

 Sunninghill  
PREP SCHOOL DORCHESTER

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Winter drawers on!



*Form 6 on the JSax*

Dear Parents

Welcome to this week's summary of life in school. Lydia and I continue to have fun with how many different connotations of our title we can find. The onset of colder weather has provided us with an easy "out" today. We are running low so please do join in with the fun.



Our musicians enjoyed a superb orchestral day at Bryanston this week with Mrs Nolan Stone eager to push her stars to new heights of inspiration and performance.

We have also welcomed a specialist advisor to school this week who has been helping us prepare for moments of crisis. As you might imagine, it's not something we like to contemplate, but prepare we must.

Having already had a lockdown practice with teachers, we are preparing to have a drill with the children too. Before this happens I will write to you so you are fully aware and you can have a reassuring chat to your children too.

Form 7 Parents' Evening passed by very smoothly on Tuesday. We are very pleased with their academic and social progress. They are growing up very quickly and rapidly maturing with new excitements and challenges that, often presents all at once.



The boys are heading on a rugby tour with Mr Willemse and myself and by the time you sit down to read Hermes we will have (weather permitting) played Exeter Cathedral School and be getting ready for going out for a curry ahead of watching the Exeter Chiefs tomorrow.



I'm fairly certain we won't have to face the same weather that awaits the Rugby World Cup in Japan with Typhoon Hagibis threatening to hit land and forcing the cancellation of the England vs France game. It may be very cruel to the Scots who look likely to be derailed by what they are calling Hurricane Haggis! As a life-long "scotophile" they have my full sympathies.

Lots of fixtures took place on Wednesday afternoon. I stayed at home and watched the younger children in Senior Prep playing football and netball matches. A strong Clayesmore team gave the girls some problems to think about. Honours were more even on the football pitch with the Form 6 boys in particular playing with great determination.



Not to be outdone, the Junior Prep swimmers acquitted themselves superbly on Thursday evening. Full reports of all the matches can be found later in this edition.

I headed off to IAPS HQ on Thursday representing District 5 Heads on the national sporting executive. I am one of twenty heads who are trying to formulate policy on hot topics such as transgender participation and how to improve the organisation of flagship events such as Swimming at the London Arena.

Whilst I contribute passionately to our sector nationally I also have lots of topics closer to home to keep working on. Next Friday sees us support Red for Racism Day. The red

represents the card that you would be given in a sports match for serious foul play.



Thankfully, events of this nature are very few and far between as are recorded events of bullying.

Both do occur and we remain very vigilant and proactive at ensuring that events are isolated and that frequencies are reducing.

Do please remember to have frequent chats with your children about both issues, particularly in reinforcing the positive aspects of embracing the uniqueness of every culture and exhibiting kindness and compassion to those around you.

Both aspects receive frequent reminders from our tutors and more formally in PSHE lessons. If you have any concerns that your child might have been subjected to either of the above events please do contact us as a matter of urgency and we will investigate thoroughly. Mr Stazicker should normally be your first point of contact in his capacity of Pastoral Deputy Head.

A better type of fowl play continues to keep us busy in the garden as we await our first eggs. Still no news to report here other than they are very late at going to bed which means I have to pop back to school to lock them up.

You will have noticed that their adjoining surroundings have been scaffolded ahead of the new lead work to be completed over half term.

It seems that Google Earth may be a "would be criminal's" best friend when it comes to



“sussing” out where acres of valuable “booty” may be lying. I bet Brian McClendon didn’t envisage that as one of its uses when he first designed the software!

If you knew who the aforementioned person was you might want to sign up for our very own quiz night to be held on Thursday 21st November. Leo’s mum from the Kao San Thai restaurant in town has very kindly offered to help prepare the food which will be a real treat. Posters will soon be up and tickets will be available shortly. Before then you would also be very welcome to join us for the PTFA AGM next Thursday evening at 7.00 pm. The venue is the Dining Room and a light buffet supper will be provided to encourage you to be an active member.

Finally, this morning saw us all enjoy a brilliant music assembly in school. This lovely event showcased the talents of our wonderful children and talented peripatetic staff. We hope it encourages children to want to take up a musical instrument, with a free taster session with any musical instrument on offer.



Wishing you a wonderful weekend ahead.

*Mr Thorpe*

Mr Thorpe  
Headmaster

## ***Parking Permits***

Reminder: Forms 3 – 8 – please let me know if you would like a parking permit, by Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October.

