



# Hermes

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Autumn Term

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Autumn is on its way!



*Form 4 enjoying their residential*

Dear Parents

With the summer seemingly a dim and distant memory, autumnal conditions have been the feature of this week. Haven't the cool evenings been wonderful?

On Monday evening we celebrated a significant milestone birthday for one of our unsung heroes. You may never have met Maureen. She is part of our late night cleaning team who work long into the evening after we have all departed to make sure that we arrive to a clean and fresh school each day. Sharon and her team are capable of coping with just about everything that the school, the weather and even the boys' toilets throw at them.

They do occasionally reach their limits, none of which make for suitable reading on a Friday evening publication as you're enjoying your supper.

"TMI Dad," as my daughter Rosie regularly tells me as I try to embarrass her in front of her university friends.

Those with a particularly stout constitution are welcome to get finer (coarser?) details!

Individual photos were taken the same day. I have heard from class reps that some of you are not entirely happy with the results. It seems to be a perennial problem that Lydia and I have had to contend with for many years. I have a feeling we might be better to do this in-house and take much more time. I'd welcome your thoughts on this.

On Tuesday we welcomed Form 6 parents for their start of year consultation evening. This is an important moment in time for this age group, with 11+ exams ahead and choice of follow on schools on the horizon. It is clear from the feedback that they have made an excellent start to the year and are really maturing in so many different ways. Long may this last!

Despite the uncertainties of the weather, Form 4 departed for their expedition and seem to be having a brilliant time at Brenscombe with Mrs Moss, Mrs Baker and Mr Stazicker. I know the parents have appreciated the regular updates via the Outdoor Ed phone. On your behalf I'd like to thank the team for their great efforts above and beyond the norm.



*Form 4 – a night-time walk*



You will remember from the summer that the Burgess family had set their stall out, in conjunction with the school, to raise enough funds to buy a defibrillator for the community. It has been a superb effort and has finally arrived and been fixed to the outside of the School Hall and will be commissioned early next week.

On Thursday I held the first class reps meeting of the new school year. We covered many aspects of recent political discussions on the independent sector and I outlined major jobs that have been completed over the summer. As always your reps brought many important issues to our attention and I am certain that they will feedback responses as soon as possible. I thank them for their continued contribution to helping improve school life.

On the subject of improving key areas of school, a new PTFA committee is eager to get started. You are all very welcome to their AGM held at school on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00 pm. Their first event of the year will be a fun quiz night on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November closely followed by our Christmas Fayre held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December. More details on both of these will follow shortly.

Today we held our first Open Day of the year. We welcomed existing families to see their

own children enjoying learning and a very healthy number of new families interested in finding out more about us.

Finally, Form 3 delivered a brilliant class assembly to the school and their parents this morning. Their theme was the amazing world of Roald Dahl and how he has inspired many generations of children to become active and interested readers. I loved the bit about him getting into trouble at school because he put a live mouse in a gobstopper pot.

That seems a perfect point to sign off and wish you a very happy weekend. I'm off to Pets r Us!

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

Mr John Thorpe  
Headmaster



*Our three chickens enjoying a bit more freedom!*

## ***Nursery & Reception***

This week, our topic has been 'Healthy Me'.

We have had a tooth brushing activity where we have coloured in the teeth black and made them all shiny and white again by using toothbrushes to clean away the pen.



We enjoyed a positional language activity for our Moving Maths in the low ropes where we had to put ourselves in positions, such as 'over', 'under' and 'on top'.



Miss Emilie's dance class had great fun doing lots of good stretching, balancing and moving.



We also talked about hygiene and keeping ourselves clean. Some children enjoyed washing our dolls to demonstrate how we do this.



## *Reception Art Class*

We looked up into the tree to observe the changing colours of the leaves.



