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Autumn Term

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Form 7 – Mont St Michel

Dear Parents

It has been a wonderfully warm week in West Dorset, though things didn't quite begin as anticipated.

Mme Shilliday, Mr Adams and Mrs Sales met up with Form 7 at the crack of dawn on Monday morning, ready to catch an early ferry across to France for their much anticipated "vacance en Normandie".

The only thing missing was a coach to deliver them and a driver at the wheel. The ETD came and went it and it soon became clear that the trip was going to miss their sailing. "Quel dommage".

Much disappointment was inevitable and the understandably grumpy cohort headed off to double English not knowing what lay ahead. Thankfully we are made of stern stuff and weren't prepared to be blown off course by such a minor squall.

A new coach driver was found and the group was booked on an afternoon sailing from Portsmouth to Caen. The trip was back on track and we were all mightily relieved to hear they had set sail.



They seem to have had a brilliant week despite the terrible start. More of this when they return this evening, and a full write up next week. Parents of Form 7, be reassured of an autopsy on behalf of our organising companies and a full explanation shared with you when we have all the facts at our fingertips.

Matters went thankfully smoother for Form 2 who had their own trip across the water on the same day as part of their island study centred on the wonderful Katy Morag and the canny Isle of Struay. They all headed off to Brownsea Island. I am sure you have all been there but just in case you haven't it's a quite mythical place with a unique setting in the centre of Poole Harbour. It is made even more special by the presence of red squirrels and semi-tame deer.



We have had a full programme of clubs and activities running this week, including lots more on offer for Junior Prep children in their new 3.30-4.00 pm slot. I am pleased to see so many children have signed up for these extra-curricular activities. Not only are these clubs great fun but they play an important role in personal development.

We have had our first fixtures of the new academic year with the Form 3 and 4 children enjoying fixtures against Castle Court and the senior pupils getting off to a good start against Dumpton. There is always a great energy to Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons as we head off around the county in search of sporting adventure. It is great to see so many of you sharing these occasions. I do occasionally hear a parent say they're not allowed to come because their children won't let them. Please don't heed this poor advice. Your time as a parent of a young child is all too short and precious. Make the very most of it.



This said, I well remember pleading with my own mum not to come and watch me play rugby. She got rather excited and on occasions ran down the touchline shouting at the top of her voice. This didn't help and was acutely embarrassing!!

We have also had a full week of endeavour in the classroom with lots going on. Form 8s have been getting ready for their forthcoming performance of Taming of the Shrew at the Weymouth Pavilion. They have also been enjoying learning to make their own pasta with Kerry and Brenden in the kitchen.



A great sense of relief has spread across the remaining members of the PTFA and indeed myself as a number of parents have come forward to fill the positions of responsibility to make sure the group meets the terms and conditions of its constitution when its AGM is held later this term.

Mrs Savva has kindly offered to run the uniform shop. Mr Flux has agreed to be the CFO, Mrs Holmes the group secretary and Mrs Hooper-Greenhill the vice-chair.

The phoenix has indeed risen from the ashes and the PTFA is back in business.

Ashes, now there's a word to try to forget quickly given that wonderfully small and priceless urn has made it's way back to Australia. Or rather they haven't! It seems very mean spirited, but the wonderful sporting country of Australia have never actually been allowed to keep the urn. The ECB have always given them a replica and have always kept the real urn at Lords.

Will the English rugby team return with the William Webb Ellis trophy? I'm not sure though we live in anticipation.

Our three new hens have settled very well into their new home and we anticipate the first egg arriving in the next few weeks. Avian excitement will reach fever pitch when this happens but who will have the first egg? It won't be my lovely Bursar or Head of Catering because any talk of hens near them is accompanied by discussions about vets bills, rats, feed cost and more.

Great excitement was forthcoming in the Hall family this week as they welcomed a four-legged friend to keep their four boys busy. Mabel is a beautiful ten week old chocolate Labrador. There are many irresistible pups out there but in my own mind few can hold such claim as a lab.



