



Hermes



Fruits of our labours!

Dear Parents

Wet and windy weather has been the backdrop to a busy week in school. Not great for those who are missing the summer sun and are feeling SAD, but for gardeners, fishermen and ducks, a real treat!

Natalia Rogers got the week off to a flying start by joining our Monday assembly and playing her harp to us. It was spellbindingly haunting music that transported us back to medieval times. Iris H sneaked in on the act and also entertained us with her new found skills.



It was good to see a group of parents join us for the occasion.

Please don't forget that you are welcome at every assembly. Our Monday gathering is at 9.40am and gets the week started with a relevant theme. Friday assemblies begin at 8.30am and are celebratory with lots of awards handed out. If you let us know that you are coming by Wednesday, Kerry and her team will cook us a lovely breakfast and brew some fresh coffee.

From a purely selfish perspective I would like to encourage you to come otherwise I don't get a bacon sandwich and a decent coffee!

Issy S in Form 6 found some new skills this week, those of an MI6 spy. I glanced up from my desk to find a series of mirrors in a cereal box sneaking a glance into my office. Issy had cleverly made a device for peering round corners without been spotted. It worked very well – Cressida Dick watch out!



Elsewhere in school a number of our first aiders had to put their training to good use this week. A member of the kitchen staff on maternity leave had paid us an impromptu visit with her new baby and was taken seriously ill in the school. A two hour wait for an ambulance (!) meant that continuous first aid had to be given. Kerry D and Nikki B in particular deserve enormous praise for their part in looking after their friend and colleague so well.

It is at these moments when you realise what a brilliant team we have at school and also how stretched the local services are. We have called an ambulance twice in the last few months. This one took what seemed like an eternity to arrive and last time it never arrived so a very poorly child was eventually taken to hospital by their parents.

I will write to our local MP to see if he can help, though I imagine he is fairly busy at the moment looking for his “whip” and working out how life as an independent MP works.

Talking of politicians, did you follow the outcome of the Labour party conference in Brighton this week?

In case it passed you by, they voted to abolish independent schools and to use these assets

to boost state education in what can only be described as a “land grab”.

As you might imagine, it has caused a rather big stir!

The “least worst” scenario if Labour were to be elected is that VAT at 20% will added to your school fees. It is also likely that our charitable status would be withdrawn meaning that we have a bigger fiscal responsibility in terms of corporation tax and business rates.

I absolutely understand and totally agree that every child has the right to an outstanding education. Alongside justice and freedom of speech, it is one of the bedrocks of any developed nation, but surely the solution has to be that every local school has to have significant investment to help reduce class size and give teachers the resources they need. In some of the very best educational systems around the world teaching is a highly paid job that ranks alongside doctors and solicitors in terms of status and salary.

There are currently 2500 independent schools in the UK educating 600, 000 children, many of whom come from around the world because we are market leaders. It is a thriving business that generates many billions of pounds for the Treasury. We are collectively one of the UK’s biggest and most successful employers.

Imagine the impact of our pupils going back into already oversubscribed and stretched local schools.

On Tuesday evening we had our first parents’ evening of the year. Our usual venue of the Drawing and Dining Room was rendered out of action by leaks coming through where the lead had been stolen!

Incidentally, and back to my moan of local services being over stretched, the theft of £25,000 of lead warrants a crime reference number and then a conversation with your insurer but not a visit by the Police who are also completely over-stretched.

Anyway, moving on quickly before I get completely bogged-down, we relocated the Parents' Evening to the classrooms of the first floor. We seem to have stumbled on a rather good idea as feedback from Form 5 parents suggested it may have offered more privacy with improved acoustics.

All is well with the Form 5 children who have made the transition into Senior Prep with great ease.

We will try the same system for Form 6 parents next Tuesday.

One of my long held dreams for the school looks like it will finally come to fruition this year. Jo Telfer's arrival as Science and Games teacher has rekindled our desire to get an equestrian team competing in the school's name. Watch this space!

On the avian front we are still awaiting the first egg from our hens. Liz has enriched their welfare this week. They have been allowed out of their run and into the hallowed ground of her garden. They scratched around for a few hours, de-bugging various areas. They then all stood to attention whilst she picked them up and put them back into their run – she's a hen whisperer!



