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Don't worry, be happy!



Just hanging around!

Dear Parents

A warm welcome to this week's Hermes.

The senior students have had an action-packed week in school.



On Tuesday afternoon they were privileged to enjoy a fantastic performance of Les Miserables at Bryanston School, directed by their staff and performed by their pupils. Curiously, Jo and I saw the same show at the Mayflower in Southampton the following evening. If there is a more moving and emotional musical, we are yet to see it.

Early this morning the Form 7 children kick-started their Creative Curriculum module on Democracy by visiting the Houses of Parliament with Mrs Smith and Mrs Fernley.



It is perfect timing for the General Election that lies ahead.

In the coming weeks we'll keep talking to all your children about politics. We will also hold our own general election to see which policies (rather than parties) they are most moved by.

My only worry is that they will innocently believe all the promises made in the various manifestos to be absolutely true and you and I know differently.

It has also been a relatively busy social week for many parents. A fairly raucous group of parents (perhaps inadvisably fuelled by Round 2) enjoyed a school quiz night. Matters were made so much more enjoyable by the wonderful catering provided by the Kao San restaurant. Nine teams hotly contesting the event and with one round to go there was just a couple of points between three teams both at the top and bottom of the leaderboard. A final round of classic movies from the past four decades sorted the wheat from the chaff and Les Quizerables (how poignant) were worthy winners. Their surprise prize was a meal for four at the Kao San restaurant. Great thanks must also go to David Frake who manned a very well-frequented bar.

In school, we are all very busy report writing. As always we will get these to you several days in advance of the end of the term so you can discuss matters with us before we break up for Christmas.

We have also conducted internal interviews for the important role of Designated Safeguarding Lead for the school. I will be in a position to inform you of the successful candidate early next week. They will take over from acting DSL (Mr Stazicker) in January.

On the topic of discussion, a very productive class reps meeting took place on Thursday morning. I brought the reps up to speed on some major jobs which have recently been completed including lighting the main drive and a second piece of bespoke furniture in the DT room.



The most important improvement relates to our medical provision in school. Those of you who have experienced a medical concern in the past will remember visiting Lydia in her small office with the large staff workroom next door.



The staff now have a new workroom where the learning support provision used to be and the medical room now has a large, dedicated space which befits the outstanding pastoral care we offer your children on a daily basis. One of the joys of leading a small school is having the ability to move quickly and I am indebted to the Bursar for very efficiently managing this change in what seems like a blink of the eye. Access to this area will now be for those needing to pick up their children or those needing to see Lydia. Previously you will have gone in to this room to pick up DEP uniform. This is now held with Mandy in the Main Office.

Finally, Form 5 delivered the most wonderful assembly to us this morning. They shared their worries with us and gave us lots of advice as to how we can alleviate some of these worries. There was even time for a whole school karaoke slot with Bob Dylan. Following his mantra of "Don't worry 'bout a thing" we then enjoyed Kerry's bespoke breakfast of savoury scones, caramelised onions and brie. Lots of calories, but heh, don't worry!

Wishing you a wonderful weekend ahead.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "John Thorpe".

Mr John Thorpe, Headmaster

Nursery & Reception



This week our topic has been 'Weddings'. We have read the story 'The Scarecrows Wedding' and made our own wedding cards for the characters. Reception did some beautiful writing inside their cards.



We have also been looking at shapes as our maths topic. For our 'moving maths' Nursery and Reception went on a shape walk, looking around the school for shapes we could see in the environment. We have also played with the Tap-A-Shapes, used the giant building bricks and done some shape identification.



Nursery enjoyed their art lesson with Mrs Saines, where they painted their Diya Lamps that they had made out of clay. They explored what happens when two colours are mixed.

Form 1

The children enjoyed making a hedgehog house in the school grounds.



Form 4 Cake Sale

The children raised an awesome £94.80 towards our Christmas donation to Portland Foodbank - Form 4 children had a wonderful time serving all their school friends and munching delicious cakes!!