Staying on a canine theme, Ivy has been trying to fill some very big paws this week. She's had a couple of taster days and her report reads reasonably well though there's room for improvement. She has certainly wooed the younger children with her "living teddy bear" appeal and her absolute sweetness. She hasn't read the manual about who is allowed to sit on the sofa and she has the odd whine when she finds herself alone, a little bit like me without the "h"!

We say goodbye to Gareth who is leaving us today to go to do a Masters in Ancient History at Royal Holloway in London.

Thank you for all your help and good luck with your studies!



Looking ahead to next week, we have the first Parents' Evening on Tuesday when Form 5 join us to hear how their children have transitioned into the senior part of school.



Finally, many thanks for your great support for "Jeans for Genes" day today. This amazing charity is doing so much to fund vital research. Total so far: £208.00.

Wishing you perhaps the last warm weekend of this Indian summer

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

Mr John Thorpe
Headmaster

Reception & Nursery



Nursery have been busy labelling their life sized painting of Rafe this week! Everyone helped to place the labels of body parts in the right places.



We have all made a start on our Christmas cards ready for you all to see and order soon.



Children enjoyed a visit from Miss Blair's chicks and were very gentle and quiet when handling them. Reception came up with some wonderful names for them! We also made and tasted some scrambled egg which was a thumbs up from all of us!

Nursery have started on their family portrait pictures. We loved hearing all about their home life whilst they were drawing.

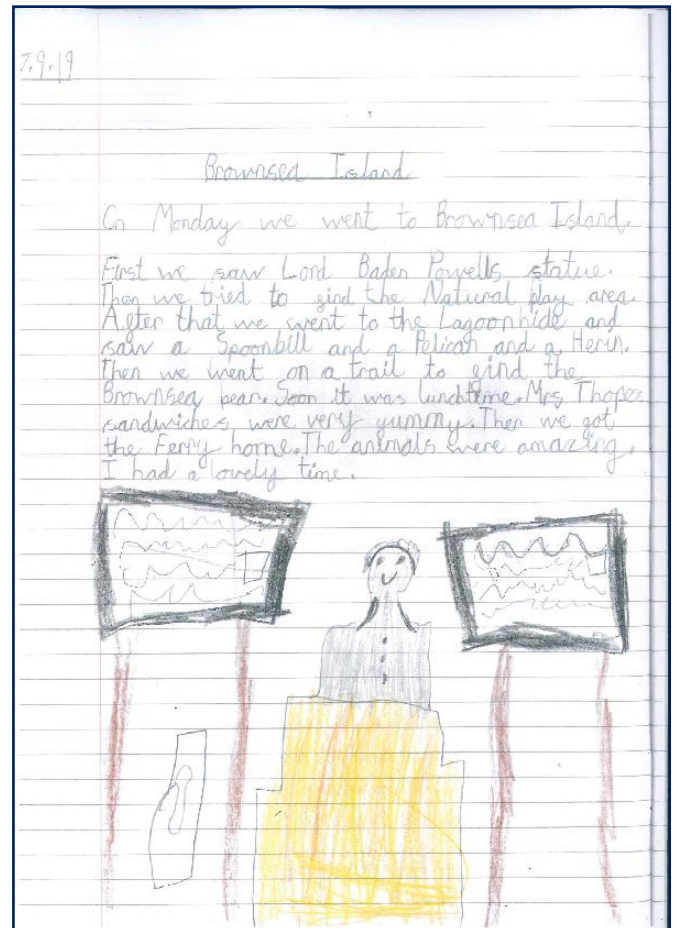


Form 2 Trip to Brownsea Island

We had a lovely day on Brownsea Island on Monday. We enjoyed seeing the peacocks, hens, deer and squirrels and finding out about life on an island.