Finally, Form 7 parents joined us for their class assembly this morning. The class took us through the thrills and spills of their trip to France last week. They certainly seem to have had the most brilliant time and have come back thoroughly enriched. I must thank Mme Shilliday, Mrs Sales and Mr Adams for

organising and running such a brilliant trip and to the whole of Form 7 for representing the school to such a high standard.

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

Mr John Thorpe
Headmaster

Nursery



Nursery enjoyed their first time using the all-weather facilities in their PE lesson.



The children looked at different berries in gardening club. Here is a lovely picture of Emilia, Tabitha and Rosie.

Reception

We have been learning this week about healthy living and have made our very own 'eatwell plates' using plasticine to create healthy foods.



Nursery and Reception had a trip out to Waitrose to buy fruit for our fruit salad. We made our own shopping list and used it to look at what fruit we needed to buy. Everyone helped to choose their fruit and put it in the basket, and Freya paid our money to the lady on the till.

Form 2



The Lost Words by Robert Macfarlane has provided the stimulus for Form Two's work in Art this term. Engaging children with nature and associated words we have taken the oak tree to develop their knowledge and understanding of techniques and processes.

They worked hard to improve skills with making leaf rubbings; developed soft roller printing techniques using our wonderful intaglio printing press and in addition, learnt the Japanese technique of transferring natural pigment from leaves through the process of hammering.

A great deal of noise but good fun!

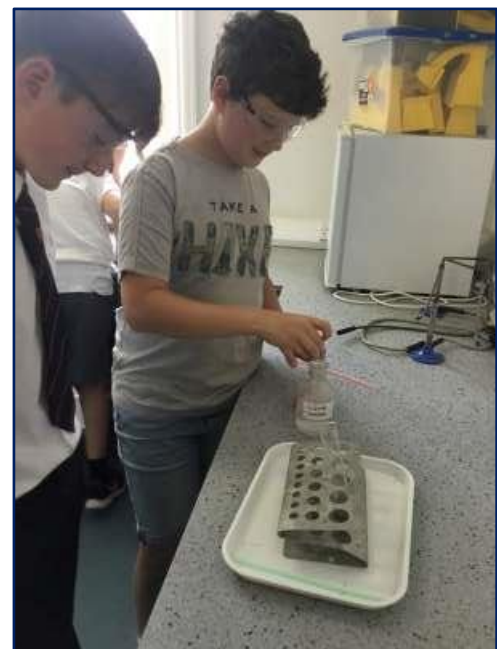
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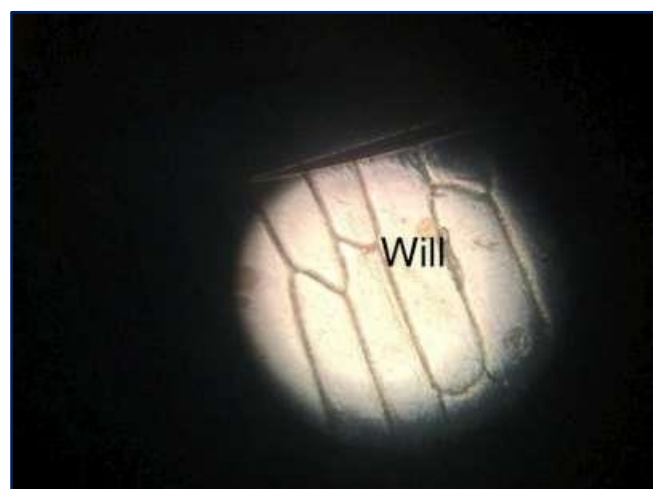
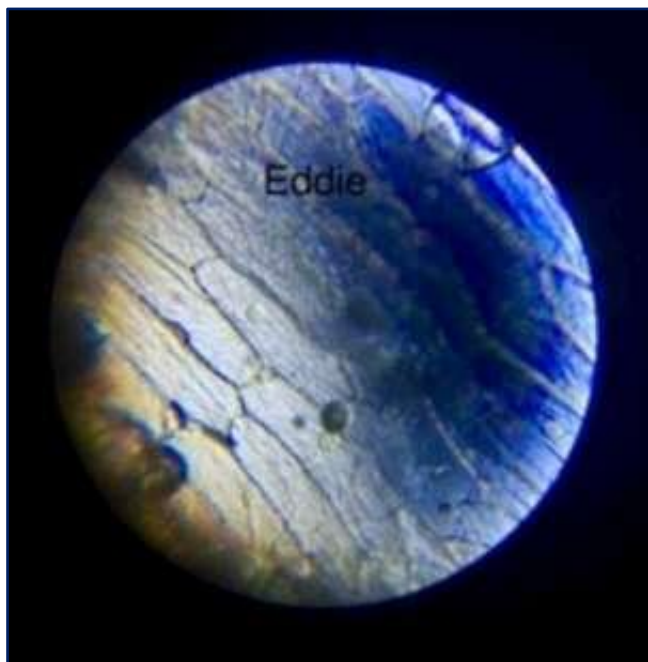
News from the Science Lab