Thank you to EVERYONE for your support.



Gardening News



Looking after the chickens



Preparing the onion sets

Helping to prepare the hedgehog house.



PTFA News

As Christmas races towards us all can we highlight how you can help raise funds for the PTFA whilst doing your online shopping. With many retailers offering heavy discounts on Black Friday (Friday 29 November) and Cyber Monday (Monday 03 December) this is an ideal time to take a moment and register with The Giving Machine.

The PTFA have an account with The Giving Machine and whilst you shop at your favourite online stores (Amazon, John Lewis, Ebay and loads more) The Giving Machine will work in the background claiming commission from the retailer and paying it to the school, all at no cost to you. Currently we have 30 givers in our community who have made a total of 1142 donations, a big thank you to those people.

Many of us say we don't have the time to do this...so can we remind you of Lynn Strover's (previous chair) great test of how long it actual takes to sign up when she raced herself against the making of a cup of tea!

Here we go:

Friday Afternoon Nature Ramble



A few children from Forms 5 – 8 enjoyed a ramble around Abbotsbury

Stop clock

00:00

*I've already turned on my PC
so I fill and switch on the kettle
and start the stop clock*

00:20

1. Go to The Giving Machine Website
www.thegivingmachine.co.uk

*Well that's easy, after a dash
across my living room, I'm on
the right website (that's
already a big step for me)*

00:40

2. Click on "Join as a giver"

*Where's 'Join'...I can't see
'Join'....oh there it is, it's a
purple button in the centre left
of the webpage. I lost some
valuable seconds there...feeling
the pressure....wish this stop
clock would actually stop!*

00:50

3. On the 'Join as a Giver' page, in the search box, type "Sunninghill Prep" and then select the cause "Sunninghill Preparatory School"

*...S..u..n..i..g..h..i..l..l.. Doh!
Two N's Lynn! DELETE DELETE
DELETE ... S-U-N-N-I-N-G-H-I-L-L
P-R-E-P-A-R-A-T-O-R-Y S-C-H-O-O-
L*

01:25

4. Sunninghill Preparatory School, Dorchester, Dorset appears under 'Matching Search Results'. Click on the Sunninghill Preparatory School text and a drop down will appear with a couple of buttons. Click on 'Join and Support' button

*I'm getting the hang of this....and
there's a nice yellow star on the 'Join*

*and Support' purple button...I wonder
if that's a gold star for me for making
it this far J*

01:50

5. Enter your personal details (if you are eligible please also click Gift Aid) and click Join button

*L-Y-N-N...S-T-R-O-V-E-R...l-y-n-n-
@-.....then enter my preferred
password (I'm not sharing that here!)
Am I eligible for Gift Aid?...hmmm...I
never remember so I'm checking
here....www.gov.uk/donating-to-
charity/gift aid....Wow The Giving
Machine can claim 25p per 1 pound.
What's that I can hear.....arrrr the
bubbles....it's starting to boil!!! Quick,
click the 'Join' button at the bottom of
the form....click!*

03:10

6. Registration Complete – install the 'Shop&Give Reminder' app and this will automatically raise donations as you shop

*... I'm channelling Annika Rice
now....stop the clock!! STOP THE CLOCK!!!
YES! Ready to shop!*

Stop clock OFF

7. If you don't install the "Shop&Give" app just log into The Giving Machine next time you shop and search for your favourite stores. Click the 'Go Shopping' button, choose from over 2000 stores and brands

*...wow what a list of stores and brands! Even
my insurer is here!! Grab mug, tea bag in,
pour....and relax, it's time for some browsing
and shopping!*

*So, the outcome of this experiment....it really
does just take a few minutes to do this one
time registration, and her trusty Russell
Hobbs has had a run for its money!*

Please help us raise more with your online shopping and we can provide more great facilities and opportunities for our children.