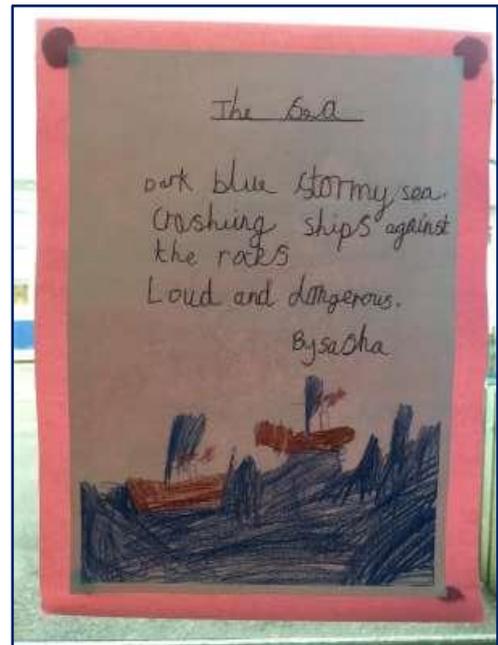
The children enjoyed making the pictures of our autumn tree pictures. We had such fun!



## Form 2



*Abel reading with Ivy*



*A Haiku poem by Sasha*



This week we have been making felt sea creatures for our Sea themed Haiku Poems.



## Form 4 – at Brenscombe



The children broke the short journey to Brenscombe Residential Centre, Studland, with a walk at Moreton where they saw a kingfisher. The afternoon was spent on the water, canoeing and playing games then building rafts.

After supper they went for a night walk along the ridge to overlook Corfe Castle, dodging cows, with owls screeching around.

Second day: they headed off to the woods. A key survival skill is building a shelter which the children did, although Mr Stazicker was glad to be in the bunkhouse tonight! Starting a fire was far more successful and the children even cooked their own bread too. After lunch and a long trek to Dancing Ledge the children climbed and abseiled with all giving it their best. The weather gods were kind and the rain stayed off until they had returned to base camp. Even with their new found skills it was too wet tonight for a bonfire so the children enjoyed team building games and threw some shapes on the dance floor.



## ***News from the Lab***

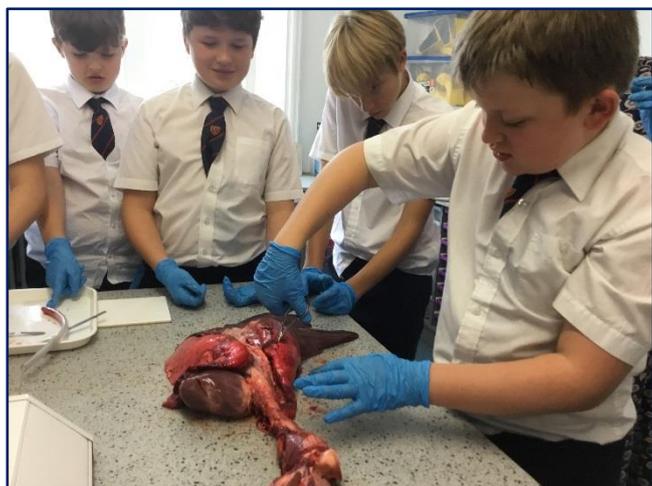
Form 7 continued to find out more about cells by using an excellent app on the Ipads called Google expeditions.

They were able to observe different cells and organelles in augmented reality and were very excited to see the structures floating around the science lab!



Form 8 received an interesting sample from the kitchen.

Kerry kindly ordered a “pluck” from the local butcher and we set out to explore the lung respiratory system. It was a very interesting afternoon and a good opportunity for the pupils who wished to practice their dissection skills.



### ***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](mailto:antoniasavva@me.com)

*Mrs Savva*

### ***Music***

Bravo to all performers who took part in the first informal concert of the term on Thursday - this was a first time for many of our young musicians.



A reminder that informal concerts are open to all pupils; please contact Mrs Nolan-Stone if your child would like to take part in the next one.

Mrs Potts will be teaching on Tuesday and Friday this week, lessons with Mr Garden will resume in Week 7.

We are very much looking forward to the music assembly next Friday. You will hear some of our music ensembles including Wind Band, Percussion Ensemble and String Group alongside of demonstrations from some of our peripatetic music staff.