Deer photo taken by Abel
Write up by Lottie



Form 3 Cookery Class

Making Apple Crumble from the school's apple trees.





Form 3 have worked in groups to share their knowledge of Ancient Egypt. They already know lots about it!



Construction Club

Construction Club is in full swing again! The group made a pyramid and a massive tower which they enjoyed demolishing!



Form 7 French Trip

The children are having a wonderful time in France. They walked to Mont St Michel, went kayaking and hiking. The children tested their language skills completing a town trail around Falaise, and visited the castle of William the Conqueror and learnt about the Battle of Hastings. Later in the week, they enjoyed rock climbing, a clifftop walk and sheep cheese tasting. Go Ape proved very popular. They visited a French Market and tasted many local produce. The last night included snails, frogs legs and a disco!



Music

Mrs Hawes will be teaching on Tuesday and Wednesday, String group will run Tuesday break. Mrs Nolan-Stone will be teaching Forms 5-8 only this week as she is accompanying Form 6 to Milton Abbey School on Monday.

Would all pupils in Form 6 please remember to bring their house shirts and water bottles for the day.

We look forward to welcoming Mrs Rogers-Brown to our assembly on Monday at 9.40 am giving us a demonstration on the harp. All parents are very welcome to join us. For any more information about harp lesson's in school including having a taster session please contact Mrs Nolan-Stone lnolanstone@sunninghill.dorset.sch.uk.

Thunk of the Week



Last week's thunk was:

Is competition good for us?

The responses were more divided this week than last but here are some thoughtful and well-expressed answers:

I think competition makes us better people because it helps us to respect others. For example: if you're trying to get a job when you're older, then experiencing competitiveness with other people when you're younger will help you both to be prepared for disappointment and to know how to react if you do well so that you don't upset or annoy other people. Freya

Thomas E.: Yes, because it makes you engaged with the things you love.

Next week:

If everyone said what they were actually thinking, what would happen to society?

Open Morning



Holiday Club

Holiday Club – now taking bookings for October Half Term. Available for one week from Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November. Booking forms and the activities plan are on our website:

<https://sunninghillprep.co.uk/information/holiday-club/>



October Sports Camp

This takes place on Monday 28th – Wednesday 30th October – a letter with all the details is on the Portal

Sports

Team: U13 Hockey
Venue: Castle Court
Result: 2 – 1 Win & 5 – 0 Win

First match of the season and the girls were full of enthusiasm. Soon Megan had the first opportunity for a shot on goal. Castle Court responded but were met by strong defending from Eleni who delivered a lovely ball out to the wing for Freya to collect. Freya carried the ball into the shooting circle for our first goal. At half time the girls were reminded of keeping to the basics, and to look after the ball. Wise words especially as Castle Court came out firing on all cylinders and within seconds saw Esme in goal put

under pressure. The girls cleared the ball but not far enough and Castle Court scored the equaliser. Some great supportive play from Gemma and Erin in mid field and Freya scored the winning goal for Sunninghill.

Contribution Award: The opposition chose Gemma and Mackenzie for a great first match.

In the second match the girls thought more about their basic skills and were encouraged to hit the ball harder. The Castle Court goalkeeper managed multiple saves in succession, until Freya and Megan found the gaps and scored 5 goals between them. Giving Meena an opportunity on the wing and bringing Erin forward encouraged the girls to think about their positions. Despite a few attempts on goal from the stronger players Castle Court were unable to score.

Contribution Award: The opposition chose Meena and Erin for her supportive play and adaptability to a different position.

Team: U8 Football
Venue: Castle Court
Result: 2 – 1 win v Yarrells
1 – 0 win v Castle Court

The U8 boys were extremely excited for their first matches on Tuesday. The boys looked menacing in their new kit and started their Sunninghill match careers against Yarrells.

After going 1-0 down within minutes, the boys got fired up and powered forward. Great team working skills by Natty and Leo enabled Harvey to have opportunities which he seized and scored from. A solid 2-1 win.