Over the years, PTFA funds have contributed to the installation of the low ropes course, equipment for use on the all-weather pitch, the Shepherds Hut, swimming pool refurbishment and the classroom ipads.

For the year ahead, the PTFA is listening to the proposed school projects and will be looking to support the purchase of a Gym climbing frame for the hall and some extensions to the low ropes.

Thank you

PTFA Christmas Fayre Thursday 5th December from 7pm

Dear all

Hopefully you have noticed the posters advertising the event around the school !?!?

Not long to go now and this year is going to be even better - the Headmaster is kindly giving up his office for the evening and it will become a boutique. Furthermore in addition to this there will be another 24 stalls offering the most wonderful gifts for Christmas (or just for yourselves).

For the cost of £3 per ticket, Kerry and her team will be serving up canapes and mulled wine plus free entry to the wonderful raffle.

Please tell your family, friends and neighbours and come along to what will be a wonderful evening - all proceeds going to the PTFA to provide funds to further enhance your children's experience at Sunninghill Tickets available from Megan or your class reps.

Tickets are selling fast so get yours before it's too late!

Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Kind regards Julie Hansen

News from the Secondhand Uniform Shop

The Sunninghill second hand uniform shop is a very important revenue flow for the PTFA and we hope it provides a useful money-saving service to parents. We have been looking at ways to make it more accessible to parents and efficient to run, and we have agreed the following:

The uniform shop will now be open for anyone to drop in and browse at 8.00 -9.00 am and 3.30-4.30 pm on the first day of every half term. You can find it in the small room next door to the Music Room.

If you need any uniform at any other times during the term you can email Antonia (antoniasavva@me.com) and she will be happy to open the shop up at a convenient time for you. Or, if you have a specific request, she can find items and leave them with Lydia for you to pick up.

We will be offering 50% cash back on school blazers only. This is intended to make the process more straightforward and avoid issuing cheques for very small amounts - many of which are never cashed anyway.

We hope you will still be happy to donate good quality used items.

Thank you

Sports

Team: U8 Hockey
Against: Dumpton
Venue: Away
Result: 4 – 0 loss

Everyone started with enthusiasm and the game was fairly even at the start. Dumpton had a much better idea of their positions and moved the ball well. We tackled a lot but couldn't get the ball forward enough to create

scoring chances. Tabitha and Georgie had a lot to do in defence as Dumpton scored all their goals in the first half. With a bit of rearranging at half time we managed to stop the Dumpton forwards and Elodie played well to clear the ball to Amelia and Millie on the wings. Scarlett ran all over the pitch trying hard to win the ball but we just couldn't get a shot on goal. Very good effort from everyone.

Contribution Award: The opposition chose Elodie for her good all round play.

Team: U9 Hockey
Against: Dumpton
Venue: Away
Result:

Dumpton – too many to count!!! SPS 1

We played the Dumpton A team so knew that they would be a little too strong for us but it did not help that we started very slowly. They took us by surprise and scored several goals in succession in the first quarter.

In the 2nd quarter we started to use our skills better and managed to get the ball over into our half of the pitch. In defence we showed a marked improvement in tackling, getting low to the ball and staying strong which really helped to halt the player in the D. Clara did particularly well in defence.

In the 3rd quarter we managed to get the ball up the pitch a little more with some well passed balls into space and some good running with the ball. Izzy took a great ball from defence and ran into the D to score our only goal.

Obviously there is still a lot to work on but the girls kept working and showed a real determination.

Contribution Award: Izzy for scoring and Clara for doing some stirring work in defence.

Team: U11/10 Hockey
Against: Sandroyd
Venue: Away
Result: 6 – 0 loss

We had to borrow a Sandroyd player due to losing Flora with a broken wrist. With no goalkeepers the score was always going to be high and Sandroyd took their shooting chances. We still need to think about our positioning and realise that the whole team can't attack together!!! Maggie then defended and made some good tackles. Mirabelle carried the ball well into the attack but just couldn't get a shot at goal. Lucy and Carolina were kept busy trying to tackle the Sandroyd forwards. Everyone kept going despite the score.

