



Happy Easter!



She was in the river disturbing our kick samples, she was collecting cut willow for weaving baskets and was stealing Cornish pasties from the unwary in true Labrador mode. She was full of the joys of life and was doing what she loved best – spending time with children, by my side.



Dear Parents

I'm not sure where to begin this week's Hermes, but begin I must.

I start with some very sad news that I have been hiding from telling you all week.



Molly occupied a very special place in the hearts and souls and minds of many of us. She could charm the youngest of children with her soft eyes and gentleness and would knowingly rest her lovely noble head on the lap of a worried parent, comforting them in times of need.

I can only imagine that she is needed in some faraway place of great importance as her time with us has been far too brief.

Molly was quite unexpectedly taken ill last Friday and was quickly diagnosed as having an acute form of leukaemia. After a short illness she passed away peacefully on Wednesday.

It was only the previous week that she had accompanied Mrs Saines and me and the Form 8s on one of our conservation days.

As if to emphasize how polarised life is, Betty my missing tortoise, unexpectedly returned from "the lost" at almost the same time. "Tortoise Watch" had just about given up on her, though Mike Williams of lacrosse fame did email me to say she'd be back from the depths, and how right he was. An early morning trip to my greenhouse to check on her companion Bomber, found Betty lying

upside down on the concrete floor. I think she had hibernated in one of the grow bags and rolled out in the warm weather. They've both had long soaks in warm baths and are being gradually tempted back into feeding with the tastiest of treats. There's always a silver lining if you look hard enough!

Schools are great places to be in times of strife because the natural exuberance of youth provides so many moments to be thankful for. The last week of each term is always a firm favourite as there are so many events taking place and so much to be proud of.

Last Friday's formal music concert sounded a real success. You can watch some of it via scanning a QR code later in this edition – all part of integrating ipads into school life.

The senior pupils headed off to their regional STEM competition on Wednesday, returning having covered themselves with great accomplishment. The rest of the senior pupils busied themselves with mixed house matches that sounded great fun.



On Wednesday effort grades were sent home too. Do remember to spend some time going through these with your children. It is always a good idea to count the previous total and compare against the new total, setting achievable targets for the road ahead on a hopefully upward curve.

On Thursday we held our end of term assembly where endeavour awards were handed out in Music, Sport and academic

domains. It was great to welcome a handful of parents who sneaked in too!



I also received more worrying news of traffic misdemeanours from anxious parents this week. Previous impassioned pleas seem to have fallen on deaf ears as I continue to get reports of speeding cars and parking on double yellow lines just by the traffic lights. As a result of this we are going to patrol the early morning drop off in high-viz jackets after Easter.

The consequences of not taking this concern seriously do not bear thinking about and no amount of lateness can justify putting the life of others in jeopardy.



On a more positive note, a team of "bunny girls" descended on the school on Thursday. Golf tees were hidden and the whole school excitedly scrambled to find three each, gaining the reward of a very delicious chocolate rabbit or even better if you were lucky enough to find a striped tee. Many thanks to the parents who made this

possible. They had even thought to provide an egg to each of the teachers too. What joy!



We said goodbye to the Humphrey family this week. Kirsty has been an integral member of the accounts team for the past two years, supporting Eileen with her many tasks. Aaron and Lachlan have been brilliant members of their forms and we wish Kirsty and Steve and their lovely children the very best of luck as they head off to working in Woking.

After Easter we welcome Stacey Rook as Kirsty's replacement.

Today sees the final day of Fledglings. Ella heads off to work as cabin crew with British Airways and Laura moves up to be a key worker in Nursery. Nikki has become the school's full time Designated Safeguarding Lead and in charge of Wellbeing and Head of PSHE. It's all change, but change that we are convinced is for the better as we consolidate key areas of the school and provide more space for Junior Prep. Less is more!

Finally, today's Easter service was the most uplifting of events and of the highest of standards that we have all become used to as the norm.

