



Hermes

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Spring Term

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Flying High!



Dear Parents

A busy final week of this half term has seen a wide range of activities taking place in school. The Form 8s have been working to a very tight deadline in preparation for their Flying Start glider competition. A full report on their progress can be enjoyed later in this edition.

On Tuesday, the Form 8s were “on parade” for their Parents’ Evening. Progress towards their chosen exam and first choice school are all going very smoothly. We all remain incredibly impressed at their dedication and the brilliant role models they are to the rest of the school.

Amidst this group are some very talented athletes who seem to have inspired the U11 netball team to achieve their first victory on court. Mrs Telfer and Ms Sewed were as delighted as the girls themselves.

Form 2 delivered a wonderful assembly to their parents and the school this morning. Their message to us all was, “If at first you don’t succeed, try, try again. Robert the Bruce and his pet spider gave us a great illustration of how it works and Derek Redmond and his dad (not in person) made us cry (yet again!). There were some incredibly brave performers who shared with us how they have overcome their fears. Congratulations must go to them and Mrs Thorpe and Mrs Hill for sending us off on half term in such a good mood.



Posters have adorned the school all week advertising the “Wear a Hat” day today. The Theobald extended family has enlisted an army of bakers to help prepare for the day. A significant amount of money was raised, and perhaps as importantly, awareness has been highlighted for the need for greater research into brain tumours. The Right Honourable MP for Dorset West received some on the spot lobbying for help from the current government.



I took a while to make my own decision of which cake to have. I finally went with a large slice of rocky road. It was so big I had to hold it with both hands. Having eaten it, I really wasn't sure whether I liked it or not, so had a second piece to really make my mind up. I then felt uneasily queasy through my Form 4 science lesson and rather wondered whether I'd make it to lunch.

(Editor – I too made that same choice! ☺)

A curious beast is the pelican. His beak can hold more than his belly can!

Following this we were delighted to welcome Sir Oliver Letwin to school. As part of their Creative Curriculum module on studying democracy, Form 7s have visited the Houses of Parliament, taken part in debating competitions and will attend a Model United Nations Day at Bryanston later in the term. Today they had the chance to question a serving member of the house, who, despite what one might imagine to be the rather busy job at the moment, he managed to find the time to pay us a visit.



More on this in the first edition of Hermes after half term when I'm hoping our senior students will write a report on his visit for us to enjoy.

Finally, Mr Stazicker reminded me yesterday that a few weeks ago we sent home a bucket list of fifty things to do instead of allowing your children to spend significant proportions of their time glued to a whole variety of screens. The current Mediterranean weather might allow us all to get out and enjoy ticking a few of them off.

Wishing you a wonderful half term with your family.

John Thorpe

Mr John Thorpe
Headmaster

Fledglings

This week we have been talking about Valentine's Day and all the important people in our lives. We have been very busy creating some beautiful cards to send to our loved ones and have enjoyed putting together and exploring a Valentine's tough tray.





This week we have been reading Goldilocks and the Three Bears. Everyone has loved the tuff spot tray filled with porridge oats, bowls, spoons and scales where they can role play the story together.



Nursery

The children all came in to school in their wonderful outfits ready for their royal fairytale banquet! They enjoyed crisps, cakes and a drink which was followed by some great entertainment from the older children. We heard jokes from Form 2 and some children even did some tricks! The country dancing club also did a demonstration for us. What a fun morning!

To relate to our Goldilocks topic we have been cutting out pictures and sticking them in the right places, as to whether they belong to Daddy, Mummy or Baby Bear. We are especially concentrating on our scissor skills!



Let's Explore

Nursery and Reception children have had a Valentine's week in Let's Explore! We all made some lovely symmetrical painted hearts and a card to take home for our families



Form 1 – Forest School



Form 3 & 4 Hooke Court Day



On Monday, Forms 3 and 4 travelled to Hooke Court for the opportunity to become Ancient Greek citizens for the day, complete with togas and crowns made of leaves. The

children used ink and a stylus to paint their names (in Greek) onto their own terracotta plates. They also created rings and bracelets by twisting wires into authentic Greek coils!

An impressive Greek banquet was enjoyed by all in the afternoon, comprising of savoury olive bread, sweet bread with cinnamon, traditional hummus and sweets made from dates, apricots and honey- all handmade by the children! The day was finally rounded off with an epic battle re-enactment between the Spartans and Athenians!

