



Florence Nightingale

Dear Parents

The unseasonably warm weather of a few weeks ago, followed by damp and cold conditions this week, seems to have taken its toll on the wellbeing of both children and adults in school. Absences have been above and beyond what we would normally expect. It has meant that Mrs Sewed has been unusually busy in making sure that all classes have a teacher at the helm. It's a tough time of year to be an academic deputy, with staff cover at the top of her priorities.

I must start with a hearty congratulations to all those amazing musicians who took part in the Weymouth & Dorset Music Festival over the weekend. They certainly made their parents and teachers very proud. The clarinet quartet and Gethyn and Lily (as soloists) have been invited to perform in a concert this evening. I must sincerely thank Mr Vanburgh and Mrs Nolan-Stone for their dedication in supporting all the performers, not to mention all the peripatetic music staff who helped with choosing pieces and rehearsals.

On Tuesday evening we met Form 6 parents for their termly consultation. It is an exciting time for them (and us) with discussions about important end of year exams and follow on schools a hot topic of conversation.

On this subject, the Form 8 parents, who had applied for their children to go to Thomas Hardy's in September, have all been delighted to get their positive confirmations of acceptance this week. Although we didn't anticipate any problems, it remains a big relief for us all to find out they are all in.

Form 7 parents will have their consultation meeting next Tuesday evening and Junior Prep consultations will take place the following Tuesday. That means that we will have done the whole school this term (for what I believe is the first time).

It is never a topic I like to encourage, but do remember that a terms' notice is required if you plan to leave school before the end of Form 8. If your children won't be with us in September, the final day of notice is Wednesday 24th April. Without this you will still be liable to pay fees for the Autumn Term.

The other topic that I do not like to contemplate is "lockdown". In other words, what is our procedure in the event that the school is threatened by a dangerous person, animal or even noxious cloud of smoke? Whilst none of the above is remotely likely or presents an imminent threat, our Senior Leadership Team have been giving the matter considerable thought. With access to lots of professional advice, we have written what we think to be a suitable procedure to follow in such an event. In general, lockdown consists of an alarm (significantly different to the fire bell) that tells you to make safe in your classroom, having locked the windows, closed the blinds and then locked the door from the inside. In the event of lockdown a communication will be sent home asking you

not to come to school until clearance is given by us.

I will expand on this matter with the termly class reps meeting that takes place next Thursday. I will also start talking to your children about it during the Summer Term, having let you know about this first as I do not want to plant fear in the minds of anyone.

On the subject of class reps, don't forget to send any issues you would like raised with your class rep. Please also make a special point of sending any things that have gone particularly well that you think we should definitely repeat.

On Wednesday, I joined Mrs Wilson and the Form 7 and 8 netball players at Sherborne Girls. Both games were keenly fought with some great skills on both sides. Our girls seemed particularly inspired having been amazed at the speed and skills of the professional players they watched on their tour to Bath last Friday. Full match reports can be found in the sports section later in this edition.



On Thursday, as part of World Book Day, the school set itself the challenge of performing a Shakespeare play in a day, which some fifty parents and grandparents keenly enjoyed towards the end of the day.



I didn't manage to catch the show as I was visiting Frank Hopps and Rob Jones at the Navy Wings charity to see how their unique planes and associated STEM projects might be attractive to our senior pupils.



Later on the same day, the PTFA met to put the finishing touches to next Friday's barn dance. Despite lots of marketing and "yeehaas" sent by Megan and Lydia, ticket sales remain in need of a boost to make sure the event doesn't end up making a loss. These events provide invaluable support to the school in purchasing items such as the twenty five iPads now in very active use across Junior Prep. Tickets are being sold in Compass Lobby each afternoon and can also be bought from the Main Office.

Finally (and you shouldn't really have favourites) our favourite assembly of the term took place this morning. Miss Livesey and

Mrs Stone and the mighty atoms from the Reception class entertained us with their very first school assembly. Rehearsals have been rather decimated by chicken pox and other contagious illnesses but you would never have guessed this from the slickness of their performance and the strength of their confident voices. Their chosen topic of friendship was a lovely message to us all and their “ingredients for a perfect friend” was just sublime. It was a great way to head into the weekend.



