

 Sunninghill  
PREP SCHOOL DORCHESTER

# Hermes

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## *Capturing a Moment in Time!*



Dear Parents

The world of digital media has consumed much of our thoughts in school this week.

On Tuesday we welcomed the team from Tempest to take the whole school and Form photos. The weather gods looked down kindly on us and the process went very smoothly. We await the results with baited breath.



We have also spent much time planning the two days of filming that will take place on Wednesday and Friday next week. We are aiming to produce a short film for our website that will give visitors a child's eye view of school.

Mrs Smith and Mrs Jones have scripted all the scenes they would like to film. One piece will film families arriving at school. If you have a spare half an hour on Wednesday morning at 9.30am please do make contact with us. Excellent "extras" rates will be offered in the form of Kerry's treats.

I'm sure the Class Reps will testify how tasty these are as they were on the menu for our regular termly meeting that took place on Thursday.



The increase in frequency of bad language used around school was a particular cause for concern that we shared. In this morning's assembly I made it very clear to the children that we have zero tolerance for this and that a Friday detention and letter home would be the consequence of their misdemeanour. I would be very grateful if you could also reinforce this yourselves as it is a school/home team matter that we will only resolve together.

They also brought to my attention that the parent diary has the incorrect date for our Summer Fayre which takes place on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July. This is one of our best community days of the year and also one of our most significant fundraisers. Carol K and her team are keen to hear from any of you who might be able to offer a helping hand during the day.



The Class Reps who didn't rush out from school immediately were involved in a fire drill rehearsal that they seemed to enjoy. I think they were amazed at how quickly and quietly we managed to assemble and account for every child. In all it took over three minutes.



The PTFA do some amazing work for the school on a range of scales. This week the Reception and Form 1 classes received a present from them. Through the post came a butterfly kit complete with caterpillars. The children will be able to follow the full lifecycle of the butterfly in real time. As a passionate science teacher, it is process I continue to find absolutely fascinating. I will keep you up to date on their metamorphosis.



Elsewhere in school we welcomed last year's Speech Day guest speaker to deliver a watercolour masterclass on Tuesday. Charles Jardine joined Mrs Saines, myself and the Form 8's on the banks of the Frome. If you remember, Charles is the Chief Executive of the charity, Fishing for Schools. He is also a gifted artist and we thoroughly enjoyed our time with him.

Mr Stazicker gave me some very useful sailing stats this week. He worked out that 44 children from Form 3 to Form 8 got on the water last week which accounts for 63% of the school's population – a stat he was rightly proud of.



Ian has been at the Andrew Simpson Sailing Academy to celebrate the opening of their new base. I imagine he was rubbing shoulders with many gold medal winning Olympiads. Given the performance of our young sailors in the Millfield Regatta this week, they will soon be joining them. Erin and Gabriel deserve special mention for their amazing third place. Full report later in this edition.



Not to be outdone, Mrs Moss sent me her LAMDA stats which showed a 100% success rate. In all, 122 children took the exam from Form 1 to Form 8. Of these candidates, 78 achieved distinctions and 44 merits. Congratulations must go to all the children and the teachers (and parents) who helped prepare the children.

Whilst I am talking about the creative arts, can I remind you we have a musical assembly next Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May to which you are all invited. Please do let us know if you are joining us so we can set out chairs for and make sure there is a breakfast afterwards.

Poor Ben E in Form 7 is going to struggle to enjoy any of the above activities as he returned to school on Monday with a near full leg-brace and a suspected (now diagnosed) injury to his patella. Ben is an integral part to many of our sporting senior teams and his presence will be sadly missed.

Extreme skateboarding was the guilty culprit for his injury!



I often share amazing feats of citizenship with you and this week is no exception. Aidan B in Form 7 has set himself the challenge of raising a very significant sum of money to buy an AED for the school. You can find lots more details later in this edition.

In today's assembly I talked to the children about how the different cultures and religions of the world makes us all so much richer. I explained about the religious season of Ramadan and how significant it is to 1.8 billion Muslims around the world.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend ahead.

Mr John Thorpe  
Headmaster

## ***Nursery***



This week nursery made some yummy cakes and will decorate them with a spider web design.

We all had great fun and didn't get too messy!

## ***Form 2***

Elodie read "Who Let the Gods Out" by Maz Evans, over the Easter holiday and was absolutely gripped.

She wrote to Maz to tell her how much she loved it and to suggest she write another as it

was so good! She was about to post it yesterday when she learnt that Maz was coming to Sunninghill next week!



She can't wait to hand over her letter personally!

## ***Form 7***



In February 2019 my Gran and I took part in an Aquafit class in Dorchester 1610 organised by the Dorchester Lions to raise money to buy a local defibrillator.

Through the event I learned that there is no national database of defibrillator locations and the Lions buy from the South

West Ambulance service because they look after the machine; they service it annually to make sure it is working correctly, and they also replace the pads if the defibrillator is used.