Please remember we return to school on Wednesday 24th April after our Easter break.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Thorpe".

Mr John Thorpe
Headmaster

Nursery

Nursery have been on a trip to Kingston Maurward Animal Park. They saw lots of animals including pigs, sheep, baby goats, alpacas, Shetland ponies, some quail chicks and even an owl! What a lovely afternoon we all had!



Form 2

As part of our Florence Nightingale topic, Form 2 performed 'A Lantern Shone' for their parents today.

If you missed it, or would like to hear it, please scan the QR code and enjoy!



Form 3

The children have made some 'egg-cellent' Easter baskets



Form 5

Practicing their conversational French during a café scenario.



Form 8

We've had a most productive week in the Art Department following our visit to Arne and West Stafford focusing on the River Frome.



Poppy produced a wonderful dry point etching of the willow using our intaglio printing press and Lily made a print of the Drowner's hut on the side of the River Frome.

STEM News

This Wednesday saw the culmination of the 2019 Flying Start Challenge. Postgraduates from Leonardo (helicopter designers and manufacturers from Yeovil) have been working with our F8 pupils in their Creative Curriculum lessons. All the pupil groups entered the Regional final last month.

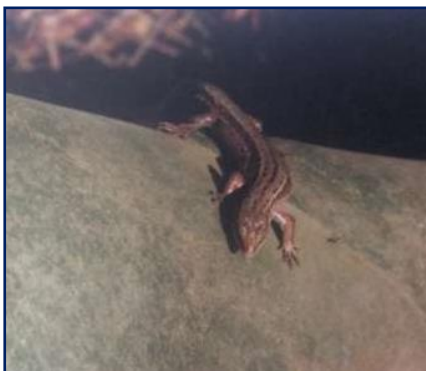
Two teams, Sea Queen (Verity, Frida, Clara and Lea) and TNT (Tallulah, Nathan, Tom), progressed through to the Grand Final hosted by the Fleet Air Arm Museum, Yeovilton. An intense but enjoyable day was had by all.



We have learnt about drowners and sheep folders. During our visit to Arne we learnt some of the different ways of managing the reserve to support the diverse species that live there.



One cheeky lizard decided to hitch a ride on Mr T's wellie boot!



The day kicked off with an informative presentation from a current BA Captain outlining his career path from engineer to pilot and a look into the working life of a commercial pilot. The teams then embarked on a series of very challenging STEM activities and a tour of the museum. Team Sea Queen also had the daunting task of being grilled about their glider's design process by industry specialists before partaking in a fly off in front of a large and knowledgeable audience. Sea Queen particularly impressed the workshop leaders with their Earthquake Tremor challenge. Having learnt about the strongest feature of a building, they had to construct a tower of at least 25cm height from straws, 1m of tape, 6

elastic bands and 6 lolly sticks. Two 100g masses were to be positioned at the top of the building before it was tested on the 'tremor pad'. They were narrowly beaten by a slightly taller building although the judges agreed their construction was by far the strongest.



Both teams received individual Industrial Cadet Bronze Certificates for their endeavours. These certificates represent a minimum 20 hours of participation in accredited STEM activities. The certificates are a real feather in the cap for these pupils as they are recognised by Universities and Colleges and employers alike and may well aid entry into STEM careers in their futures.

Sue Brunt

Music News

Happy Easter from the Music and Drama Department!

What a busy last few weeks it has been! Following on from a very successful Weymouth Music Festival, all children in Forms 1-8 were busy preparing and taking their LAMDA exams last week. The results usually take about six weeks and we will let you all know the results as soon as we hear. All three examiners commented on how well-prepared and well-mannered our pupils were. In preparations for their Trinity and ABRSM music exams, many of our pupils have also performed in the Informal and Formal concerts last week.

Please scan the QR code to watch a video of the highlights.

Scan the QR code to watch highlights from the Informal and Formal concerts this term.



Music lessons will commence in Week 2, and the timetable will be on the Portal at the start of the Summer Term.