In the second match Sunninghill faced a stronger side in Castle Court who had beaten Yarrells comfortably.

Sunninghill got their tactics spot on and took their opponent's strengths out of their game. Natty organised the defence effectively and man marked superbly.

Harvey scored a beautiful goal after dribbling through their defence. The game ended 1-0.

Contribution Award: Harvey for really wanting the ball, and tracking back to help in defence when needed.

Team: U10 Football v Dumpton

Venue: SPS

Result: 3 – 2 win

A great start to the season. With seven boys there were no substitutes and nowhere to hide! They got stuck in from the off and the pace didn't stop until the final whistle. We took an early lead with a great goal from Alex C and a few minutes later there was a déjà vu moment with him scoring an almost identical goal.

Confidence was high and even with changes in position we still looked the better side. Alex B was awesome in goal and even the opposition coach commented on his performance. Oscar was showing great leadership and bossing people around (in a good way!). Mark was instrumental in midfield with excellent intelligent passing around the pitch. Leon was a brick wall in defence showing great power and determination and formidable forward running. Freddie ran around until he fell over exhausted and was matched by Felix who was involved in attack and defence in equal measure like the proverbial Duracell bunny. A well-deserved win. Well done boys!

Contribution Award: Felix and Alex B.

Team: U11 Football

Venue: Dumpton

Result: 1 – 0 Win v Dumpton
3 – 0 Win v Forres
Sandle Manor

The U11's started their season in great fashion with emphatic wins against Dumpton and FSM. Captain Savva organised the team whilst Archie, Max and Sam created attack after attack. Vishnu played superbly in

goal whilst Will B-K and Will S worked hard in midfield.

George scored his first football goal for Sunninghill and tried to track back to defend when required. All in all a very good team performance but players must think about their team, not their own preferred positions.

Contribution Award: goes to Thomas for being an excellent team worker and tenacious worker up and down the wing.

Team: U13 Football

Venue: Dumpton

Result: 4 – 1 loss v Dumpton
1 – 0 loss v FSM

The U13 boys played their first game of the season this week. They watched a really good game in the first half of the first game and not unexpectedly found themselves 4 goals down to a rather rampant Dumpton.

A metaphorical hairdryer was thrown in the changing room at half time and our mind set changed. It might have been the threat of no match tea! We won the second half 1-0 courtesy of a great goal from Josh R.

In the second game we played FSM and looked much more like Barcelona than Bury. A thrilling end to end game failed to trouble the scorer until the final few minutes when FSM scored the only goal of the game. A draw would have been a fairer result. Mentions in dispatches to Henry and Gabriel who never stopped running.

Contribution Award: goes to Tymon who was brilliant in goals!

Community News

Hello,



between classrooms that are on the other

I have read
Hermes and
thought that I
would drop
everyone an email.
Reading Hermes is
very odd as I feel
like I should be
there too as it is all
so familiar. I
greatly miss the
fact that I don't
have to run

side of the school, and the simple pieces of
prep.

I am sure that the new year 8's are doing a
fantastic job in leading the school and the
photo of Mr Stazicker and Mrs Fernley seems
to show what a wonderful first two weeks
you have all had.

I can imagine how happy Mr Thorpe is with
the chickens, he is half way to achieving his
goal of pigmy goats. Do they have names
yet?

I hope everyone is doing well,

Olivia

(a former pupil, now at Sherborne Girls)

Please find attached the exciting offer from Dorchester CC for their youth programme this winter for U9s and then 10-13 year olds.

The club had 82 All Stars (a county record) and won the premier league & 2nd team were promoted!