More than 3,600 people used a defibrillator in the South West in 2018 and for every minute that passes once in cardiac arrest, a person loses a further 10% chance of survival, and with this dramatic loss in chance of survival, there is a need of a defibrillator every 4-5 minutes walk.

### **Idea to fundraise for a school defibrillator**

This gave me the idea to raise money to get a defibrillator fitted to the school hall. I have a few fundraising plans in place, and it all kicks off with a raffle and with permission a non-uniform sports themed day.

### **Who will be able to use the defibrillator?**

Anyone can suffer a heart attack although it does tend to be needed more by older people. This could be the teachers or people visiting the school which includes family members attending school events and all the members of the local community that use the hall on a weekly basis.

By placing the defibrillator on the hall way people who live close to the school can also use the machine so it will be a good community resource.

### **Join In**

I am currently collecting prizes for the raffle and if you are able to donate anything please let us know. And if you have any ideas of ways to raise more funds come and see me at break time.

Aidan

## ***Twelfth Night by the Shakespeare Club***

May 2<sup>nd</sup> in the School Hall



Congratulations to the Shakespeare club who attended rehearsals faithfully, learned their lines well, and created an entertaining show for their families to enjoy last week.



“At first it was hard to work with a younger year group who are so close to us in age, but we worked together very well as a team in the end. Our hard work paid off and it was a very successful show. We are proud of our cast as they did brilliantly and we feel very privileged to have been their directors.”  
Frida and Poppy.



## ***Music News***



Congratulations to the 7 pupils who travelled to Bryanston on Tuesday for their SATIP's orchestral afternoon. Our pupils performed with 130 children from local schools and after an afternoon rehearsing parents were welcomed to Bryanston to watch the final performance from the String Orchestra, Concert Band and Samba Group.

Scan and enjoy the Bryanston performances!



It was a fantastic experience for all involved and a great way to start the term.

William has enjoyed his first double bass lesson this week, please get in touch if this is something you would be interested in having a taster lesson.



We look forward to welcoming all parents to our Music Assembly on Friday at 8.30 where we will hear performances from Chamber Choir and Wind Band alongside some of our peripatetic music staff.

## ***Notes from a Small Garden***

A blustery one this week, but it didn't bother our hardy gardeners!



Beautiful broad beans were first on the agenda, we all loved their smooth outer shells and marvellous colours.

Followed by some up rooting of rogue mint that seems to be taking over our raised bed, this was replaced with our favourite spinach and some carrots.



A quick water and that was it for another week! So much to do, but so little time!

Jo Foote

## ***Holiday Club***



Summer dates have been released and booking forms are on our website.

## ***Sports News***

### ***Millfield Sailing Regatta***



With strong winds predicted one school pulled out at the last minute expecting no racing to go ahead. However, the race team put out a short reaching course with tacks and no gybes to keep as many boats upright as possible. Checking the weather instruments afterwards we discovered they were on the water with maximum gusts of 34 knots or Force 8 in old money.



The Olympic boats, in town for the Europeans, were not sailing because it was too windy! The fleet of twenty boats was split into four flights, with each flight launching and racing three times with the races timed. With a maximum of two laps per race the races were short and exciting with mistakes punished as there was no time to catch up. Erin and Gabriel got off to a great start with a win in the first race. Hitting the committee boat cost them dearly in race two with a third place followed by a win in the last after the perfect start. Overall they finished third, only beaten by sailors from the GB squad!

Valentine and Freddie had an excellent series with a 1, 2, 2 in their three races but with slower times. Overall, they finished eighth with Freddie, the youngest crew in the fleet.

Thomas and Sam sailed consistently and with a 2, 2, 3 in their races sailed to an overall tenth and the only Year Five team in the fleet. Verity and Lydia were candidates for the lightest combo in the fleet and may have wished for lighter winds. However, they had one first place as the only boat in the flight to sail the correct course. They finished sixteenth overall. An excellent experience for all and many compliments from the instructors and support crew for their level of skill and efforts.

***Team: U8 Mixed Diamond Cricket v Sandroyd***  
***Venue: Martinstown***  
***Result: Lost 22 - 34***

This was a fiercely contested game of mixed Diamond cricket with Sandroyd batting first. They had some big hitters and scored a few 4s but SPS fielded well. SPS came into bat and Sandroyd worked tirelessly to run our players out and it was this 'quick thinking' that was the difference between the 2 teams. SPS scored more runs but were out more also.

Charlie, Gregory and Will did some great hitting and Will, Carolina and Anna fielded well.

**Contribution Award: the opposition chose Charlie and I agreed. He hit well and worked hard in the field too.**

Ms Thomasson

***Team: U8 Mixed Diamond Cricket v Sandroyd***  
***Venue: Martinstown***  
***Result: Draw***

A well-deserved draw!

A great game of Diamond cricket with the recent practices showing fruit. We fielded first and did some good stops and long barriers. We must just let one person chase the ball though and ensure someone is protecting the stumps. Batting improved with confidence and time at the crease. There was some excellent hitting and intelligent running between the stumps. We were well matched with Sandroyd and amazingly scored the same amount of runs.

