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Racing towards the finishing line!



Supporting Julia's House in our pj's!

Dear Parents

It's Form 8 expd week so I write this brief weekly update from the beautiful Channel Island of Guernsey.

If you have never been here I can't recommend it highly enough - it's unbelievably tranquil with stunning granite cliffs and crystal clear waters. The locals are as friendly as can be and the food is fantastic. It is a fairly good place to live full time too as there is no VAT and the highest rate of tax is 20%. Crime appears to be unheard of and there are no high rise buildings anywhere. There must be some pitfalls though I'm yet to find them.

Ah yes, you can't really buy a house here unless you're a local. That's a real shame as there are a hundred disused greenhouses on big plots with small cottages - my dream come true. They all date back to a time in the not so distant past when the island was famous for its tomatoes. The greenhouses were fired by oil. A hoick in oil prices put paid to this lovely industry, which sadly is no more.

Guernsey cows are still going strong, though, and we've all enjoyed full cream milk with our morning cereal, not to mention some of the best ice cream known to man. What a treat!

We've had an absolutely superb week, though with just a final few weeks of their Sunninghill lives to go, there is an unspoken air of melancholy and a journey into the unexpected ahead. The sun is slowly setting on their careers and their departure will leave a very big hole to fill as they have been the most outstanding year group you could ever wish to have in your school. What they have lacked in number, they have certainly made up for in spirit, endeavour and leadership.



Whilst here, I read a lovely article in a local newspaper about how to keep your children healthy. The key, it seems, is to make sure there is a thick layer of dirt around the house and to avoid cleanliness at all cost. This will prevent asthma and all manner of diseases and give your children a natural resilience to face the world. That's a great excuse for the weekend ahead!

I've been kept regularly updated at events taking place back at school. I know Mr Stazicker has had a great time with the Form 6s on their mini exped. They have had local excursions this term because they head to France in September for their big trip with Mme Shilliday.



I must also thank Mrs Akerman, Mrs Sewed and Mr Stazicker for holding the fort in my absence. They are a great triple act and do a fantastic job between them.

Elsewhere, Junior Prep seem to have had a fantastic Creative Arts week with so much taking place. All their work will be displayed in an Art Gallery on Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd July from 3.30 pm each day in the Drawing Room. Do try and visit as they will have produced some stunning pieces of work. I'll be there myself to catch up.

Staying with Junior Prep, they all went on a magical musical journey into space with the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra on Tuesday. Our very own violin teacher Kate Hawes was playing. Thanks to Mrs Moss for helping to organise this.



Mrs Smith and Mrs Fernley have been hastily putting the finishing touches to our very first yearbook before it goes to print ahead of its completion date of Friday 12th July - the last day of term and Speech Day and Prize Giving. I am very excited about this visual and textual chronology of our school year. I really hope you love it as a huge amount of time, effort and money has been invested to give us all a long term record of the year.

Mandy and Rob Jones have been integral to the project. They have also been busy filming the final scenes that will hopefully complete our "from a child's eye view of the school" film to go on the website ahead of the new academic year.

As a cricket fanatic, I've been glued to the wireless whilst I've been away. The country has very high expectations of a World Cup win on home soil though India look very strong indeed. That would be a brilliant final.

Harry H and his dad managed to go one step better and went to see the England vs West Indies game together last Friday. I share a lovely picture of Harry himself. He looks like a budding Geoffrey Boycott in t'making though lads from t'other side of Pennines tha sees!



Staying on the sporting front, but with a different ball, we very proudly welcomed the Steve Rideout Memorial Golf Day to school last Saturday. Early morning rain threatened to ruin the day though the back nine saw us all dry out with scores improving to match the rising temperatures. A fab bbq back at school rounded off a lovely day.

Not to be outdone, great excitement is also following the England Women's World Cup football team. They have a great chance of making the final with France and the USA also looking strong.

The PTFA Summer Fayre organisation team met on Wednesday. A flyer has been sent home, asking for your help in a number of ways.



Finally, today has seen children and staff alike wearing their pjs to school for a joint



fundraising event for Julia's House and the "Burgess" AED. The raffle was drawn at 1.30 pm this afternoon. If you bought tickets I hope good news flies your way as there were some excellent prizes on offer and many of them too. A big thanks to all those who kindly donated prizes.

Total so far to be split between the two events: £100.50.

The raffle raised £535.20 – an amazing result!

Wishing you a wonderful weekend with your family and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday morning outside Compass Lobby.

John Thorpe

Mr John Thorpe
Headmaster

Nursery

Heidi's Granny spotted a hedgehog in our bike shed this morning, we were all very excited to have a look! The hedgehog is now being looked after by the Hedgehog Rescue Centre on Portland.



Form 2

The children have been looking at the lifecycle of poppies with Liz.



Some of Form 2 enjoying a summer tea party and it only rained a bit!



Hamish invited his brother Benjamin from Nursery to join in the fun.

They also painted wildflower meadows and took their inspiration from Yvonne Coomber, an artist from the Southwest.



Form 4



Den building in Forest School

Form 6 Outdoor Activity Week



Form 6 have enjoyed dodgeball archery, paddle boarding, climbing, camping and seeing dolphins!





We have featured all week on Wessex FM as School of the Week.

If you missed the shows they can be found on the podcast below:

<https://www.wessexfm.com/On-Air/carl-ashwin-in-the-morning/school-of-the-week.php>

Music News

Congratulations to all those who took part in the informal music concert on Thursday.

We are looking forward to this week's formal concert at 7pm in the drawing room, please do come along to support our fantastic musicians.

Don't forget ABRSM exams are taking place on 2nd July in school, Mrs Nolan-Stone is running extra aural lessons next week Tuesday and Friday at 8am.