All parents are welcome to the assembly at 8.30 am followed by breakfast in the Drawing Room.

*Lesley Nolan-Stone*

## ***Harvest***

Our Harvest Festival is on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> 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).

I would be grateful if you could bring in any items from the list to my office from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October. I have a couple of boxes where the donations may be left.

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

Many thanks in advance for your support.

*Lydia*

## ***Think of the Week***



*Last week's think was:*

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

Here are some contrasting answers:

Tymon: It is better never to attempt it as then you can tell everyone how amazing you are at it and they will have no evidence to say otherwise.

Amelia: I think it is better to fail regularly because then you learn from your mistakes. Just think, if you never tried anything new, you would do almost nothing and your life would be boring.

*Next week's think was set by Form 7:*

*It is better to have an amazing short life or a boring long life?*

## ***Hedgehog News***

Katie, Form 7, has asked that we attach a poster to Hermes. Katie is raising awareness of hedgehogs and will be running a stall at the event tomorrow between 10 am and 4 pm.

## ***Sports***

**Team:** U8 Hockey  
**Against:** Knighton House  
**Venue:** Home  
**Result:** 7 – 2 win

What a difference a week makes! SPS started so strongly it nearly knocked Knighton House off their feet!! The girls tried really hard not to bunch up or tackle each other in this match and it really worked well. The ball stayed in our attacking half for most of the first 2 quarters although Knighton House did sneak a quick goal. The score was 4 – 1 at half-time. Knighton House were much stronger after half-time but they were unable to stop SPS scoring and the girls scored 3 more goals with Knighton House scoring 1 more too. The final score was 7 – 2. Our amazing goals mostly came from ‘front of goal’ scrambles and were scored by Tabitha, Amelia, Georgie, Millie and Scarlett.

***Contribution Award: Amelia and Georgie for scoring 2 goals each!***

**Team:** U9 Hockey  
**Against:** Knighton House  
**Venue:** Home  
**Result:** 3 – 1 loss

Fast end to end games with the girls playing with more determination and a little more awareness of positions. We still followed the ball on occasions and need to spread out more but it was nice to see us carrying the ball when we had space. Izzy scored our only goal with a

great break and carry into the circle with a strong shot. Kitty T, Kitty S and Anna all showed some good skills and using the reverse stick. Clara and Scarlett tackled well. When we have the ball in our defensive circle we need to make a much harder clearance as the Knighton forwards were waiting to pinch it. As soon as they got into the circle they shot hard for goal which was the difference between the teams. We had lots of chances but couldn’t quite put the ball between the posts. Next lesson –shooting practice!!!

***Contribution Award: Izzy for her great goal and determination.***

**Team:** U13/12 A Hockey  
**Against:** Dumpton  
**Venue:** Home  
**Result:** 3 – 3 draw

An extremely entertaining game! Dumpton were well organised and scored two quick goals fairly early on. Sunninghill were not phased by this, kept patient and with some accurate passing were rewarded with a goal from Freya just before half time.

Freya scored another great goal straight after the break and we were tied. Erin was spoiling many of the Dumpton attacks and Indi came on to tackle and clear the ball well. Megan and Gemma ran their socks off and set up many attacks. Dumpton then scored to make it 3 – 2 with about 8 minutes to go.

We kept pressing with good defensive and midfield play with 100% effort. Eleni positioned well out on the wing and grew in confidence. Perseverance finally paid off and with 30 seconds to go Freya hammered the ball home to finish a great game and a well-deserved draw. Well done team.

***Contribution Award: Freya for scoring a hat trick; Gemma for running her socks off and Erin for her excellent defensive work.***

**Team: U13/12 B Hockey**  
**Against: Dumpton**  
**Venue: Home**  
**Result: 4 – 0 loss**

Dumpton attacked right from the start and it took us by surprise. They scored two quick goals and we struggled to clear the ball out of defence.