Contribution Award: The opposition chose Mirabelle for her good play throughout the game.

Team: U12/13A Hockey
Against: Sandroyd
Venue: Home
Result: 5 – 1 win

A full of action game for the A team. Sandroyd were put under pressure from the start. With Megan making multiple shots on goal but finding the post each time. The goalkeeper was kept busy and the Sandroyd team were finding it hard to get anywhere near the ball. Finally, a successful shot from Freya gave the girls the lead they deserved, soon followed by Megan, eventually finding the target.

Sandroyd came back fighting in the second half and Erin beavered away challenging every player and applying the pressure that was needed. Eleni was also stirred into action in the D and managed to keep the balls away from the goal. Connie stepped up to the pace of the game and was well rewarded with her first goal for Sunninghill.

A great team effort led the girls to a deserving victory winning 5-1.

Contribution Award: Megan for her persistent attacking play and Eleni for her quick off the mark defence.

Team: U12/13B Hockey
Against: Sandroyd
Venue: Home
Result: 3 – 1 loss

The girls took a while to get into the game and Sandroyd showed they were an able side. Quite unexpectedly, Connie sent a solid pass across the pitch to Lily out on the wing, which led to the first shot on goal. Filled with increased confidence the girls fought hard to keep the ball out of their defending D with Poppy and Mackenzie making effective tackles and clearing the ball out to Meggie and Meena. Katy collecting and working the ball well for more attacking opportunities. Unfortunately, Sandroyd found the gaps and scored the first goal. Showing grit and determination the girls responded with another strong delivery to Lily who was successful in equalising, the first half ending 1-1. Sandroyd bought on a lot of fresh legs in the second half which kept them physically ahead of our game. Despite working tirelessly in defence and Molly making great saves Sandroyd managed to score another 2 goals.

Contribution Award: The opposition chose Connie for her attacking play and Poppy for her consistently strong tackles.

Team: U10 Rugby
Against: Sandroyd
Venue: Away

Please remember to bring your boots, gum shield and games kit is always written on the team list. Next week I might change it to bring boots which are both the same size and for both feet! However, full marks to the unnamed boy who played on regardless in mismatched boots☺

Max led from the front and scored our tries and gets the contribution award this week. Alex C has also stepped up his game and did some fantastic runs. Felix put in some great tackles. Overall tackling needs a little more commitment as does work at the breakdown.

Sandroyd is a tough place to visit as they do rugby five times a week! However, I am always pleased that all boys in the year play and make a contribution each week followed by a well-earned match tea. Well done!

Contribution Award: Max for leading from the front and scoring our tries.

Team: U11 Rugby
Against: Sandroyd & Yarrells
Venue: Home
Result: 2 – 0 loss v Yarrells
4 -4 draw v Sandroyd

The U11's played their first match of the afternoon against Yarrells. Both teams played well but Yarrells were more committed in rucking over as Sunninghill lacked their usual energy at the start of the game. Yarrells scored two soft tries because we didn't commit to the tackle in time. In the second half Sunninghill played with more enthusiasm and purpose.

In our second match we played against Sandroyd. They beat Yarrells comfortably before so the U11's knew they had their work cut out. Sunninghill played far more as a unit and moved the ball beautifully at times. Tackles were made, rucks were formed and tries showed up as a result of this. Sam and Theo scored fantastic tries.

A big thank you to all the parents and grandparents for their amazing support.

Contribution Award: Theo for his commitment and team work.

Team: U12 Rugby
Against: Sandroyd
Venue: DRC
Result: 7 – 6 loss

A magnificently sporting Sandroyd team arrived with a strong and skilled squad to find a very keen but depleted Sunninghill team awaiting their challenge. Three late call-offs left us with just seven players, the less said of this the better!