Orlando is playing the organ on several dates this summer in a series of concerts held at Holworth Chapel. The first one, which everyone will love, is a programme of Liverpoolian music and a general sing-along... nothing formal at all. If the weather is good, the doors will be open, so a picnic and a glass of wine can be enjoyed while listening. Great fun...

Mrs Nolan-Stone

Sunninghill Defibrillator Fund Raising Event

Try something different:

Aquafit on Tuesday 2nd July (Adult & Children's Classes)

No experience necessary.

On Tuesday 2nd July, there will be two Aquafit classes in the Sunninghill outdoor pool to help in the defibrillator fundraising effort.

Each class will be divided into shallow and deep water places to offer spaces for all levels of water confidence (deep water places are most suitable for competent swimmers and those looking for an extra challenge).

Adult Class

5pm to 5.45pm (the after school club is available for pupils)

Suggested £5 donation

Number of Places: 10 Shallow and 10 Deep

Children's Class

5.45pm to 6.30pm

Suggested £2.50 donation

Number of Places: 15 Shallow and 10 Deep

Please book through Megan or Lydia.

No equipment or specialist clothing required; please remember to bring a swim cap.

Sports News

Sainsbury Games Tennis Final

Felix, Carolina, Iris and William participated in the U9 Dorset School Games Tennis Final. The four players had to play two qualifying rounds to get to this stage and were confident going into the event. The final took place at the Wey Valley Tennis Centre and consisted of the 12 strongest teams from Dorset. Carolina played amazingly as one of the only players at the event who does not play tennis regularly. She did play very well and scored many points. Iris and William played incredible, both winning 5 out of their 5 matches. What is even better is that they can both play in the tournament again as they played up a year. Felix had tough battles against strong players and won 4 out of 5 matches.



After four matches against Park School (Bournemouth) in the final, the score was tied 2-2. We lost the fixture as Park School scored 6 more points. If the scoring was done by points for and points against, then we would have won the tournament.

A well-deserved Silver and the players should be very proud of their performances and achievement.

Swimming

Well done to our swimmers representing West Dorset in the County Schools Finals at Littledown Pool last Saturday.



Sam - U10 25m Fly
Poppy - U11 25m Fly
Holly - U11 50m Freestyle and Breast stroke.
Mia & Zuzanna with Poppy and Holly - U11 Freestyle and Medley Relays.

Tough competition but all swam well and a great experience.

Sports Camps

Sunninghill will be running sports camps during the Summer. They will be running from Tuesday 16th - Thursday 18th July, Monday 22nd - Wednesday 24th July and Monday 29th - Wednesday 31st July.

The camps will consist of a variety of sports, outdoor pursuits and activities. The camp is open to students in current Forms 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8.

Please sign up with Megan if you would like your child to attend the Camp. Closing date - 5th July.

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

Languages – Lea & Amalia

Humanities – Olivia

Eco schools – Jessie & Verity

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PTFA

SUMMER FAYRE AND FUN DOG SHOW

SATURDAY 6TH JULY 2019
12.30 TO 16.30

SUNNINGHILL PREP SCHOOL | SOUTHWALKS | DORCHESTER

SUNNINGHILL HALL DEFIBRILATOR FUNDRAISING ACTIVITY

Defibrillators



You are invited to come along and try something new

Aquafit Class in the Sunninghill Pool



TUES 2ND JULY

Adult Class 5pm to 5.45pm

Children's Class 5.45pm to 6.30pm

(The afterschool club will be open for parents wishing to join in)

Places available:

Adult Class: 10 Shallow & 10 Deep Water (£5pp)

Children's Class: 15 Shallow & 10 Deep Water (£2.50pp)

NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE REQUIRED

ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED

DEEP WATER CLASSES FOR COMPETENT SWIMMERS

**Book places via Megan or Lydia
(Thank you for supporting this cause)**

Weekly Diary

WHOLE SCHOOL	24th	Form 8 Lions' Lair Cake sale @ Break time
DIARY OF EVENTS	25th	Form 8 girls (select group) Dance Workshop Thomas Hardy 10.00 am U8 & U9 Cricket v Dumpton @ Dumpton 2.15 pm
	26th	Forms 2 & 4 Forest School U12 & U13 Rounders v BCS Senior School (A) TBC U11 & U10 Cricket v Leweston @ SPS 2.30 pm TBC U12 & U13 Cricket v Sherborne @ Sherborne 2.30 pm U10 & U11 Cricket v Sherborne @ Martinstown 2.30 pm
	27th	Move up Morning Reception to Form 4 Reception Forest School Sailing 4.30 - 8.00 pm Golf @ Dorset Golf & Country Club 4.30 - 6.30 pm
	28th	Form 4 Assembly 8.30 am All Parents welcome Form 3 & 4 Durlston Country Park- 9.00 am- 4.00 pm Parent & Toddler Group 10 -11.30 am Form 6 & 7 Windsurfing & Sailing @ 2.00 pm Formal Music Concert @ 7.00 pm in the Drawing Room
LETTERS ON THE PORTAL	Music Timetable- Week 9	
	Menu - 24th June	
	Fixtures of the Week and Team Sheets	
Nursery	Summer Fayre	
Reception	Summer Fayre	
Form 1	Summer Fayre	
Form 2	Summer Fayre	
Form 3	Summer Fayre/Durlston Country Park/Paulton's Park	
Form 4	Summer Fayre/Durlston Country Park/Paulton's Park	
Form 5	Summer Fayre	
Form 6	Summer Fayre	
Form 7	Summer Fayre	
Form 8	Summer Fayre/Final Weeks	