Form 8

The children in Form 8 have been working alongside ambassador engineers from Leonardo Helicopters. In their STEM lessons they have been challenged to design, build and test a glider to meet the set requirements of the competition.

The Flying Start Challenge has been run in schools for over a decade and aims to increase engineering awareness amongst young people and to help schools forge links with local industry.

On Wednesday, this week, we competed in the Flying Start Challenge – an engineering competition run by nine aerospace companies.

For the competition we had to fly gliders that we built, present our posters on everything we learned, complete a challenge and a quiz. The challenge this year was to build the best catapult.

Six teams go through overall. The first three teams fly their glider and the second three teams take part in the challenges.

All the teams worked really well and two of our teams got through to the next stage.

Sea Queen: Frida, Verity, Clara & Lea
TNT: Tom, Nathan & Tallulah

Flying Start has been an amazing experience for all that took part. The favourite activity was looking around the Merlin and Wildcat helicopters.

Verity & Frida





Music News

Congratulations to all our musicians who performed in the Informal Concert on Thursday. It was a fantastic concert and you all played beautifully.

Letters with regards to festival times have been sent home - please contact Mrs Nolan-Stone if you have any issues. A full list of all times is also on the Music Board in the bottom corridor by Compass Lobby.

Mrs Nolan-Stone

Wear a Hat Day Cake Sale



£350 raised so far and more cakes to sell at the end of the school day with 2 online cake auctions still running!

Chinese New Year Lunch



Lost & Found

Found – a small red Chinese purse – please see Megan if you think it is yours.

Megan



Sports News

Team: *U8 High 5 Netball*
Venue: *Knighton House*
Result: *1 – 1 draw*

It was a bit of a drizzly afternoon when we went to Knighton House for our High 5 Netball match.

However, the under 8s started really strongly and Izzy scored in the first minute. SPS had most of the play in the first few quarters with some good movement and marking but they just could not score.

Knighton House began to work harder to get the ball and had several shots on goal in the 3rd and 4th quarters and finally scored in the 5th.

Anna marked her player brilliantly, Kitty S. tried hard to get into space, Katy did some excellent passes, Iris looked to get the ball into the circle and Scarlett worked tirelessly to lose her marker.

This was a good team performance and we will now work on our goal shooting skills.

Contribution Award: *Knighton House chose Katy and SPS choose Anna for her marking skills.*

Team: *U9 High 5 Netball*
Venue: *Knighton House*
Result: *2 – 0 loss*

Although we lost this game it was not a true reflection of the play. We played 25 minutes of netball in 5 sections with Knighton managing to score 2 goals. We did have a lot of chances at shooting and with the rotations everyone had the opportunity to score some goals. Unfortunately the ball went either side, hit the ring or went over the top. I think it may be shooting practice next week!!

In defence Flora and Lucy intercepted the ball well and we had some good passing down the court into our attacking circle. It was nice to see stronger throwing which meant we could gain more ground. Maggie, Carolina and Mirabelle linked up well which was really encouraging. We do need to move into the space at the side as our passing often went straight down the middle with little movement. A very good match with lots of positives but still lots to improve and practice.

Contribution award: *The opposition gave this to Maggie for some good play.*

Team: *U11 Netball v The Park*
Venue: *Redlands*
Result: *10 – 1 win*

A good strong start from the girls, winning possession from our own centre passes and picking up loose balls. Georgie worked the ball effectively into the attacking circle with Holly and Zuzannah moving well to gain strong shooting positions, which gave us a 5 - 0 lead at the end of the first quarter. Playing out of position for the 2nd quarter allowed the girls to experience different roles on the court. Poppy transferred her defensive skills amazingly well to play GS and demonstrated her ability to dodge into space. Iola connected play in the centre court well and made some good interceptions. All girls showed determination and effort and remained an effective team throughout, which led to the team's first victory this season winning 10-1.

Contribution award: *Poppy for versatility playing in different positions and movement around the circle. Georgie for reading the game and getting into space.*

Team: *U12/12A Netball*
Venue: *The Park*
Result: *17 – 0 win*

Sunninghill began the match positively, despite being down to the bare minimum of players due to illness, and led 4-0 at the end of the first quarter.

From this point, the outcome of the match was never in doubt. They gradually built on their score with some fluent and accurate passing throughout the team.

Eleni, in particular, had her goal shooting head on – even challenging herself to shoot from the outer part of the D - and Gemma was unbeatable in defence.