Poppy tackled well but had to cope with the opposition putting her under pressure as well as trying to put the ball into space for Holly or Indy to collect. Indy worked hard as centre forward and took the ball into the D but couldn't quite get the shot in.

Meena passed the ball with improved confidence; Connie tried hard with her skills and with more experience will learn to execute at a faster pace. We need to think about our positions more and help each other when one of us is in possession.

**Contribution Award: Indiana for her work rate throughout the game.**

**Team: U8 Football**  
**Against: St Mary's, Swanage**  
**Venue: Away**  
**Result: 2 – 2 draw**



Sunninghill started a little slow and were put off the back foot early on by ferocious attacks from St Mary's.

Natty and Albi managed to clear danger by excellent defending and goal keeping. Harvey created chances but struggled to find the target in the first half. In the second half Sunninghill lost their focus and shape and St Mary's stormed to a 2-0 lead.

This was the wake up moment and suddenly there was far more drive going forward with Harvey scoring a screamer in the top corner and followed that up a few minutes later with a shot in the bottom corner.

**Team: U9 Football**  
**Against: St Mary's, Swanage**  
**Venue: Away**  
**Result: 4 – 0 loss**

Sunninghill started a little frightened of the ball and never really recovered from that. William Hall had some powerful attempts on goal but couldn't trouble the goal keeper too much. Freddie played and moved with great energy. Gregory defended well and tried to move the ball though midfield. St Mary's played very well and scored great goals. Sunninghill need to work harder for the ball and put some more challenges in. Xavier was outstanding in goal, making excellent saves.

**Team: U11 Football Tournament**  
**Against: BCS**  
**Venue: Away**  
**Result: Played 5 Won 2 lost 3**

There was some good and some bad points to take away from our tournament at BCS. We played well in two games and badly in two - the semi-final against Leweston just didn't go our way.

*At our best...* **Archie** was magnificent bombing up and down, attacking and defending the right flank; **Sam** led the attack well making good use of the ball with a finisher's eye for goal; **Theo** was a ball of defending energy that let little past him and left dazed players in his wake; and **Will BK**

made some superb stops with all parts of his body!

*At our worst...* we didn't read the game well, defend as a team and our positional play was all over the place. We got caught out, leaving players unmarked for easy goals. So frustrating and I know Mr Willemse has practiced this which makes it doubly so.

***Contribution Award: Alex – The only Form 5 playing in a Form 6 tournament and played well throughout - punching well above his weight.***

**Team: U13 7's Rugby**  
**Against: The Park**  
**Venue: Away**

The boys were excited for their first Rugby event of the season. Inspired by the World Cup, they played each game full of enthusiasm and excitement. Tackling and rucking got better throughout the afternoon and they worked as a real unit. The level of competition was fierce and the team performed well to achieve two draws and two defeats.

***Contribution Award: Ben for being ferocious in attack and defence.***

**Team: U10/11/12/13**  
**Swimming Gala**  
**Venue: Clayesmore**

On Tuesday a mixed team went to Clayesmore for the Form 5 – 8 gala. We were competing against Clayesmore and Chafyn Grove schools.

Everyone swam brilliantly and there were some very close and exciting races. Clayesmore scored each year group and the results were as follows:

Form 5 Girls - 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Form 6 Girls- 1<sup>st</sup>  
Form 6 Boys - 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Form 8 Girls – 1<sup>st</sup>  
Form 8 boys - 3<sup>rd</sup>

A special mention and congratulations to the Form 6 girls team of Amelia, Polina, Imogen and Lydia and the Form 8 girls who won their competition with Holly, Poppy, Erin and Freya on the last leg of the freestyle relay.

Also to Kitty who stepped up a year to swim a great butterfly length for the Form 5 girls and help them in both relays.

## ***Alumni***

Charlie, a former pupil, competed in his first Brazilian jiu jitsu competition on Saturday. In jiu jitsu children compete in brackets defined by age, weight and length of time they have been training. Charlie had to fight 2 boys one year younger than him, the same weight but with 4 more years' experience due to the number of entries.