Form 7 preparing their onion cells slides.



The children then used light microscopes to observe onion cells. Thanks to our new microscope digital attachment we were able to take some great pictures of their slides.





This week, Form 8 used Limewater to show evidence of cellular respiration.

National Schools Equestrian Association

If there are any interested eventers please email me so I can organise membership and entry. Please see the attached poster for more information.

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Thanks

Jo Telfer

PTFA Second Hand Uniform

The Uniform Shop is now being looked after by Mrs Savva.

If you would like to purchase any second hand uniform, please email Mrs Savva with your request. At the moment, the shop will not be open at 3.30 pm on Fridays.

Mrs Savva will contact you after she has had a look for your requested items.

If you have uniform you would like to donate please remember to remove all your child's name labels.

If you would like 50% back on the sale of your items, please attach a luggage label with your name and contact details.

We are now only accepting good quality items, with the school logo on.

Any non-logo items such as blue trousers and skirts, blouses and shorts are no longer for sale in the second hand shop.

With thanks

antoniasavva@me.com

Mrs Savva

Cheer Club



Starting Mondays during school time for Sunninghill pupils' years 5-8.

Come and enjoy this brilliant American craze. Cheer has so many different elements to help you gain confidence and tones of skills. From lifts, stunts & falls, to formation work & those famous call outs! Both girls & guys needed!

Our initial Autumn Course will be **£45.50** for the full term, first session starts on **Monday September 16th.**

Please email office@thestudiodorset.com or contact 077 077 85824 to register or find out more. Sessions will be led by Megan Ford.

Dance Lessons

Each Wednesday Miss Emilie visits the school to offer dance tuition for Nursery, Reception and Form 1 children. Weekly sessions cover the fundamental skills of dancing, teaching the children their basic steps and technique, as well as timing and a sense of performance, all with plenty of fun and encouragement. The class has been successfully running with Miss Emilie for 15 years now, and many of the children choose to progress on to the next steps of learning with her at THE STUDIO following their lessons at Sunninghill.

If you would like your child to join for the Autumn term, please email office@thestudiodorset.com and also let your child's class teacher know so they can prepare them for their first class starting next Wednesday. Fees for this term will be £56 payable to THE STUDIO. Any new children are welcome to arrange a taster session before committing to the full term.

Music



As part of our Music Circus Scheme, Form 2 will be learning to play the violin during their music lessons and Forms 3 – 8 will be learning the JSax.



Mrs Hawes will be teaching on Wednesday this week. Mr Garden is away for 2 weeks, lessons and Guitar Club will resume in Week 7. We look forward to the first of this terms Informal music concert on Thursday at 4pm in the drawing room, please do come along to support our young performers.

Following on from the fantastic Harp demonstration by Mrs Rogers, if anyone

would like a taster lesson please contact Mrs Nolan-Stone to arrange one within school.

On Monday, Form 6 went 'way, way back...' to Milton Abbey and performed 'Dreamcoat in a Day' with over 100 children from other schools. They really enjoyed performing with a live band and having a chance to sing some of their favourite songs from Joseph. The day ended with a lively showcase.

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Lesley Nolan-Stone

Gardening Club

With the seasonal changes this week, it was all about harvesting the last of our beetroot crops and munching on the remaining few raspberries. We dug up some cracking specimens! I'm not entirely sure the children were that excited about the prospect of beetroot for tea, I think most were taken home 'for Mum'.

