



Hermes

New Term – New Starters!



Dear Parents

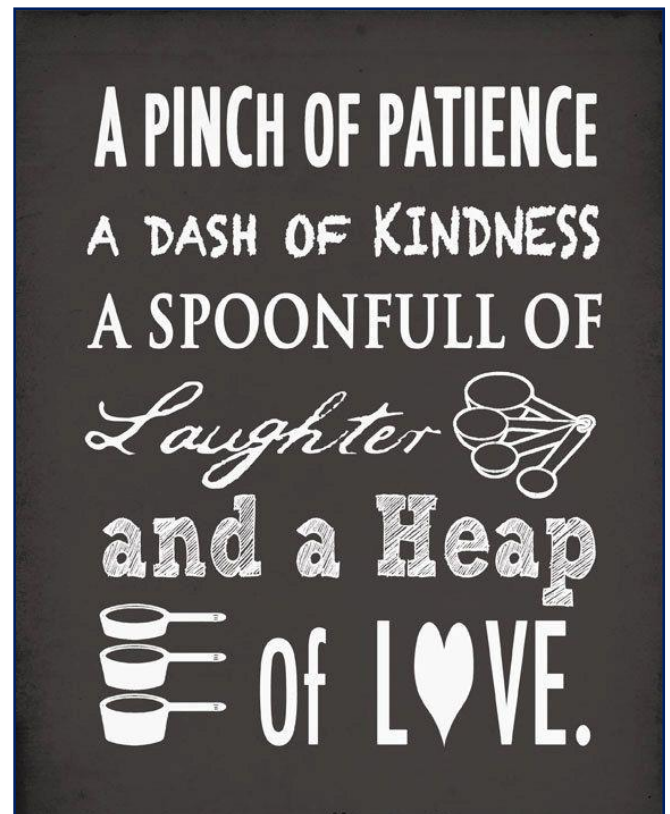
A very warm welcome to the new academic year and to our five hundredth edition of our weekly circular. It is a great tribute to the many people who contribute to its content and to Lydia who draws it all together so well.

The school was on full throttle on Tuesday and Wednesday ahead of the arrival of your children on Thursday. All this planning and preparation paid off in a very smooth first day with all your charges coming back in great shape, including a number of new families who I am sure you will warmly welcome yourselves when you bump into them.

Children had an hour with their new tutors at the start of Thursday, an essential slot of time to meet and greet, hand out new timetables, homework diaries, new routines and much more.

We then had a welcome back assembly where we gave out badges to our Head Boy and Girl, Sports Captains and Prefects.

The new Bake Off series was a topic for discussion and we agreed on what might be the perfect recipe for a happy school.



Mrs Sales told us about the new four-legged arrival in her family, though Gregory V topped this with the return of his lovely dad from six months spent studying in Hong Kong; a timely return I imagine given what we see on the news.

That's not to say he is going to find our own country in much better political shape. The less said about that the better.



Normal lessons were resumed after break and all seemed to be going swimmingly until a rogue fire detector on the top floor decided to keep us all on our toes for no discernible reason. The children coped with this disruption in their usual calm stride, despite the Junior Prep children having to exit the building mid-way through their lunch. There was almost a sit-in!

Many important jobs have been completed over the summer holidays including painting and decorating, new tarmac beside the all-weather pitch, the Loft moving to the top floor with custom made furniture, major refurbishments to the EYFS and much more.

One task we hadn't anticipated doing was having to replace several tons of very expensive lead work that covers the ridge and hips of the Dining Room and the flat roofs beyond. It was stolen at the end of the only week during the whole summer when the school was completely closed. The scrap value of lead on the black market may not amount to 5% of the replacement cost.

Looking ahead to more positive happenings, planning has already started for our major theatrical performance of the year - Mary Poppins which will be kick-started by a trip to see the show in London when we return from our Christmas holidays.



In this shortened week, that's a quick update to get the year going.

Don't forget you are all very welcome to join us for every celebratory assembly each Friday morning at 8.30am. If you let us know you are coming by the Wednesday before, we will also provide a tasty breakfast and fresh coffee afterwards.

Wishing you are very happy weekend ahead and I hope to bump into you at the fabulous Dorset show on Sunday. I will be looking out for regular exhibitors in the family tent.

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

Mr John Thorpe
Headmaster

Nursery



Welcome back, everybody!

Nursery and Reception have all settled in again brilliantly and have been very busy with lots of different activities! We have picked the raspberries from our garden and used them to make some delicious muffins.