Nursery

This week we have been celebrating pancake day by, of course, making pancakes!! Nursery children have loved participating in this and were great at helping to make their yummy pancakes. They were given a choice of lemon, sugar or syrup to have as a topping, and then had the opportunity to try and cut them up by themselves, using a knife and fork.



On Monday morning, Form 1 came into Nursery for 'The Big Read' where they find a partner from Nursery to read to. It's lovely to integrate with the older children in school who set a great example to Nursery children. They all enjoyed listening to a range of different stories together.

John Thorpe

Mr John Thorpe
Headmaster

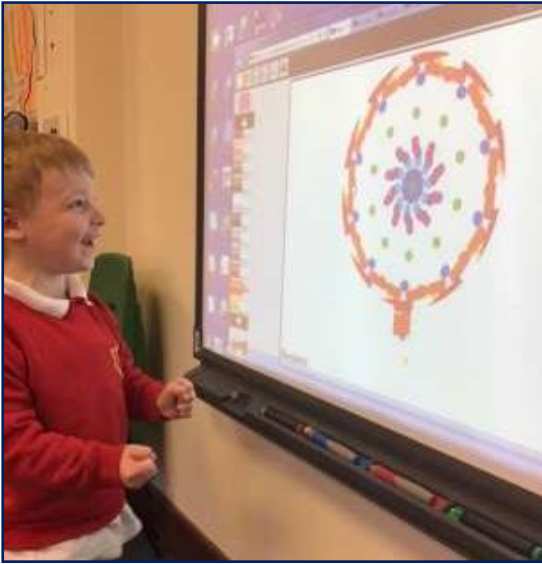
Hot off the Press!



Some Form 6 pupils attended the annual STEM day at AUK Winfrith today. The girls' team (Zuzanna, Georgie and Katie) joined forces with Bridport Primary School to claim 1st place, winning a K'Nex kit each, and £500 for our STEM department. Well done!



Nursery have used a programme on the computer to make some beautiful spring flower pictures! It's so nice to see that each picture is totally unique and individual to every child. They look lovely hanging up in our room!



Florence Nightingale Role Play Corner

Nursery celebrated World Book Day this week, they all had the opportunity to dress up as a book character. We had super heroes, princesses and fairy-tale characters.

Let's Explore

During let's explore on Monday, Nursery joined Reception in their classroom to hear the song that Reception will be singing in their very own assembly! It was a lovely song all about being kind friends to each other. Reception did really well and Nursery really enjoyed listening!

Form 2



Creative Curriculum Form 8

Lulworth Cove

On Monday we went to Lulworth Cove just after Storm Freya left a blue gap in the clouds and we enjoyed a warm sunny morning. Starting with some sketching of Stair Hole and a look at coastal erosion processes and landforms before moving on to the beach. After a bit of time ticking off challenges from the things to do list such as number 5, 18, 26, 44 and 29 (sort of!). We decided not to do number 20 and 42, and 39 was a bit difficult in the circumstances. After a discussion on hypotheses connected with the beach and cove we looked at fieldwork techniques to gather the necessary data. The children discovered how to measure a beach profile and some pebble sampling techniques. Today in class we followed this up and analysed data and looked at graphing options. Just as the weather looked like it was about to change the sensible ones headed to the café while some braver souls took the ice cream option.



National Trust Talk

Form 8 had the pleasure of an interactive talk with Tony Flux. Tony is the coast and marine adviser for the National Trust in the South West. He gave an excellent talk on climate science, coastal processes and impacts and how the National Trust is responding to coastal change and the children looked at a case study of Brownsea Island's shoreline restoration project. With their new knowledge the class embarked on a role play to decide what they should do at Wembury which is a National Trust site whose future management still needs to be determined. The children enjoyed taking on roles such as local café owner, local councillor and planner and just like the real world they found it hard to make a compromise and agree on a way ahead.

Construction Club



The latest construction club masterpieces



Music News

Congratulations again to all those who took part in the Music Festival last weekend. We look forward to hearing some of you perform again this evening at St Aldhelms Church, Weymouth at 7pm.

Please note Mrs Hawes will be teaching on Monday and Tuesday next week.