This week has ended with our annual Easter Service, which included performances from the Chamber Choir, Junior Choir and Clarinet Ensemble.

ABRSM Results:

William – Prep Test Piano

Trinity College of Music Results:

Sam – Grade 1 Piano (Merit)

Have a wonderful Easter Holidays and we are looking forward to many more performances next term.

Sports News

Senior Inter House Netball Forms 5 - 8

1st – Maumbury

2nd – Purbeck

3rd – Frome

4th - Ridgeway



***Senior Inter-House Hockey:
Forms 5 – 8***

- 1st - Ridgeway 9 points
- 2nd - Maumbury 6 points
- 3rd - Frome 3 points
- 4th - Purbeck 0 points

Inter-house Mixed Netball/Hockey

Forms 7 & 8

- 1st - Purbeck 11 points
- 2nd - Maumbury 10 points
- 3rd - Ridgeway 8 points
- 4th - Frome 3 points



***Junior Inter-house Hockey
Forms 3 & 4***

- 1st – Maumbury 6 points
- 2nd – Purbeck 6 points
- 3rd – Frome 3 points
- 4th – Ridgeway 3 points

Orienteering

Please see the attached posters for details about local orienteering led by Jason who ran our Friday orienteering for us in the Autumn term.

Notes from a Small Garden



The last two weeks have been quiet in the garden, winding down for Easter, with quite a few of our ‘mini beasts’ deciding the fine weather should be used for running and jumping, and not for gardening, and who can blame them!

A couple of hardy horticulturists stuck it out to the end and helped get the last few seeds planted, and our big pots of potatoes done. The greenhouse is overflowing with sweetpeas and seedlings of many descriptions. We hope to use the holidays for some much needed tidying sorting and planning. With such an abundance of successful seedlings we are having to plan some new ways to display them! Next term is shaping up to be a bumper one for our little garden!



Jo Foote

Gymnastics



Poppy qualified yesterday with a score of 50.40 for the South West Team. The team go to Birmingham in June to compete against the rest of the country in the National finals.

Costa Rica Expedition Fundraising Quiz

Sam would like to say a big thank you to everyone who supported him with his Fundraising Quiz on Saturday night. We were thrilled by the support of over 100 people who came to the quiz and really grateful to those people who gave donations, but were unable to attend. We have taken £930, which is fantastic! Thank you again for your support.

Sunninghill staff quiz team (Top Trumps) emerged victorious. After 2½ hours two teams were tied in first place and it went to a tie break. The first team to give three correct answers would win.

You might like to try the tie-breaker:

1. If Shakespeare's plays were placed in alphabetical order which would be first (disregarding the indefinite article)
2. What is Miss Marple's first name?
3. Who painted the Sistine Chapel?

(Answers in the next issue of Hermes!)

Alumni

It is not every day that one switches on the television and sees a former SPS pupil on screen but that is what is now happening. A new cast member of Made in Chelsea is our own Verity B. She left Sunninghill and went to Parkstone Grammar before moving on to Kings College, London, where Verity studied Bio Medical Science.

To think, it all started with the school nativity play!



The Dorset Dyslexia Association

Registered Charity Number is: 286329

Dyslexia Drop-In

Do you need advice and information on dyslexia?

Do you have a child who has just been diagnosed?

Do you need someone to talk to about dealing with dyslexia?

Join members of The Dorset Dyslexia Association at:-

Café on the Green
7, Dinham Walk
Poundbury
DORCHESTER
DT1 3WU

Saturday 13th April, 10.30 – 12.00

Come along and enjoy a cup of tea/coffee, a piece of cake and a chat.

