

Chicken Run!



Dear Parents

A wet and windy second week back had a decidedly autumnal feel about it. The nights are closing in rapidly and the leaves are for turning.

None of this managed to quell the excitement for the arrival of three beautiful young ladies to school. Long legged, carrying fine combs and with the glossiest of coats, they are happily ensconced in their new “classroom” and are certainly attracting a lot of attention from a field full of admirers. They blend in perfectly with Liz’s garden (despite her chagrin at the damage to her crab apple) Aged fourteen (weeks) they are remarkably advanced and may well be presenting us with their first eggs in the next month or so.

They were hatched by Tom C and Form 4 before the summer break and have been with Tom and his family over the summer holidays.



Trying to get a good photo!

Also during the school holidays Mr Stazicker and Mrs Fernley have both been on extended courses to further support quite different areas of school life.

Mr Stazicker is a keen archer and has requalified to teach this brilliant and highly skilled sport across the school. I was rather bemused to sign an invoice for a metal detector for the archery club.

Apparently, the arrows are fired with such force that they completely burrow themselves in the ground and have to be retrieved scientifically.



Who'd have thought it?

Mrs Fernley, amongst a number of other "keenies", is a very proficient proponent of the spiritual art of yoga. She has been on a three-week yoga course over the holidays which has qualified her to share her passions with children, further contributing to their wellbeing.

Mrs Fernley has also taken over the mantle of setting us all a weekly "Think".

What is a Think I hear you say?

A think is a thinking hand grenade; a beguilingly simple-looking question about everyday things that stops you in your tracks and helps you start to look at the world in a whole new light.. It was one of Mrs Brunt's favourites during her time with us.

This week's challenge was:

"If you always got everything you ever wished for would you be happy?"

The winning answer came from Esme S who thunked:

"No, because your happiness lasts as long as it took to get the thing you wanted. If you get everything straight away you will only be happy for a short while but if you work hard for your goals for a long time, your happiness will last".

Next week's Think is, "Does competition make us better."

I am sure Mrs Fernley will welcome adult answers too (that should read answers from adults) though be aware she will be scrutinising your SPaG (that's spelling, punctuation and grammar).

Elsewhere in school I have reminded children in Forms 7 and 8 that they are able to bring their mobile phones into school but must register them with Megan and hand them in every day. Please could I ask you to reinforce this at home?

Please also remember that advice on e-safety and many other vital pieces of information can all be read in the key policies that we regularly update and place on the school's website as part of our compliance with the DfES and the Independent School's Inspectorate.

And now a rallying cry on behalf of the PTFA.

I regularly refer to the sterling work they carry out on your behalf, both in bringing our community together through organising events, raising essential funds to purchase items that may be above and beyond our own capabilities.

Carol Krosnar is eager to continue as the Chair but she needs a secretary and treasurer and a number of committee members to be constitutionally viable and able to continue trading, so to speak.

The PTFA AGM takes place later this term and without a full team in place they will

have to be “mothballed”. This will be a terrible shame.

If you think that you have some spare time to give, such as working as part of a very friendly team on just a few key events each year, please do chat to Carol or myself.

Without this, the phoenix will have to rise from the dust sometime in the future!

The arrival of Jo Telfer in school has heralded a highly skilled new member to the Games and Science teams. She is also a very accomplished horsewoman and is eager to get a Sunninghill equestrian team going. Several pony club events take part on a weekend and children can collectively enter a school team.



If you think you would like to represent the school and own one of those very expensive beasts with four legs and a mane please would you contact Jo on jtelfer@sunninghill.dorset.sch.uk.

Mandy has already started to get very excited as it offers her a great chance to use her excellent branding skills in a new arena (if you excuse the pun). Horse blankets, rosettes, feather flags – it’s her dream come true.

Mme Shilliday, Mrs Sales and Mr Adams are busy getting ready for the Form 7 trip to France next week. They will be putting their working French to the test, visiting sites of significant historical interest and burning off excess energy with some really exciting outdoor pursuits such as land yachting on Gold Beach.

We wish them “bon voyage” and look forward to hearing of their exploits this time next week.

Au revoir et à bientôt.

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

Mr John Thorpe
Headmaster

Reception & Nursery



The children were very excited to go on their first trip of the term to the Library.

Music

Please note Mrs Stell will not be teaching this week and Mrs Hawes will be teaching all her pupils on Tuesday. We look forward to all music clubs starting back this week.