With the lead 13 – 0 by the end of the third quarter, the team rang the changes. It was great to see a number of players 'out of position' but the team still able to play with total match control.

Gemma and Meena tried their hand at shooting. Meena 'but I can't shoot!' scored two excellent goals and Aleni and Esme proved solid in their new defensive roles. The midfield trio of Erin, Megan and Lily gelled well, working tirelessly throughout the game.

Contribution Award: *Gemma for 100% effort all match.*

Team: *U12/13B Netball*
Venue: *The Park*
Result: *15 – 5 loss*

This was a very competitively fought game throughout with the opposition extremely quick and determined. The first quarter was 6 – 2 but there was a lot of contact and obstruction from The Park and we were being physically bundled off the ball. At half time the score was 8 – 4 and we were beginning to come back into the game. Lily was working hard in the centre and Jessie and Poppy moved well to get the ball for shots in the circle. We weren't always accurate which was frustrating. In the second half The Park shooters were getting the ball too easily over Olivia and Amalia in our defending circle and they pulled away with the score. Our back line

split pass was great though and we got the ball out every time which is great to see. More to work on but excellent effort.

Contribution Award: *The opposition chose Verity for her good play. Lily for her hard work throughout the game.*

New Clubs starting after Half Term

Lacrosse - Tuesdays
Forms 3 & 4 – 4.00 – 4.30 pm
Forms 5 – 8 – 4.30 – 5.15 pm

Skiing – Thursdays
Forms 5 – 8 – see letter on Portal

Easter Holiday Club

We are now taking bookings for our Easter Holiday Club that will be running for almost two weeks over the Easter holidays. We welcome children aged 3 to 13 as well as children from other schools.

Further information and booking forms are available on the school website at <https://sunninghillprep.co.uk/information/holiday-club/>



Please ensure that your forms and payment are with us by Friday 22nd March to secure your place. If you have any queries do contact us at school on 01305 262306.

Form 8 Responsibilities for the Spring Term

Head Boy - Tom

Head Girl - Poppy

Sports Captains - Lawrence & Tallulah

Prefects:

ICT - Lawrence & Olivia

Art - Jessie

M&D - Clara & Lily

Outdoor Ed - Atlanta & Frida

STEM - Verity & Poppy

Languages - Lea & Amalia

Humanities - Olivia

Eco - Jessie & Verity

Publicity - Clara

Lydia: secretary@sunninghill.dorset.sch.uk

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Megan: receptionist@sunninghill.dorset.sch.uk

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SUNNINGHILL PTFA BARN DANCE



**DECLARED BY PARENTS AND STAFF TO BE THE BEST
PTFA SOCIAL EVENT EVER HELD AT THE SCHOOL!**

ROOTIN' TOOTIN' BARN DANCE

Join us for amazing music, a delicious Western Hog Roast, fabulous accompaniments and bar

WHERE & WHEN

Sunninghill Community Hall, Friday 15th March 2019 from 7pm - 11pm

ENTERTAINMENT

Live Music By The Black Sheep Band so wear your best boot scootin' gear

TICKETS

Tickets available from Megan, Class Reps, PTFA committee members, from ptfa@sunninghill.dorset.sch.uk and in Compass Lobby at pick up