Thank you

*Lydia*

## ***Nursery & Reception***



This week we have been looking at autumn. We have been lucky enough to get out on two lovely walks, collecting some items to put on our interest trays. We found lots of colourful leaves and shiny conkers!







We have all had a go at using our autumn objects in our moving maths sessions.

Nursery children have been looking at number recognition and matching numeral to quantity and Reception have been doing addition and subtraction sums.



Some children had a go at a baking activity, making hedgehog biscuits. Yum yum!



## ***Form 1***

Form 1 have created some fantastic work writing about their lost teddies, an emotive lesson with a few tears shed!



The teachers are so proud of the work produced we had to capture the moment.

## ***Form 2***

The children having fun at Construction Club.







We have also been learning about the Morse Code and we practised sending each other messages using table lamps.



### ***Cracking the Code - Sherborne***

In Languages we learnt Irish, Dutch and Norwegian. In Irish we were translating and deciphering Irish numbers. In Norwegian we were translating places on a subway map. We all touched up on Dutch by reading a page

from the hungry caterpillar. Valentine's group got all the sentences backwards.

In RS we were looking at philosophy, more specifically Palo and his cave story: this story was about some prisoners who were chained in a cave but every day some people went in and used a fire to show the silhouettes of images of things from the outside world. One day a prisoner managed to escape and saw the real life versions of what he was shown, like a tree, a rabbit and a bison. He ran back to the cave and told the other prisoners about what he saw but since it was dark and the prisoners couldn't see properly they thought the man had gone mad and they kicked him. This story shed some light on the question could everything just be an illusion.



Next we were asked some question about what knowledge is, what is real and the fundamental truths of the universe. It is an interesting thought that the entire universe could have started as early as 3 seconds ago and that all our proof and knowledge could have just been fabricated when the universe was created and we have no way of disproving it. Overall it was a very enjoyable and thought provoking experience.

During the time when Katie, Molly, Eddie, Henry and Val apprehensively waited to enter the biology lab at Sherborne Girls' School they were excited but a little nervous. The biology instructor gave a quick briefing on cells and DNA. (Deoxyribonucleic acid, pronounced deoc-see-rye-bo-nuke-layic). The objective was to view kiwi fruit cells without a



microscope. Halfway through the practical, whilst we waited for the heated water bath to get up to temperature, we did a quick word scramble. We had to try and make as many words as we could from the word deoxyribonucleic acid. Valentine and Eddie only managed 16 words. (the highest score was 79!) After that we continued with our testing and came out with some pretty stunning results.

In Molly's session she won the prize for the best DNA results. I'm sorry to say that the kiwi DNA didn't look at all like spiralling colourful ladders but instead more like air bubbles. But overall it was an absolutely amazing day at Sherborne School.

Overall we had a really good day at Sherborne Girls School.

Here are our favourite parts: Eddie, Henry and Molly's favourite parts were the maths and science, Katie's science and Valentine's, of course, the free biscuits. Thankyou from all of us to Mrs O'Donnell for taking us, Mrs Fernley for organising this and all of the staff at Sherborne Girls School for making this possible.

*Eddie, Henry, Molly, Katie, Valentine*

## ***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

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*Mrs Savva*

## ***Music***

Mrs Stell will be teaching on Wednesday, Guitar lessons and Guitar Club will resume this week on Wednesday.

On Tuesday we attended an Orchestral Day at Bryanston School with 7 local schools and over 200 pupils performing. They had a long day of full orchestral rehearsals and sectionals, culminating in a performance for parents in the evening. It was a fantastic event, lots of biscuits helped to keep our energy levels up and the pupils amazed us all by how well they played.

A big thank you to all pupils, peripatetic staff and Switch Saxophone Quartet for today's Music Assembly. It was a fantastic end to a busy week in the music department!







