	Tennis Letter/Sports Letter	
Form 4	Tennis Letter/Sports Letter	
Form 5	Tennis Letter/Sports Letter	
Form 6	Tennis Letter/Sports Letter	
Form 7	Tennis Letter/Sports Letter	
Form 8	Tennis Letter/Sports Letter	



A very merry Christmas to you all from Molly!