The beasties in our patch were given much attention too, baby snails in particular, apologies if any made their way home as pets, some of our mini horticulturalists were quite fond of their finds.



I have to say I was also tempted to try and sneak a chicken home! The girls came out for a play in the garden and under the very watchful eye of our chicken monitors I was allowed a quick hold. They seemed to enjoy

their freedom and we hope they will become regular participants at garden club, if they promise to stay away from Liz's carrots.



Jo Foote

Harvest

Advance notice: Our Harvest Festival is on Friday 18th October at 8.30 am in the School Hall. All parents are welcome.

This year we are supporting the charity: Helping the Homeless and Vulnerable Adults in Dorchester.

The charity is asking for donations:

Food

Pasta, rice, noodles, easy open canned food, coffee, long life milk, packets of biscuits.

Clothing

Woollie hats, gloves, scarves, waterproof coats, jumpers and hoodies, jogging bottoms, leggings, male and female underwear.

Survival items

Sleeping bags, tents, blankets, torches, flasks, umbrellas, roll mats, hot water bottles.

Bathroom items

Flannels, hair brushes, combs, small towels, bars of soap, toothbrush and toothpaste.

More details can be found on their Facebook page (Helping the Homeless and Vulnerable Adults in Dorchester)

We will let you know nearer the time when we would like you to bring in the items.

This year we will not be asking for fresh fruit and vegetables.

Many thanks in advance for your support.

Lydia

Sports

Team: U8 Hockey
Against: Castle Court
Venue: Home

Having thought that this was going to be a wash out, it turned into a stunning autumnal afternoon for hockey.

Castle Court and Sandroyd came to play a Tri-tournament. We were down to 5 players with a poorly Georgie and all were very nervous about their first ever match.

With amazing support from the side-lines, SPS made a rather tentative start but just got better and better. Although Castle Court overpowered us and scored lots of goals, everyone worked very hard. The game against Sandroyd was a little easier and saw Amelia, Elodie, and Millie get stuck in trying to get the ball into the D.

Scarlett and Tabitha showed good skills at keeping the ball and passing out. There is lots to work on but it definitely was a promising start.

Contribution Award: Millie for being everywhere!

Team: U9 Hockey
Against: Castle Court
Venue: Away

This triangular was the first games of the term for the girls. We played 5 aside against two teams from Castle Court and the last game was against Sandroyd. We were all a little rusty and lacked the old 'get up and go' looking a bit hesitant when we were in possession of the ball. We lost both games to Castle Court only because they were more determined and wanted to win the ball more than us. We showed some nice touches of skill with Kitty S moving the ball on her reverse and Anna taking the ball down the wing at speed. Kitty T tackled well but struggled to get the ball away. I think this was because she had a midget's stick!!!!

We played Sandroyd in the last game and had lots of chances to score with Izzy speeding into attack but we seemed to freeze when had the goal in sight and did not shoot. Sandroyd scored their one goal because our whole team were in their attacking circle not shooting and left Clara as the only defender to stop the Sandroyd forwards. Help!

Lots to work on; as my manager Katy told the team between matches. She pointed out many things that would help to improve our game. So we take this back to practice.

Contribution Award: Kitty T for her effort throughout the game and for being exemplary during match teas, pointed out by the Castle Court teacher.

Team: U13/12 A Hockey
Against: Hanford
Venue: Away
Result: 6 – 0 win

A solid start to the U13s second game of the season. Freya and Megan moving the ball well, ably supported by Gemma and Erin, which led to the first of six goals of the match.

A few loose balls picked up by Eleni in defence and the girls were straight back onto the attack. The poor Hanford goalkeeper was certainly kept on her toes, having to make consecutive saves from the powerful shots made by Megan and Gemma. Unfortunately, one rebounded off her foot and headed back into the goal. Mackenzie was continuing to develop her match play and confidence. Molly stepped up into goal for the team, but didn't get a great deal of action whilst Erin and Eleni kept Hanford out of the D.

Contribution Award: Freya for a cracking goal from the right-hand side, and Megan for her ball movement and driving with the ball.