## ***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*

### ***Thunk of the Week***



*Last week's thunk was:*

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

Here are some contrasting answers:

I think it is better to have a long boring life because with a positive mind set, nothing can be boring. It depends on which way you look at your life, if you look at things positively, then life can never be boring. Polina

It is better to have a long boring life as life is what you make it: sometimes exciting can be daunting so a less exciting life would avoid frightening feelings and emotions. Mckenzie

I think it's best to have an amazing short life because you would learn quickly to make the most of life and you would do lots of fun things. Charlie Form 5

If short means 100 years and long is about 10,000 years then it is better to have a short and amazing life. Esme

*Next week's thunk was also set by Form 7:*

*Would you want to live in a world of virtual reality?*

## ***Sports***

**Team:** U8 Hockey  
**Against:** Clayesmore  
**Venue:** Home  
**Result:** 3 – 3 draw

The girls started really well, full of enthusiasm winning the ball and attacking the Clayesmore goal so many times. We just couldn't put the ball into the goal. It ran parallel to the goal line a number of times requiring just a nudge to push it over. We should have been at least 3 goals up in the first quarter. Tabitha tackled well in defence and passed the ball firmly up the pitch for Georgiana, Amelia and Scarlett. All three tried so hard to score although on several occasions they all went for the same ball and got in each other's way. As a team we all wanted to attack and we had no-one back in defence which allowed Clayesmore to score their goals. Against the run of play Clayesmore went 1 – 0 up but soon afterwards Georgiana scored to level the game. Clayesmore then went ahead but Tabitha had a great shot from just inside the circle to make it 2 – 2. Exciting stuff. Again Clayesmore went ahead but Millie made it a great 3 – 3 draw. Honours even.

***Contribution Award: Millie for some determined tackling and running her socks off throughout the game.***

**Team:** U9 Hockey  
**Against:** Clayesmore  
**Venue:** Home  
**Result:** 5 - 0 win

The U9s started really well in this match. Izzy worked hard and managed to get the ball into the D straight away to score our first goal. This really spurred SPS on and then Kitty T scored twice before the quarter ended. These goals came from some sterling effort from Anna, Iris and and Izzy.



Clayesmore then tried hard to thwart our attack and managed to for 2 quarters but SPS still worked tirelessly. We made a conscious effort to spread out across the pitch and to have 1 person only tackling a player.

In the final quarter Izzy scored again and we had several more attacks which then led to a final goal scored for us by a Clayesmore player!

Our defence was strong with Kitty S and Anna tackling well and getting the ball up the pitch. Iris and Kitty T moved the ball well and forced mistakes from the opposition.

***Contribution Award: Iris for getting stuck in and showing good skills.***

**Team: U13/12 A Hockey**  
**Against: Clayesmore**  
**Venue: Away**  
**Result: 3 – 3 draw**

An extremely entertaining game! Dumpton were well organised and scored two quick goals fairly early on. Sunninghill were not fazed 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: U12/13 B Hockey**  
**Against: Clayesmore**  
**Venue: Away**  
**Result: 4 – 0 loss**

Sunninghill began the game quite tentatively but we held our shape quite well.

With some good defending (and luck!), we held out before Clayesmore scored their first goal.

As the game progressed we became a bit more confident with Indi working hard in the midfield.

Clayesmore scored their second just before half time, at which point Indie needed to go and play for the A team.

We seemed a lot more settled in the second half and started to create our own chances. Meena was playing very well at the back, stopping and clearing a lot of attacks. Molly also made some good saves.

Connie and Holly combined well at the front, with Holly just missing out on scoring a couple of goals.

Clayesmore scored another goal in each 10 minute period to leave a final result of 4-0.

***Contribution Award: Meena, for improved play, especially clearances in defence and Connie for midfield play and showing improving skills***

**Team: U10 Netball**  
**Against: Clayesmore**  
**Venue: Home**  
**Result: 2 – 4 loss**

A closely contested game, with end to end action. The girls worked hard from the off and soon scored the first goal of the match. Unfortunately, Clayesmore replied with two goals in quick succession and this seemed to affect our play. Lots of interceptions were made by Flora and Carolina but not enough



control on the ball meant Clayesmore were picking up the loose balls all over the place. Mirabelle worked hard in C position and made some positive dodges, which wasn't always seen and the ball was thrown away. Lucy was effective in the shooting circle and just needs to have confidence in her shooting. Although possession was fairly equal throughout the game the Clayesmore shooters were more successful and they won 4-2.