Clubs

Clubs letters have now been sent home and all clubs start next week, with the exception of Sailing, which began yesterday with lovely sailing conditions under the setting sun.



Sports

Please check the Portal for our Sports Fixtures commencing next week.

Community News



Bike to School Week is - 23 to 27 Sept

It isn't long until Bike to School Week begins and it's time for your pupils to get their bikes ready for the event.

If they are planning on cycling during the week, please encourage pupils and families to complete our **M Check** (on the link below) before the first day of the event. Like any machine, a bicycle will work better and last longer if it's cared for properly.

<https://youtu.be/4qtx60bcNk0>

To get parents and guardians involved, we'll be running a family **photo competition** during the Bike to School Week – why not encourage them to take part?

And remember to share your photos, stories and success stories on social media using **#BikeToSchoolWeek**. Above all, we hope you will take part and have fun.

To find out more about Bike to School Week and download the free resources, visit ...

www.sustrans.org.uk/biketoschoolweek

The Asthma UK and NHS are advising the parents and schools to be prepared and make sure they have their medication in hand at home and school and have discussed action plans when symptoms arise, to prevent a huge increase in GP appointments and winter hospital admissions. Also, it's worth reinforcing the importance of taking the preventers (brown or pink inhaler) on a daily basis and leave the releaver inhaler (blue) to emergencies (shortness of breath) or, if needed, for sports.

They can find more information on

https://www.asthma.org.uk/about?gclid=EAlaIQobChMI6ey9rsXL5AIVhbHtCh216AxJEAAAYASAAEgLJovD_BwE

and

<https://www.pharmacynetworknews.com/back-to-school-asthma-warning>

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
Humanties: Tom & Harry
Languages: Aiden
Food Tech: Tom & Mckenzie

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Lunch Menu

Monday 16th September

Jacket Potatoes
Cheese, Beans & Coleslaw
Dessert: Chocolate Brownie

Tuesday 17th September

Roast Pork
Vegetarian Option: Cauliflower Cheese Grills
Roast Potatoes
Mixed Greens
Dessert: Jam & Coconut Sponge

Wednesday 18th September

Garlic Chicken
Vegetarian Option: Garlic Quorn
Couscous
Roasted Mediterranean Vegetables
Dessert: Fruit Salad

Thursday 19th September

Fish Cakes
Vegetarian Option: Cheese & Onion Cakes
Homemade Potato Wedges
Sugar snap Peas, Mangetout & Sweetcorn
Dessert: Fruit Crumble & Custard

Friday 20th September

Pesto Pollo Pasta
Vegetarian Option: Pesto, Cherry Tomato & Pepper Pasta
Homemade Focaccia
Dessert: Sunninghill Mess

Diary of Events

WHOLE SCHOOL	16th	Form 7 French trip departs for Clecy, Normandy
DIARY OF EVENTS		All clubs begin this week
		Form 2 trip to Brownsea Island 8.30 am - 4.30 pm
	17th	U8 & U9 Football v Castle Court & Yarrells @ Castle Court 2.15 pm
	18th	Reception Class photo for the Dorset Evening Echo 9.00 am
		U13 Hockey v Castle Court (A) 2.30 pm
		U11 & U10 Lacrosse Practice
		U13 & U11 Football v Dumpton (A) 2.00 pm
		U10 Football v Dumpton (H) 2.00 pm
	19th	Mouth-guard fitting for Forms 3 - 8 for those who returned forms
		Reception to Form 4 Swimming @ 1610
		After School Sailing & After School Rock Climbing
	20th	Jeans for Genes Day - home clothes and donation
		Parent & Toddler Group 10.00 - 11.30 am in Fledglings
		Forms 5 - 8 Sports Afternoon
		Form 4 Skiing
		Form 7 return from French trip at approx 8.30 pm
LETTERS ON THE PORTAL	Menu	
	Sports Fixtures & Team Sheets	
	Music Timetable	
Nursery	Update of details	
Reception	Update of details	
Form 1	Update of details/Forest School	
Form 2	Update of details	
Form 3	Bespoke Sports Mouthguard Service/Update of details/ Friday Skiing	
Form 4	Bespoke Sports Mouthguard Service/Update of details/ Friday Skiing	
Form 5	Bespoke Sports Mouthguard Service/Update of details	
Form 6	Bespoke Sports Mouthguard Service/Update of details	
Form 7	Bespoke Sports Mouthguard Service/French trip update/Update of details/October Rugby Tour (Boys)	
Form 8	Bespoke Sports Mouthguard Service/Update of details	