James Mitchell

Youth Participation Development Officer

Dorset Cricket Board

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Form 8 Responsibilities for the Autumn Term

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

Prefects:

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

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Lunch Menu

Monday 23rd September

Butternut Squash, Cherry Tomato
& Feta Macaroni Bake
Mixed Salad Leaves
Dessert: Shortbread Triangles

Tuesday 24th September

Honey Baked Salmon
Vegetarian Option: Brie & Tomato Tart
Baby Potatoes
Green Beans & Sugar Snap Peas
Dessert: Chocolate Sponge & Chocolate Sauce

Wednesday 25th September

Chicken with a Leek & Bacon Sauce
Vegetarian Option: Quorn Fillets with a Pepper & Leek Sauce
Roast Potatoes
Mashed Swede & Sweet Potato
Dessert: Ice Cream Tubs

Thursday 26th September

Cottage Pie with Creamy Gratin Potatoes
Vegetarian Option: Bean & Vegetable Pie with Creamy Gratin Potatoes
Broccoli & Carrots
Dessert: Fruit Salad

Friday 27th September

Margarita Pizza
Herby Diced Potatoes
Tomatoes & Cucumber
Dessert: Oat & Raisin Cookie



Dorchester Development Programme for the 10-13 year olds

This programme has been developed for the pupils whom have taken their first steps in the game of cricket!

Players will be provided with an individual programme with an intention to develop their own individual technique and improve game play!

Sessions will all be hard balls, but softer balls will be used when necessary!

All sessions will be 1 and a half hours, both boys and girls will be most welcome!

Players will be expected to have their own personal protective equipment!

Sessions to be lead by our Highly Qualified Level 3 Coach

Sean Fitzgerald



Dorchester Starlets Programme for the Under 9's

This programme has been developed for the pupils whom have taken, or about to take their first steps in the game of cricket!

Skill sets from the ECB All Stars programme will be used along with further continued individual techniques and match play!

All sessions will be 1 and a half hours, both boys and girls will be most welcome!

Soft balls to be used in all sessions!

All equipment provided!

Sessions to be lead by our Highly Qualified Level 3 Coach

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Diary of Events

WHOLE SCHOOL	23rd	Harp Assembly, All parents welcome 9.40 am School Hall
DIARY OF EVENTS		Form 6 Dreamcoat in a Day, Milton Abbey 9.45 - 6.00 pm
		Form 8 Taming of the Shrew, Weymouth Pavilion 1.30 - 4.00 pm
	24th	U9 Football Tournament, BCS 11.30 - 4.45 pm
		U9 Hockey v Castle Court/Sandroyd (A) 2.15 pm
		U8 Hockey v Castle Court/Sandroyd (H) 2.15 pm
		Form 5 Parents' Evening 4.45 pm
	25th	U12/13 A Hockey v Hanford (H) 3.15 pm
		U12/13 B Hockey v Hanford (H) 2.30 pm
		U10 Football v DMS (A) 3.30 pm
		U11 Football v DMS (A) 3.30 pm
		U12/13 A Football v DMS (A) 3.30 pm
		U10 & U11 Pop Lacrosse v Warminster (A) 2.30 pm
	26th	Rec - Form 4 Swimming @ 1610
		After School Sailing 5.15 pm
		After School Rock Climbling 4.30 pm
	27th	Form 7 Assembly, all parents welcome 8.30 am, followed by refreshments
		Parent & Toddler Group 10.00 - 11.30 am
		Forms 5 - 8 Sports Afternoon
		Form 4 Skiing
LETTERS ON THE PORTAL	Menu	
	Sports Fixtures & Team Sheets	
	Music Timetable	
Nursery	A plea from the PTFA	
Reception	A plea from the PTFA	
Form 1	A plea from the PTFA	
Form 2	A plea from the PTFA	
Form 3	A plea from the PTFA	
Form 4	A plea from the PTFA	
Form 5	October Half Term Sports Camp/A plea from the PTFA	
Form 6	October Half Term Sports Camp/A plea from the PTFA	
Form 7	October Half Term Sports Camp/A plea from the PTFA	
Form 8	October Half Term Sports Camp/A plea from the PTFA	