***Contribution Award: Flora for her interceptions and defensive work.***

**Team: U11 Netball**  
**Against: Clayesmore**  
**Venue: Home**  
**Result: 8 – 2 loss**

The first Netball match for the U11's was against Clayesmore at home. We started well but need to mark more closely and not ball watch. Imogen used the space well and was available for a lot of passes in the centre court, we just struggled to get the ball in to the shooting third. The Clayesmore team were very fast at getting free on court and we did struggle at times to keep up with them. Izzy S and Amelia made some good interceptions and had to battle hard to win the ball in defence. Lydia made some effective dodges, Izzy and Polina didn't have many opportunities to shoot but did work well together in the shooting circle. Mostly we lacked strength in our passes, and didn't drive forward for the ball.

***Contribution Award: Imogen for her hard work and effective use of space.***

**Team: U8 & U9 Swimming Gala**  
**Venue: Sherborne**

The Swimmers were nervous and excited for their first Swimming gala of the year. For many it was the first away fixture in swimming for Sunninghill. The attitude and behaviour was fantastic on pool side and it was pleasing to see how supportive they were of each other. After a quick warm-up it was

time to start the official races which consisted of backstroke, breaststroke, front crawl and relay races. For every Sunninghill swimmer in a race, Sherborne had two but they still managed to win nearly every race. The swimmers gave everything in the pool and outperformed their counterparts technically but also mentally. Special thank you go to all the parents for their ferocious support and for making it a lovely atmosphere.



**Team: U10/11 A Football**  
**Against: Leweston**  
**Venue: Away**  
**Result: 3 – 2 win**

Sunninghill started strong, pressing for each ball and stormed to a 1-0 lead with a fantastic goal from Sam. Unfortunately the focus dropped and the players did not track back to help defend. We went into half-time trailing 1-2 and after a short break the boys were ready to show their fighting spirit. Theo was resolute in defence and pressed up high when possible. Archie and Sam were thirsty for goal and Archie's fantastic determination helped him score the winning goal.

Boys please remember to always work hard for the team. The score should not affect your application to the game. Well done!

***Contribution Award: Theo for being all over the pitch, aware of any possible threat the Leweston team tried to make.***



**Team: U10/11 B Football**  
**Against: Leweston**  
**Venue: Away**  
**Result: 5 - 3 loss**

We started a little unfortunate by conceding two sloppy goals. The efforts from the Sunninghill boys was fantastic and they tried to get back in the game time after time. Felix, William and George worked very hard, trying to move the ball forward to Alex and Leon who were eager to attack the Leweston defence. We could not quite keep momentum to turn the score around but the players should feel proud of their efforts against a tricky year 6 team.

**Contribution Award: William B-K for being fantastic in goals and outfield.**

## ***Community***

Harvey ran 10km in 55 mins on Sunday to help raise money for #wilddoes, a charity set up in memory of William Paddy to help young people who may be finding life tough and struggling to cope... wilddoes.co.uk.



## **Dorchester Repair Cafe is open for business!**

Bring your broken items to be fixed by our volunteers on the last Sunday of every month. After a successful launch in September, we are delighted to announce the opening of Dorchester Repair Cafe.

Our first event will be on Sunday 27th October 10.00 am-12 noon at Sunninghill Community Hall.

We would love you to join us, whether you have something to fix or you just want to take a look! Please forward this info to anyone you think might be interested.

A repair cafe offers tools, materials and specialist help to fix broken household items and therefore save them from landfill. Anyone is welcome to bring an item along, come for a chat, have a coffee or just watch the repairers at work.

This event not only helps to give new life to broken things, but also provides a place for people to meet, chat, & share skills; a chance for them to learn new things, live more sustainably, make community links and reduce social isolation.

Our volunteers are a mix of locals from all walks of life who share a love of DIY and a commitment to come together and help their community. We are looking for **more volunteers** to join us at any of our events which will be on the last Sunday of every month from January to November. All skills welcome! **We need help with admin, reception, refreshments, and of course repairing.**

Our repairers will have a go at most things, but we generally cover the following: electrics, electronics, computers, tools, bicycles, jewellery, sewing, woodwork, small appliances, ceramics, and fabrics.

Find us on Facebook and Instagram  
@dorchesterrepaircafe



## A new venture for one of our parents



As a parent here at Sunninghill, I would like to take this wonderful opportunity to introduce to you all to my new business venture, "Foxy By Design"

([www.foxybydesign.co.uk](http://www.foxybydesign.co.uk)). We are a fabulous online women's fashion boutique, set in the heart of the beautiful Dorset countryside.