Everyone has painted a lovely self-portrait which we can't wait to display, and we have all enjoyed being together, exploring our new indoor and outdoor spaces.



Lucy, from Nursery, had a wonderful holiday on a Greek Island, and took her Sunninghill water bottle with her!



Music

A big welcome back from the Music Department, please note music lessons will commence next week. Mrs Nolan-Stone will be teaching on Monday, Mrs Hawes will be teaching on Wednesday and Thursday, Mrs Teale won't be teaching this week. We welcome Mrs Potts into the music department teaching Double Bass and Piano.

Congratulations to all pupils who took ABRSM exams last term and for your fabulous set of results.

Felix – Prep Test Piano
Mirabelle – Prep Test Piano
Tom – Prep Test Piano
Eleni – Grade 1 Singing – Merit
William – Grade 1 Piano
Anna – Grade 1 Violin – Merit
Carolina – Grade 1 Violin
Kitty – Grade 1 Piano
Lydia – Grade 1 Piano
Eleni – Grade 2 Piano
Poppy – Grade 2 Singing – Merit
Theo – Grade 2 Saxophone
Freya – Grade 2 Singing – Merit
Megan – Grade 3 Clarinet – Merit
Poppy – Grade 3 Music Theatre – Distinction
Harri – Grade 3 Piano
Gemma – Grade 4 Singing – Merit
Orlando – Grade 5 Clarinet – Distinction
Erin – Grade 5 Clarinet
Lily – Grade 5 Clarinet
Lily – Grade 5 Theory – Distinction
Orlando – Grade 5 Theory – Merit
Poppy – Grade 5 Theory

Trinity College of Music

Azalea – Grade 1 Piano

In 2017 a former pupil, Jamie B, posted a new SPS record of 85% for Grade 5 Theory. This summer two students surpassed that: Orlando achieved 88% and Lily scored 90%. Amazing!

Alumni



It was lovely to see William V, a former pupil, who popped in last week.

William is now working for Atlas Elektronik Uk as an apprentice working with the Directors and the executive assistant. He is going to college to study Business Administration and Management 1 day a week and hopes to progress within the company.

Congratulations to Alice Kirkup (Hardye's), who has accepted a place at the School of Medicine – University of Liverpool, commencing this September.

Form 8 Responsibilities for the Autumn Term

Head Boy: Ben
Head Girl: Erin
Sports Captains: Henry & Gemma

Prefects:

ICT: Esme, Josh & Aiden
Art: Eleni & Meena
Music: Lily & Erin
Drama: Gabriel & Lily
Outdoor Education: Erin & Henry
STEM: Ben & Gemma
Eco: Toby & Daniel
Humanities: Tom & Harry
Languages: Aiden
Food Tech: Tom & Mckenzie

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Lunch Menu

Monday 9th September

Mediterranean Pasta Bake
with a Feta & Parmesan top
Garlic Bread
Dessert: Fruity Flapjack

Tuesday 10th September

Chicken Korma
Vegetarian Option: Lentil Korma
Rice
Homemade Onion Bhaji
Dessert: Lemon Drizzle Cake

Wednesday 11th September

Baked Haddock Fillet
Vegetarian Option: Spinach Falafel
Baby New Potatoes
Broccoli, Courgettes & Baby corn Medley
Dessert: Melon Wedges

Thursday 12th September

Butchers Sausages
Vegetarian Option: Quorn Sausages
Mash Potato
Peas & Carrots
Onion Gravy
Dessert: Fruit Jelly

Friday 13th September

Chicken Fajitas
Vegetarian Option: Halloumi Fajitas
Tomato Salsa & Guacamole
Dessert: Artichoke Roll

Diary of Events

WHOLE SCHOOL DIARY OF EVENTS	9th	
	10th	
	11th	Form 7 & 8 Hockey Practice U10/11 Lacrosse Practice Forms 5 - 8 Inter House Football
	12th	Reception to Form 4 Swimming @1610
	13th	Forms 5 - 8 Sports Afternoon
LETTERS ON THE PORTAL	Form 3 - 8 Sailing	
	Menu	
	Music Timetable	
	Tennis Lessons	
	The new school year	
Nursery		
Reception		
Form 1		
Form 2	Brownsea Island trip	
Form 3	Welcome to Form 3	
Form 4	Welcome to Form 4	
Form 5	Form 5 Mathematics information	
Form 6		
Form 7		
Form 8		