**Contribution Award: Isadora for batting**

Mr Stazicker

***Team: U8/9A Mixed Diamond Cricket v Sandroyd***  
***Venue: Martinstown***  
***Result: Win 221 - 194***

The children endured a lovely afternoon of Diamond Cricket at Martinstown Cricket ground against Sandroyd on Tuesday. Sunninghill started as the batting team and had to switch on quick as Sandroyd displayed solid fielding skills. Each player scored runs and became more confident as the game went on. As communication continued to improve, players became more confident and went for big 4's and 6's.



In the second innings the Sunninghill players were fielding. They gradually found their positions and became more alert as Sandroyd batted very well. To improve the players need to work on their long barrier when receiving the ball.

**Contribution Award: Alexander for sensational batting.**

Mr Willemse



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## ***Form 8 Responsibilities for the Summer Term***

Head Boy –Nathan  
Head Girl – Lily  
Sports Captains – Tom & Frida

### **Prefects:**

ICT – Lawrence & Olivia  
Art – Jessie  
M&D – Clara & Lily  
Outdoor Ed – Atlanta & Frida  
STEM – Verity & Poppy  
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# *Lunch Menu*

## ***Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May***

Sweet & Sour Chicken

**Vegetarian Option: Sweet & Sour Quorn**

Noodles

Prawn Crackers

Dessert: Shortbread

## ***Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May***

Honey Baked Salmon Fillet

**Vegetarian Option: Spicy Bean Burger**

New Potatoes

Medley of Green Vegetables

Dessert: Chocolate Cherry Trifle

## ***Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May***

Chicken Korma

**Vegetarian Option: Lentil Korma**

Rice

Poppadums'

Dessert: Lemon Cake

## ***Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May***

Roasted Gammon & Pineapple

**Vegetarian Option: Roasted Pepper & Feta Tart**

Herby Diced Potatoes

Peas

Dessert: Sunninghill Mess

## ***Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May***

Vine Cherry Tomato & Basil Fusilli

Garlic Bread

Parmesan Cheese

Dessert: Artic Roll





# Andrew Simpson Centre - Portland 5th Birthday Open Day!

**FREE** Sailing • Kayaking • MegaSUP Activities  
Inflatable Bouncy Castle • On land activities

**The infamous Cardboard Boat Race is back for the 5th year!**

Rules: Has to be made of cardboard, has to hold at least one person.

Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Starts at 2pm.

**Saturday 11th May // 10am - 4pm**



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Multi-Activity

## *Weekly Diary*

<b>WHOLE SCHOOL</b>	13th May	Bug Fest Visit- Reception-Form 6
<b>DIARY OF EVENTS</b>		Mary-Ann from Dorchester Museum to talk in Assembly
		Sainsburys Tennis Qualifier@Dorchester Tennis Club 12-3.00pm
		U13 & U12 Cricket practice @ Martinstown 2.50-4.30pm
	14th May	Form 5 Exams- In normal lessons Tuesday-Friday
		Maz Evans Assembly Form 1-8
		Maz evans Workshop Form 3 & 4
		U9 West Dorset Swimming Gala @1610 12.45pm
		U9&U8 mixed Cricket V Sherborne Prep @ Sherborne Prep 2.15pm
	15th May	Filming for Website video- All day
		Form 3 Residential- Wednesday- Friday
		Forms 1 & 4 Forset Schools
		U13&U12 Mixed Tennis V Leweston- Cancelled
		U11 & U10 Rounder V BCS @ BCS 2.15pm
		U13 & U12 Cricket V Clayesmore @ Martinstown 2.30pm
		U11 & U10 Cricket V Clayesmore @ Clayesmore 2.30pm
	16th May	Reception Forest Schools 8.30 am
		Form 5-8 Boys Tennis V Sandroyd @ Sandroyd 3.15pm
		Golf @ Dorset Golf & Country Club 4.30-7.00pm
	17th May	Music Ensemble Assembly- Parents welcome- Breakfast to follow
		Parent & Toddler Group 10.00- 11.30 am
		Filming for Website video- All day
		Forms 3 & 4 Sailing, 2.00 pm
		Friday Sports Enrichment 2.00 pm
<b>LETTERS ON THE PORTAL</b>	Music Timetable- Week 4	
	Menu - 13th May	
	Fixtures of the Week and Team Sheets	
	E-Safety Update-Summer Term ' DITTO@ Newsletter	
<b>Nursery</b>	No Letters	
<b>Reception</b>	No Letters	
<b>Form 1</b>	No Letters	
<b>Form 2</b>	KS1 Sats	
<b>Form 3</b>	Rock & Rapid Expedition/	
<b>Form 4</b>	No Letters	
<b>Form 5</b>	Exam Week/Form 5 Exped	
<b>Form 6</b>	Exam Week/	
<b>Form 7</b>	Exam Week/Taming Of The Shrew	
<b>Form 8</b>	Exam Week/	