Mrs Nolan-Stone

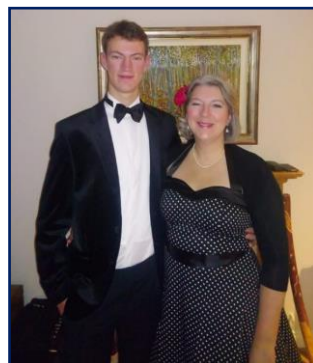
Bath Netball Trip

Twenty six girls and four staff went up to Bath University last Friday to watch Team Bath play Manchester Thunder in the Vitality Super league netball. It was a fast and exciting game with Team Bath winning 60 – 56. The girls were in awe at the speed of passing and movement on court. It was great to see so many goals and the 100% accuracy of the Team Bath shooters. Even Mr Willemse was impressed!

There were lots of selfies and autograph signing afterwards. I just hope some of the excellent play rubs off on the girls for their matches.

Mrs Wilson

Fundraiser Quiz Night



Hello, some of you may recognise my son Sam. This Summer Sam will be in Costa Rica on expedition with Camps International.

The team will spend 3 weeks working on Nature Conservation & Community Projects, which are funded by a 40% donation from each student's expedition fees.

Sam has been raising money for some time now and is writing and chairing a **QUIZ**

NIGHT, which will be held in **Sunninghill's Dining Room, on Saturday 23rd March.**

If any of you would be able to support Sam, we would be very grateful. Tickets are available from Mrs. Hill in Form 2. Thank you.

Sports News

Team: *U8 Netball v Leweston*
Venue: *Leweston*

Sunninghill played 2 matches with Leweston. We split our girls into 2 teams of 4 and borrowed an extra player from Leweston. This worked really well and meant that all SPS girls got lots of play.

I could clearly see that every girl was thinking about the two skills we had worked on last week. 1) Marking – this was much improved and Leweston had to work really hard to lose their marker. 2) Signal and move – again this was evident and we just need to think about adding a dodge move in here.

Anna was particularly good at dodging and getting free and Kitty S. and Katie scored some nice goals. Izzy worked hard to mark her player and intercept the pass and Iris, Scarlett, Clara and Kitty T. all improved their marking skills. It was a great all round performance.

Contribution Award – Leweston chose Kitty S and Anna and I totally agreed!!

Team: *U9 Netball v Leweston*
Venue: *Leweston*
Result: *3 – 1 loss*

This was a very even game and remained 0 – 0 at half time with several attempts at goal but neither shooters could find the net. The marking was a little better with Isadora trying hard to win the ball in defence and Lucy passing the ball well to find Mirabelle and Flora in the centre court. Maggie needed a little more determination to win the ball and Carolina needed to stop chatting to the

opposition and become more involved in the game!! Leweston scored twice in the third quarter but we got a goal back with a good passing move that resulted in Flora shooting our only goal. Leweston managed one more goal in the last quarter. Our defenders need to try and win the ball from an attempt on goal and not let the shooters have another free shot. A very good game with lots of sausage and chips for match tea. Yum yum!

Contribution Award: The opposition gave this to Flora for some good play and a great shot.

Team: *U10/11 Netball v Sherb Prep*
Venue: *Redlands*
Result: *10 – 3 loss*

Sunninghill improved as the match progressed but were unable to recover from a poor start to this match against a strong Sherborne team.

They did not compete for the ball and gave away possession far too easily in the first quarter. This was reflected by an early 5-0 lead to Sherborne, and in truth it could have been worse!

Following a good team talk, Sunninghill rallied. They began to value possession – ‘fighting’ hard to get the ball and then cutting down on those ‘loose’ passes which had cost them dearly in the first quarter.

Sherborne only scored 1 further goal before half time and the 3rd quarter was a 0-0 draw, with Isabel and Amelia were particularly competitive in defence.

In the last quarter we continued to improve and finally scored! To the delight of the whole team, their perseverance paid off and we took the final quarter 4-3.

Contribution Award: Katie for her all round committed play.

Team: U11 Netball v Sherb Prep
Venue: Redlands
Result: 6 – 6 draw

The girls worked fantastically well as a team and as a result we saw some excellent netball. In defence Mia and Poppy worked tirelessly, keeping close to their partners and jumping to intercept passes. Georgie and Iola made effective passes around the attacking circle to keep possession of the ball and to pass to our shooters Holly and Zuzanna. We saw some lovely shots and movement as the girls remained calm despite Sherborne's very tall defence. All this great determination led the girls to come back from 3 – 0 down to 5 all at the end of the third quarter, which made for an exciting end to the game with both teams working hard. Everyone showed tremendous effort throughout the whole game and the final result was a fair draw.