Here at Foxy By Design, our aim is to provide you with luxurious garments and accessories of the highest quality. Empowering women is the cornerstone of our business, and we are here to offer advice and style tips to encourage you to embrace your beauty. We understand that all women come in different shapes and sizes, but those differences should be celebrated. Our entire range is based on that ethos, with different designs and styles to suit most body types.

As a fashion retailer we are determined to be the very best in our field of expertise and have chosen our collections accordingly. Our clothing lines combine the latest trends with a timeless appeal designed to suit those with a discerning taste in fashion.

Above all, we here at Foxy By Design are here to help you make the very best of yourself.

*Natasha Buchan-Moore  
Managing Director  
Foxy by Design*

## 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
Humanities:	Tom & Harry
Languages:	Aidan
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## *Diary of Events*

<b>WHOLE SCHOOL</b>	14th	Form 2 to Portland 8.15 - 12.30 pm
		Forms 3 & 4 Hooke Court 9.00 - 4.00 pm
<b>DIARY OF EVENTS</b>	15th	U8 & U9 Hockey v Leweston (H) 2.15 pm
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		Nursery to Form 4 Parents' Meetings from 3.00 pm
	16th	U12/13A Hockey v Sherborne Girls (A) 2.30 pm
		U12/13B Hockey v Sherborne Girls (A) 2.30 pm
		U11 & U10 Netball Practice (H) 2.30 pm
		U12 & U13 Football v Leweston (H) 2.30 pm
		Forms 5 & 6 Rugby Training @ DFC 2.30 pm
		Forms 3 - 8 Effort Grades on the Portal
	17th	Rec - Form 4 Swimming @ 1610
		Forms 3 & 4 library with the poet, Krissie Gittins 1.00 - 2.30 pm
		After School Sailing 5.15 pm
		After School Rock Climbling 4.30 pm
		PTFA AGM Dining Room 7.00 pm. All parents welcome
	18th	Supporting Anti Racism Day - wear red and donate to the charity
		Form 4 Harvest Festival Assembly, supporting The Homeless in Dorchester
		Forms 3 & 4 Tutankhamun Exhibition 9.30 - 12.30 pm
		Parent & Toddler Group 10.00 - 11.30 am
		Forms 5 - 7 Sports Afternoon
		Form 1 Forest School
		Form 3 Skiing
		Half term begins at 4.30 pm
<b>LETTERS ON THE PORTAL</b>	Menu	
	Sports Fixtures & Team Sheets	
	Music Timetable	
<b>Nursery</b>	Harvest Assembly & Donation letter/Junior Prep Parent Meetings	
<b>Reception</b>	Harvest Assembly & Donation letter/Junior Prep Parent Meetings	
<b>Form 1</b>	Harvest Assembly & Donation letter/Junior Prep Parent Meetings	
<b>Form 2</b>	Harvest Assembly & Donation letter/Junior Prep Parent Meetings	
<b>Form 3</b>	Harvest Assembly & Donation letter/Junior Prep Parent Meetings	
<b>Form 4</b>	Harvest Assembly & Donation letter/Junior Prep Parent Meetings	
<b>Form 5</b>	Harvest Assembly & Donation letter	
<b>Form 6</b>	Harvest Assembly & Donation letter	
<b>Form 7</b>	Harvest Assembly & Donation letter	
<b>Form 8</b>	Harvest Assembly & Donation letter	



# *Lunch Menu*

## ***Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October***

Chicken Breast with a Mushroom Sauce

Vegetarian Option: Quorn Fillet with a Mushroom Sauce

Mashed Potato

Carrots & Green Beans

Dessert: Date & Crispy Slice

## ***Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October***

Roast Gammon

Vegetarian Option: Roasted Butternut Squash & Brie Tart

Bubble & Squeak & Sweetcorn

Creamy Gravy

Dessert: Rice Pudding with Chocolate Buttons

## ***Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October***

Penny's Choice- Form 1

Tomato Soup & Croutons

Crusty Bread

Grated Cheddar

Dessert: Carrot Cake

## ***Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October***

Form 1's Lunch Choice- Penny's Desert Choice

Meatballs

Vegetarian Option: Quorn Meatballs

Pasta & Parmesan Cheese

Dessert: Dig-a-sarus (Ice Cream)

## ***Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October***

Sausages

Vegetarian Option: Vegetarian Sausages

Chips & Peas

Dessert: Sunninghill Mess