A quick conflagration between the coaches came up with a good compromise and a mixed SPS/Sandroyd “band of ten” took to the pitch. End to end rugby of a high skill level ensued to the great joy of a small but enthusiastic crowd.

A new trio of opposition players arrived at half time and the tide ebbed in Sandroyd’s favour.

The final result was just perfect and thanks must go to the excellent ref provided by Milton Abbey School. In school fixtures that often seem to be getting ever more serious and hot headed, great thanks and praise must go to Sandroyd for their sporting ethos and desire to make the game more important than the result!

George W, playing only his second game for the school scored his very first try ever in rugby and the elusive Harri W skipped and weaved his way through tackles to score twice. Valentine and Gethyn were their usual dynamic selves and Theo S got in on the scoring act.

Contribution Award: Henry B who played the greatest game of rugby I have seen him play for the school, orchestrating the game from scrum half and making many great tackles.

Team: U13 Rugby
Against: Sandroyd
Venue: Away
Result: 10 – 8 loss

Try scorers: Gabriel 5, Josh 1, Ben 1, Henry 1

It was lovely to see such an open flowing and even game. All boys played well but three stood out. To mix sports, in the words of the great Howard Wilkinson (Leeds United 1988-1996) ‘*every midfield needs a buzzer, a cruncher and a spreader*’. Three boys took up those roles on the rugby pitch and lead by example. Our buzzer was **Ben** who was always first to the ball and was picked out as the man of the match by their (Welsh) referee. Our *cruncher* was **Henry** who was the last man of defence and saved try after try with superb technique and physicality in every tackle. Our *spreader* was **Gabriel** who tore open their defence with great running and passing and deserved top try scorer. I should also mention **Harry**’s outstanding hooking winning all but one including on their put in.

Contribution Award: Henry ‘The Hitman’: Lead the team and lead the tackle count –superb!



Christmas Holiday Club is running for one week in December from Monday 16th until Friday 20th December. Booking forms available on our website. This is the link to website: <https://sunninghillprep.co.uk/information/holiday-club/>

Lost Property



Does this helmet belong to anyone who came to the Sports Holiday Camp during October half term – it is in my office if you recognise it as yours.

Thank you, Lydia

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
Geography:	Tymon
History/RS:	Tom & Harry
Languages:	Aidan
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Friday
6th December
7pm - 9pm

Diary of Events

WHOLE SCHOOL	25th	
DIARY OF EVENTS	26th	
	27th	U11 Rugby Tournament @ BCS 12noon- 5.00pm. Leave at 11.30 am
		U12/13A Hockey v St Mary's Shaftesbury @ SPS 3.00 pm
		U12/13B Hockey v St Mary's Shaftesbury @ Shaftesbury 2.30 pm
		U11 & U10 Hockey practice @ Milton Abbey 2.30 pm
	28th	Rec- Form 4 Swimming 8.30am-12 noon
		Informal Music Concert- Drawing Room- 4.00 pm
	29th	Form 6 Assembly 8.30 am. All parents welcome, followed by breakfast
		Parent & Toddler group Christmas party 10.00-11.30 am
		Formal Music Concert - Drawing Room 7.00 pm
Letter on the Portal	Menu	
	Sports Fixtures & Team Sheets	
	Music Timetable	
Nursery	Sickness & diarrhoea letter	
Reception	Sickness & diarrhoea letter	
Form 1	Sickness & diarrhoea letter	
Form 2	Sickness & diarrhoea letter	
Form 3	Sickness & diarrhoea letter	
Form 4	Sickness & diarrhoea letter	
Form 5	Sickness & diarrhoea letter	
Form 6	Sickness & diarrhoea letter	
Form 7	Sickness & diarrhoea letter	
Form 8	Sickness & diarrhoea letter	