Contribution Award: *the opposition gave this to Mia for excellent interceptions and defensive play.*

Team: U12 Netball v Sherb Girls
Venue: Sherborne Girls
Result: 9 – 1 win

The girls were promised sunshine and warmth this week for their game so we had it indoors at Sherborne girls. Playing three thirds the girls started positively with three goals from Freya. Defending was excellent and Meena had the better of her opposite number consistently getting to the ball first. All through the game Sophia competently fed the ball up the court with excellent linking with Megan at centre and Erin who fed Freya and Eleni in the goal. In the second quarter Sherborne got a goal back but we swiftly scored another three with Eleni getting two. In the final third we swapped our players around as the game looked in the bag with Lily and Esme enjoying some space. Sofia then played what's known in football terms a 'blinder' and scored three goals.

Contribution Award: *Sofia*

Team: U13 Netball v Sherb Girls
Venue: Sherborne Girls
Result: 7 – 2 win

This was a cracking game, end to end play with some quick passing and some great defensive work from Olivia, Tallulah and Lea. The first third finished with us in front by 2 goals to 1 with Jessie shooting well. Poppy as GA grew in confidence scoring in the 2nd third and increasing our lead to 5 – 1. Lily was like a bullet around the court, leaping like a salmon to intercept the ball and giving some great passes into our attacking circle. Lea has made the most improvement, moving into some great spaces and passing effectively throughout the game. Verity linked up well with Lily and the shooters and everyone's effort was highly commendable. A well-deserved victory and a real confidence boost. Well done to the whole team.

Contribution Award: *The opposition gave this to Lily for her defensive work and Poppy for her attacking play.*

Team: U9 Hockey v Leweston
Venue: SPS
Result: 5 – 2 win

The Form 4's practised a more aggressive formation in preparation for this match which really paid off. Sunninghill started with a sweeper/keeper, three high midfielders and a striker. Alexander was ruthless and scored 3 ferocious goals. Felix, Max and Charlie worked tirelessly to move the ball up the pitch and when they lost possession they worked hard to regain it. Asia has the Great Wall of China, well Sunninghill has the Great Wall of Oscar! Oscar was rock solid in defence during the first half and cleared any danger that came towards him. Xavier and Oliver showed their improved skills. A great display of skill and team work which ultimately gave a very comfortable victory.

Contribution Award: *Oscar for his solid defending and excellent tactical understanding.*

Team: U10 Hockey
Venue: Sherborne Prep
Result: 2 – 0 loss

The game was extremely tight with both teams not giving much away in defence. In the second half Sherborne managed to break through twice with two fantastic goals. Sunninghill played well as a team and tried hard to create gaps by using width. Theo, Aaron and James played well in defence whilst Sam and Archie tried hard to break through the Sherborne defence. The boys made better decisions and moved the ball well. A tough and exciting game. Well done.

Contribution Award: William for being an excellent goal keeper.

Team: U11 Hockey
Venue: Sherborne Prep
Result: 4 – 2 loss

The match against Sherborne Prep could not have been closer. From the beginning, it was clear that the entire match would be a hard-fought battle. The possession was back and forth through-out. Excellent play up both of the wings and directly up the middle were shut-out by the Sherborne defence refused to be broken. Before long, two unlucky blunders befell our team and two shots had trickled between the keeper's legs. Right at the stroke of half-time, Gethyn put our first goal on the scoreboard with a fantastic shot from the edge of the D.

The second half was just as tight as the first. Harri continued to harass the wing and was a constant threat. Valentine and Gethyn were an eternal nuisance to their attack and defence. Orlando's presence on the wing frequently distressed the Sherborne players and the defences of Leo, Daniel, Eddie and Henry, all lead by Will, were almost impenetrable. Will was even a stalwart figure in the midfield. Theo performed well in goal, but was unfortunately caught out when they scored. The final score was in no way a reflection of how close the match was.