DORSET CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

CONDUCTOR WALTER BREWSTER

MUSIC FOR YOUTH PRESENTS

TUBBY THE TUBA

Narrated by **Martin Clunes**

Saturday 9th March 4pm
St Mary's Church,
Dorchester



Soloists

Chris Gray *Tuba*

Elise Griffin *Violin*

Young composer

Joe Berry

Programme

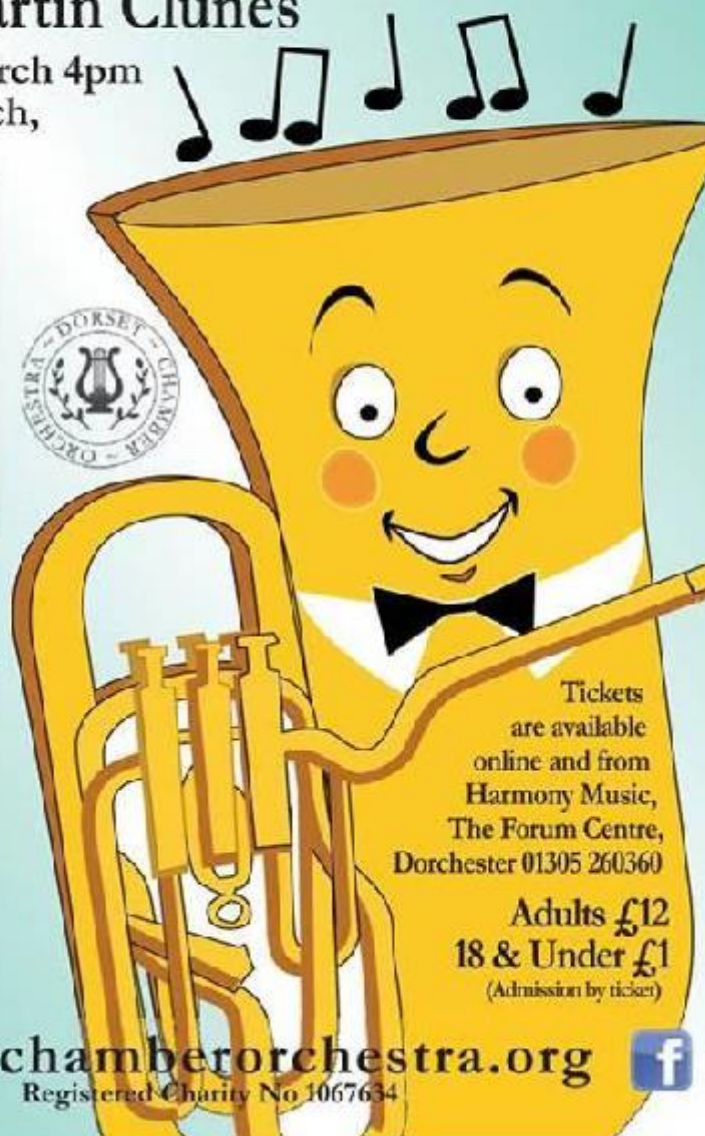
also includes

music by

Beethoven, Berry,

Kabalevsky &

Suppé



Tickets
are available
online and from
Harmony Music,
The Forum Centre,
Dorchester 01305 260360

Adults £12
18 & Under £1
(Admission by ticket)



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Weekly Diary

WHOLE SCHOOL DIARY OF EVENTS	25th	Forms 5 & 6 Girls Netball Practice - Milton Abbey 11.00 am
		Form 8 visit from Dorchester Islamic Centre 10.40 - 12 noon
		Forms 7 & 8 Girls Netball Practice - Milton Abbey 2.30 pm
	26th	Form 1 Lyme Regis trip 8.45 - 3.30 pm
		U8 & U9 Hockey v BCS (A) 2.00 pm
		Form 6 French trip meeting 4.45 pm
		Lacrosse club begins after school
	27th	Form 2 Forest School
		Form 4 Forest School
		U13/12 A & B Netball v Castle Court (A) 2.30 pm
		U10 Netball v Castle Court @ Redlands 2.15 pm
		U11 Netball v Castle Court @ Redlands 2.45 pm
		U10/11 A Hockey v BCS (H) 2.00 pm
		U10/11 B Hockey v BCS (H) 2.45 pm
	28th	Reception & Form 1 Swimming @ 1610
		Form 7 & 8 (selected pupils) Macbeth, Southampton 2.00 pm
		After School Skiing
	1st March	RNLI Assembly - all parents welcome 8.30 am
		<i>please let Megan know if you would like breakfast</i>
		Parent & Toddler Group 10.00 - 11.30 am
		Reception Forest School 10.00 - 12.15 pm
		Form 8 Creative Curriculum 11.00 - 1.00 pm
		Form 1 Skiing 1.30 pm
		Forms 5 - 8 Sports Afternoon
		Select Form 5 - 8 Netball trip to Bath 4.00 - 10.30 pm
LETTERS ON THE PORTAL	Music Timetable- Week 7 - to follow	
	Menu - Week 7	
	Fixtures of the Week and Team Sheets	
Fledglings	No letters	
Nursery	No letters	
Reception	No letters	
Form 1	LAMDA	
Form 2	LAMDA/Forest School	
Form 3	LAMDA/Effort Grades	
Form 4	LAMDA/Forest School/Effort Grades	
Form 5	LAMDA/Effort Grades/After School Skiing	
Form 6	LAMDA/Maths Topics- Spring Term/Effort Grades/Parents' Evening/Skiing	
Form 7	LAMDA/Macbeth letter - selected pupils/Effort Grades/Skiing	
Form 8	LAMDA/Maths Topics- Spring Term/Macbeth letter /Effort Grades/Skiing	