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

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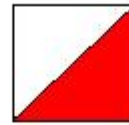
April - August 2019



Looking For A Local Orienteering Club?	
Wimborne Orienteers covers most of the Dorset area excluding Poole & Bournemouth	www.wimborne-orienteers.org.uk
Wessex Orienteering Club covers the Poole, Bournemouth & Christchurch area.	www.wessex-oc.org
Sarum Orienteering Club covers the South Wiltshire (Salisbury) area and North West Hampshire area.	www.sarumo.org.uk

Upcoming Orienteering Events In Dorset And The Surrounding Region					
New Comers Welcome - Advice, Coaching & Instructions Available At All Events					
Date	Location	Organising Club	Web Site	Event Type	League Info / Additional Info
Sunday 7 th April	Savernake Forest near Marlborough	North Wilts Orienteers	www.northwilts.org.uk	Forest	Also preliminary round for YBT
Monday 8 th April	Stour Meadows Blandford Forum	Wimborne Orienteers	www.wimborne-orienteers.org.uk	Evening urban	Wessex Region Summer League
Sunday 14 th April	Tisbury, Wiltshire	SARUM	www.sarumo.org.uk	Urban event	SEOUL Urban event
Saturday 27 th April	Itchen Valley CP Southampton	Southampton Orienteering Club	www.socweb.org	Parkland and woods	Wessex Region Summer League
Sunday 5 th May	Rushmore near Shaftesbury, Dorset	Wessex Orienteering Club	www.wessex-oc.org	Forest	Regional event
Friday 10 th May	Avon Heath CP St Ives	Wimborne Orienteers	www.wimborne-orienteers.org.uk	Forest & Heathland	Dorset Schools Score – closed event for schools only
Saturday 11 th May	Fonthill north of Shaftesbury, Dorset	SARUM	www.sarumo.org.uk	Forest	Wessex Region Summer League
Monday 13 th May	Ashley Heath, St Ives	Wimborne Orienteers	www.wimborne-orienteers.org.uk	Evening urban	WIM/WSX Summer Evening Event
Saturday 25 th May	West Wood, Netley, Southampton	Southampton Orienteering Club	www.socweb.org	Forest & heathland	Wessex Region Summer League
Saturday 1 st June	Tinney's Firs near Downton	SARUM	www.sarumo.org.uk	Forest	Wessex Region Summer League
Monday 3 rd June	Wareham, Dorset	Wimborne Orienteers	www.wimborne-orienteers.org.uk	Evening urban	WIM/WSX Summer Evening Event
Saturday 8 th June	Canford Heath Estate, Poole	Wessex Orienteering Club	www.wessex-oc.org	Urban event	SEOUL Urban event
Saturday 15 th June	Pear tree Green, Southampton	Southampton Orienteering Club	www.socweb.org	Forest & parkland	Wessex Region Summer League
Saturday 22 nd June	Ringwood	Wimborne Orienteers	www.wimborne-orienteers.org.uk	Urban event	SEOUL Urban event
Saturday 29 th June	Littledown Centre, Bournemouth	Wessex Orienteering Club	www.wessex-oc.org	Park and urban	Wessex Region Summer League
Saturday 6 th July	Potterne Park, Verwood	Wimborne Orienteers	www.wimborne-orienteers.org.uk	Urban and forest	Wessex Region Summer League plus 'Activate' event
Sunday 14 th July	Ringwood	Wimborne Orienteers	www.wimborne-orienteers.org.uk	Relay event	
Monday 15 th July	Boscombe Chine	Wessex Orienteering Club	www.wessex-oc.org	Evening Urban	WIM/WSX Summer Evening Event
Saturday 21 st July	Holton Lee near Wareham	Wessex Orienteering Club	www.wessex-oc.org	Relay event	
Saturday 3 rd August	Moors Valley Country Park	Wimborne Orienteers	www.wimborne-orienteers.org.uk	Forest	Wessex Region Summer League + 'Activate' MTBO
Saturday 10 th August	Slades Farm, Winton	Wessex Orienteering Club	www.wessex-oc.org	Park and forest	Wessex Region Summer League
Tuesday 13 th August	By The Way, Wimborne	Wimborne Orienteers	www.wimborne-orienteers.org.uk	Forest and fields	'Activate' event
Saturday 17 th August	Hyde/Gorley Commons Fordingbridge	Wimborne Orienteers	www.wimborne-orienteers.org.uk	Heathland	Wessex Region Summer League plus picnic after

Orienteering routes coming soon to Weymouth



New orienteering courses unveiled in Weymouth.....