Contribution Award: Harri

Team: U13/12 Hockey v Sherb Prep
Venue: SPS
Result: 5 – 0 loss

This was a much closer game than the scoreline suggests. We lacked a clinical finish in front of goal and our boys were too nice and didn't show enough aggression. We certainly competed in terms of our hockey skills. Our link play was excellent very reminiscent of Barcelona's ticky tacky style. Henry, Tom H, Josh, Tymon and Gabriel - all had a great game and set up chance after chance. Tom C and Aidan put in some timely tackles and captain Lawrence, in goal, also put in a good shift. We probably had as much possession and territory as them and I was particularly impressed with our indomitable spirit - we were always so close to getting the next goal but for their keeper.

Contribution Award: Tom – Mr Metcalfe said that was one of the best games he has seen us play and Tom stood out in a team packed with good performances.

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



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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





FAMILY SCIENCE FESTIVAL

Sunday 17th March 2019

1.00 pm to 5.00 pm

The Corn Exchange, Dorchester

We have invited scientists to bring a range of interactive activities. Check out the pop-up museum, handle bugs, observe living microbes, augment your reality, identify fossils, and much more!

Suitable for all ages, with open access and **free entry**



BU Bournemouth University

Royal Society of Biology

DASP
Dorset Area Science Partnership

TOMORROW'S
MUSEUM
FOR
DORSET
ON TOUR

WHOLE SCHOOL	11th	Reception Farm Visit - Kingston Maurward 9.45 - 3.00 pm
DIARY OF EVENTS		Forms 5 & 6 Girls Netball Practice - Milton Abbey 11.00 am
		Forms 7 & 8 Girls Netball Practice - Milton Abbey 2.30 pm
		Music Exams Blandford - 3.00 - 6.00 pm
	12th	U8 & U9 Netball v Clayesmore (H) 2.00 pm
		U8 & U9 Hockey v Clayesmore @ Redlands 1.45 pm
		Form 8 Frome transect trip 1.30 - 4.30 pm
		Form 7 Parents' Evening 4.45 - 7.00 pm
	13th	Form 2 Forest School
		Form 4 Forest School
		U13 Port Regis Girls Football Tournament 2.30 pm
		U12 Netball v Clayesmore (HOME) 2.30 pm
		U10/11 Netball v Clayesmore (A) 2.30 pm
		U11 Netball v Clayesmore (A) 2.30 pm
		U13/12 Hockey v Sandroyd (A) 1.45 pm
		U12/11 Hockey v Sandroyd (A) 1.45 pm
		U10 Football v DMS (A) 2.30 pm
		Waterstones Prizegiving Rotary Young Writers 4.30 pm
	14th	Class Reps Meeting 8.30 am
		Reception & Form 1 Swimming @ 1610
		Forms 5 - 8 IAPS Swimming Qualifier - Millfield 11.00 - 4.45 pm
		Nursery & Fledglings - Kingston Maurward 1.00 - 3.30 pm
		After School Skiing & Bouldering
	15th	Comic Relief Day - wear red for charity with a donation
		Form 8 Assembly - all parents welcome 8.30 am
		Whole school parents invited - join us for breakfast <i>please let Megan know if you would like breakfast</i>
		Nursery & Fledglings - Kingston Maurward 9.45 - 12.20 pm
		Parent & Toddler Group 10.00 - 11.30 am
		Reception Forest School 10.00 - 12.15 pm
		Forms 5 & 6 Swimming Gala - 1610 - 12.00 - 3.00 pm
		Reception Class Visual Screening 1.30 pm
		Form 1 Skiing 1.30 pm
		Forms 5 - 8 Sports Afternoon
		Barn Dance - School Hall 7.00 pm - still time to buy tickets!
LETTERS ON THE PORTAL		Music Timetable- Week 9
		Menu - Week 9
		Fixtures of the Week and Team Sheets
		On-line Safety Newsletter
Fledglings		No letters
Nursery		Nursery to Reception letter/Consultation Evenings
Reception		Kingston Maurward/Parents' Evening
Form 1		Skiing/Parents' Evening
Form 2		Parents' Evening
Form 3		Parents' Evening
Form 4		Parents' Evening
Form 5		Easter Sports Camp
Form 6		Easter Sports Camp
Form 7		Easter Sports Camp
Form 8		HPV Vaccine letters - girls/Easter Sports Camp