The photo shows Charlie on podium 1.

## ***Holiday Club - Reminder***

Holiday Club – now taking bookings for October Half Term. Available for one week from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November. Please remember to sign up to secure your place.

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 28<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> 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
English/Publicity:	Freya, Megan & Esme
Drama:	Gabriel & Lily
Outdoor Education:	Erin & Henry
STEM:	Ben & Gemma
Eco:	Toby & Daniel
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# Hedgehog Extravaganza

Woodhouse Gardens Pavilion, DT11 7DN

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October 10am – 4pm

Bric-a-brac

Refreshments

Your hedgehog questions answered

Hedgehog carers

Cake Stall



Photo by Colin Varndell [www.colinvarndell.co.uk](http://www.colinvarndell.co.uk)

Face painting by



Hedgehog crafts, games and colouring

Raffle (drawn at 3pm)

Raising awareness and funds to help Hedgehogs in Dorset

Event supported by Blandford Morrisons

For further information email: [hedgehogs.blandford@gmail.com](mailto:hedgehogs.blandford@gmail.com)

# *Lunch Menu*

## ***Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October***

Mediterranean Vegetable Pasta Medley  
Vegetarian Parmesan  
Garlic Bread  
Dessert: Scones

## ***Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October***

Cod Loin in a Cheese Sauce  
**Vegetarian Option: Cauliflower Cheese Grills**  
New Potatoes  
Peas  
Dessert: Chocolate Chip Cookie

## ***Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October***

Roast Topside of Beef  
**Vegetarian Option: Sweet Potato Bake**  
Roast Potatoes & Yorkshire Puddings  
Roasted Parsnips & Carrots  
Dessert: Pineapple Upside down Cake

## ***Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October***

Chicken Korma  
**Vegetarian Option: Lentil Vegetable Korma**  
Rice  
Naan Bread  
Dessert: Fruit Strudel & Cream

## ***Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October***

Spaghetti Bolognese  
**Vegetarian Option: Vegetable Bolognese**  
Grates Cheddar  
Dessert: Artic Roll

## *Diary of Events*

<b>WHOLE SCHOOL</b>	7th	
<b>DIARY OF EVENTS</b>	8th	Bryanston Orchestral Day 9.30 - 6.00 pm U8 & U9 Hockey v Clayesmore (H) 2.15 pm U8 Football v Castle Court & BCS @ Clayesmore 2.15 pm Form 7 Parents' Evening 4.45 pm
	9th	U12/13A & B Hockey v Clayesmore (A) 2.15 pm & 3.00 pm U11 & U10 Netball v Clayesmore (H) 2.30 pm U10/11 A Football v Leweston (H) 2.30 pm U10/11 B Football v Leweston (H) 3.15 pm Forms 7 & 8 Rugby practice @ DRC
	10th	Rec - Form 4 Swimming @ 1610 U8 & U9 Swimming Gala v Sherborne @ Oxley Sports Centre 5.00 pm After School Sailing 5.15 pm After School Rock Climbling 4.30 pm
	11th	Music Assembly, all parents welcome 8.30 am, followed by refreshments Parent & Toddler Group 10.00 - 11.30 am U12 Rugby v Exeter Cathedral School. Depart 12.30 pm. Forms 5 - 7 Sports Afternoon Form 3 Skiing
<b>LETTERS ON THE PORTAL</b>		Menu Sports Fixtures & Team Sheets Music Timetable Online safety parent newsletter from Dorset Police
<b>Nursery</b>		
<b>Reception</b>		
<b>Form 1</b>		
<b>Form 2</b>		
<b>Form 3</b>		Parking Permit Letter/Forms 3 & 4 October trips
<b>Form 4</b>		Parking Permit Letter/Forms 3 & 4 October trips
<b>Form 5</b>		Parking Permit Letter
<b>Form 6</b>		Parking Permit Letter
<b>Form 7</b>		Parking Permit Letter/Parents' Evening email
<b>Form 8</b>		Parking Permit Letter