Due to the success of Beat the Street, three new permanent orienteering courses have been created at The Nothe Gardens in Weymouth.

A launch of the courses is being held on Sunday 7 April at Nothe Gardens from 11am – 1.30pm.

Families are invited to come along and have a go at orienteering. The event is for everyone to come together, find as many markers as they can and learn some basic navigation skills.

After the launch event, people who want to try out the courses can borrow a map whenever they want from the chalet café near the Nothe Fort car park, the café on the stone pier, The Nothe Tavern or Nothe Fort. The map will also be available to download from Wimborne Orienteers' website: wimborne-orienteers.co.uk

You can also use your smart phone to record your run & see others' results by downloading the free APP from oriento.uk

Feedback from people who played Beat the Street said that they missed the fun & the competitive element of the game between family and friends. The orienteering courses are an opportunity to create some more healthy competition.

Three courses have been set up in the Nothe Gardens. The courses are permanent, so people can complete the routes as many times as they like and hopefully improve their finish times each visit.

Watch out in the future for more permanent orienteering courses & activities in the Weymouth area.





EASTER DRAWING COMPETITION 2019

Calling all budding artists! Meyers are holding an Easter Drawing Competition.
Can you WOW us with your artistic talent and Imagination?

Enter your artwork for a chance to win

£25 worth of Frank Herrings Voucher

PLUS, one lucky winner will also win an additional

£125 for their school

to spend on equipment and supplies.



The competition is open to all children between the age of 0-15.

Artwork will be judged within the following age categories:
0-5 years (winner will receive a £25 Frank Herrings Voucher)
6-9 years (winner will receive a £25 Frank Herrings Voucher)
10-15 years (winner will receive a £25 Frank Herrings Voucher)

From these 3 an overall winner will be chosen to receive £125 for their school.

To enter, return your finished and named artwork to the Meyers office,
1 Queen Mother Square, Poundbury, DT1 3BL (First Floor, lift access available)
before **WEDNESDAY 17TH APRIL 2019**.

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WHOLE SCHOOL DIARY OF EVENTS	24th	NO CLUBS THIS WEEK First day of the Summer Term
	25th	
	26th	Forms 3 & 4 Sailing, 2.00 pm
	Monday 29th	NO CLUBS THIS WEEK Form 5 Creative Arts Day with Darrell Wakelem
	Tuesday 30th	Form 8 Creative Curriculum to East Stoke 1.15 - 5.00 pm
	Wednesday 1st May	U13 & U12 Girls Pairs Cricket v Clayesmore @ Hanford 2.30 pm U11 & U10 Mixed Pairs Cricket v Sandroyd (A) 2.30 pm U12/13 Cricket v The Park @ Martinstown 2.30 pm
	Thursday 2nd May	Reception Forest Schools 8.30 am
	Friday 3rd May	RNLI Wear your wellies to School - charity event Parent & Toddler Group 10.00- 11.30 am Forms 3 & 4 Sailing, 2.00 pm Friday Sports Enrichment 2.00 pm Chamber Choir in Concert, Weymouth 7.00 pm
LETTERS ON THE PORTAL		
		Menu - Week 1 Summer Term
Fledglings		No letters
Nursery		No letters
Reception		No letters
Form 1		No letters
Form 2		No letters
Form 3		e-Safety Digital Parenting Magazine/Effort Grades
Form 4		e-Safety Digital Parenting Magazine/Effort Grades
Form 5		e-Safety Digital Parenting Magazine/Effort Grades
Form 6		e-Safety Digital Parenting Magazine/Effort Grades
Form 7		e-Safety Digital Parenting Magazine/Effort Grades
Form 8		e-Safety Digital Parenting Magazine/Effort Grades