Team: U13/12B Hockey
Against: Hanford
Venue: Home
Result: 3 – 2 win

Both teams took a while to remember what they needed to do but once they had switched on to hockey it became a closely contested match. Possession was yo-yoing back and forth, and we were bunching around the ball a lot. Indy managed to gain possession of the ball and drive towards the D where she delivered a lovely ball straight at the corner of the goal. A couple of defensive mistakes from Hanford gave the girls an opportunity to practice their penalty corners, with Holly finding the back of the goal. Molly found herself with a bit more action in goal and moved into the right position to kick the ball far enough away from the goal to be carried out of the D by Poppy. A good first match from Connie who collected the ball well and made some good decisions.

Contribution Award: Molly for her goal keeping skills, Poppy for her effective clearance of the ball and Connie for a confident first match.

Team: U11/10 Lacrosse
Against: Warminster
Venue: Away



The girls have been playing Lacrosse throughout September with a visit to Sherborne Girls School for some expert coaching.

We played Warminster who have just started Lacrosse as well. Warminster had four teams so our two teams had three games. The games were 5 aside with lots of running, cradling, picking the ball up and shooting. Everyone scored a goal and there were some very red faces at the end. We didn't keep scores but lots of goals were scored, everyone was fully involved and we played very well as a team. The games were all even with some good competition and plenty of enthusiasm. The girls have improved their skills in a few weeks and we aim to continue to play Lacrosse in the future.

Contribution Award: Everyone for travelling further than normal and for their effort and enthusiasm in all games.

Team: U8/9 Football T'ment
Against: BCS
Venue: Away
Results:

4 – 0 win v Leweston
1 – 0 loss v Walhampton
0 – draw v Ballard

The U8/9 team participated in a strong football tournament at Bournemouth Collegiate School. Competition was fierce but the boys were excited for the challenge.

The first match of the afternoon was against Leweston. Sunninghill were organised and determined. Natty and Rex were rock solid at the back whilst William created lovely chances for Harvey which he converted. The match ended in a 4-0 win.

In the second match we played against Walhampton. The team pressed high and had a lot of quality going forward. We could not quite convert the many chances in goal and got caught on the counter at the end of the match to lose by 1-0.

In the third match we faced a tough Ballard who were relentless against our defence. William helped Natty and Rex at the back and together they kept the Ballard attacks at bay. The match finished 0-0.

A really impressive performance at a tough tournament, displaying excellent team work throughout.

Contribution Award: Albi for being an excellent team player and goal keeper.

Team: U10 Football
Against: DMS
Venue: Away
Result: 3 – 1 loss

An interesting afternoon of football. With so many boys to choose from it is always a tough ask to go to DMS for a match. However, this was the closest we have been and testament to the boys efforts and skills. We played the strongest team first and as the final whistle went we were only 2 down losing 3-1 (including a dubious penalty given by the referee who was a pupil at DMS). Our goal was scored by Leon. The other two games were closer with us only losing by a goal with continued excellent goal keeping by Alex. Both of them! Alex B spent the most time in goal with Alex C finishing the last match. The defence by Felix and Oscar was strong and organised and the midfield and attack never stopped running.

Contribution Award: Alex C for goalkeeping this week.

Team: U11 Football
Against: DMS
Venue: Away
Result: 3 -3 draw

Football matches are always a huge challenge against DMS and this match proved that. It was Sunninghill who enjoyed most of the possession in the first half trying to power through the DMS defence.

Theo organised the team beautifully at the back, driving his team forward. DMS took the lead with lovely individual skill but Theo equalised shortly after with a top corner screamer.

The match continued with end to end attacks until DMS were awarded a penalty. Where was VAR when you needed it! DMS gained confidence and scored 3-2 due to a lapse of concentration in defence. Sunninghill pushed hard at the end of the match and Archie

scored with a powerful shot to earn the team a well-deserved draw.

Contribution Award: *Vishnu for making excellent saves.*

Team: 12/13A Football

Against: DMS

Venue: Away

Result: 2 – 2 draw

This friendly local fixture ended in a draw even though the “SPS 9” stormed two goals ahead before a late surge from the home team gave them a deserved point.

Harri W repelled all in goal for 90% of the game, Toby J tackled with bravery and Henry T led well from the front.

Contribution Award: *Gethyn who netted both goals, one from the penalty spot with a sneaky eyes one way, ball the other.*



Climbing Club



Think of the Week



Last week's think was:

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

Here are some thoughtful, original and succinct answers:

Lucy Form 5: People would be sad as you couldn't stop yourself saying what you really thought and we all have feelings that we don't want to share.

James S: We would fall out a lot.

Maggie: It would be good because everyone would learn not to think badly about anyone.

Henry T: I think it would be better because people would learn to accept criticism and use it to improve in that area.

Max J: Everything would be very truthful and no one would ever stop talking.

Ben E: Society would become a lot more stable because there would be no doubt in the world. Nobody would be lied to and everyone could be certain about what others thought. Everybody would be themselves.

Next week:

Is it worse to fail at something, or never to attempt it in the first place?

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

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
Humanities: Tom & Harry
Languages: Aidan
Food Tech: Tom & Mckenzie

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National Schools
NSEA Dressage Qualifier

**Moreton Equestrian Centre,
Moreton, Dorset, DT2 8RF**

On

Saturday 5th October 2019

for the
23rd annual

NSEA National Schools Championships 2019

To be held at Addington Manor 18-20 October 2019.

Lunch Menu

Monday 30th September

Bean & Vegetable Chilli
Nacho's & Rice
Guacamole, Soured Cream & Cheese
Dessert: Apple & Cinnamon Flapjack

Tuesday 1st October

Sweet & Sour Chicken
Vegetarian Option:
Sweet & Sour Tofu
Noodles & Prawn Crackers
Dessert: Syrup Sponge & Custard

Wednesday 2nd October

Roast Beef
Vegetarian Option:
Beetroot Tart
Carrots, Courgettes & Roast Potatoes
Dessert: Minted Pineapple Sticks

Thursday 3rd October

Scampi & Tartare Sauce
Vegetarian Option:
Mozzarella Bites
New Potatoes & Peas
Dessert: Apple & Cherry Crumble & Cream

Friday 4th October

Leek & Bacon Loaded Skins
Vegetarian Option:
Leek & Mushroom Loaded Skins
Baked Beans
Dessert: Sticky Toffee Pudding with Toffee Sauce

Diary of Events

WHOLE SCHOOL	30th	Individual photos and siblings (if requested) 8.30 am
DIARY OF EVENTS	1st Oct	U8 & U9 Hockey v Knighton House (H) 2.00 pm
		U8 & U9 Football v St Mary's Swanage (A) 2.00 pm
		Form 6 Parents' Evening 4.45 pm
		Form 5 - 8 Swimming Gala Clayesmore 5.00 pm
	2nd	Form 4 Residential to Brenscombe. Return Friday
		U11 Football Tournament BCS 11.30 am
		U13 Rugby 7's Tournament The Park 1.45 - 6.00 pm
		U12/13A Hockey v Dumpton (H) 2.15 pm
		U12/13 B Hockey v Dumpton (H) 3.00 pm
		U10 & U11 Netball Practice @ Milton Abbey 2.00 pm
	3rd	Class Reps Meeting Drawing Room 8.30 am
		Cracking the Code Day @ Sherborne
		Rec - Form 3 Swimming @ 1610
		Governors' Educational Meeting 3.00 pm
		Informal Music Concert Drawing Room 4.00 pm
		After School Sailing 5.15 pm
4th	After School Rock Climbling 4.30 pm	
	Form 3 Assembly, all parents welcome 8.30 am, followed by refreshments	
	Open Morning 9.30 - 12 noon	
	Parent & Toddler Group 10.00 - 11.30 am	
	Forms 5 - 7 Sports Afternoon	
Form 4 returns from Residential		
LETTERS ON THE PORTAL	Menu	
	Sports Fixtures & Team Sheets	
	Music Timetable	
Nursery		
Reception	Homework letter	
Form 1	Homework letter	
Form 2	Homework letter	
Form 3	Homework letter	
Form 4	Homework letter	
Form 5	Homework letter	
Form 6	Homework letter	
Form 7	Homework letter	
Form 8	Homework letter	