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Autumn Term

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It's begining to look a lot like Christmas!



The elves have arrived!

### **Dear Parents**

The festive month of December is just around the corner and the school is revving up in full anticipation. The Christmas tree is already ready and waiting in the stairwell, with the PTFA elves decorating it today.

Before we get closer to Christmas, there's the small matter of Sunninghill's Got Talent (SGT) to prepare for. I hear lots of rehearsals taking place in the Drawing Room next to my office and there are some very exciting acts for you to listen to. The event takes place next Friday evening at 7.00 pm. Tickets are on sale for the small price of £3, with all proceeds going to the charity Active8.

Mrs Nolan Stone and Mr Vanburgh have been nurturing their own talent this week culminating in a brilliant informal music concert for up and coming musicians. The demand to perform in a public forum has grown so much that we will shortly need a bigger room, such were the number of participants and their very appreciative audience. At the other end of the spectrum, Liz has been quite the centre of attention this week. It's not a place she likes to find herself, but find herself she did.



She celebrated a milestone day and the children enjoyed singing a very special happy birthday to her on Wednesday. As many of your children will tell you, Liz is quite the Pied Piper with her protégées flocking to her garden in their masses.

As part of her work inspiring a connection with the land, Liz has been celebrating the



Woodland Trust's "Plant a Tree" week. There is something very spiritual in a tree and I hope the many children who have planted their own sapling will remember this as they grow up together.

Miss Livesey also celebrated a milestone birthday of her own this week, and not to be outdone, Mrs Thorpe also got in on the act. I'm forbidden from saying how many candles were on her cake. What I would say is that the candles are becoming more expensive than the cake!



Looking ahead to next week, the PTFA Christmas Fayre takes place on Thursday evening. Masterminded by the redoubtable Julie Hansen, the event is always one of the highlights of our year. We love to welcome your family and friends and indeed many members of the local community. Please do try to join us. Tickets are on sale in the Compass Lobby and from Megan.

We also have the true meaning of Christmas seen through the eyes of the children at the Junior Prep Nativity play on Friday morning. The event starts at 9.15 am to allow the teachers and children to get ready. The doors will not open until 9.00 am at the very earliest so please do join us for breakfast in the Drawing Room from 8.30 am. In previous years we have failed to deliver our promise of having a recording to share with those who may not be able to make the event. We have remedied this and have a professional film maker to record the dress rehearsal. Once the show has gone live you will be able to take a named memory stick to Megan who will organise a copy for you.

Some great work has taken place in the Creative Curriculum this week, with Form 8 enjoying some amazing STEM activities in their Robotics project with Mrs Sewed and Mr Stazicker.



This topic also links in with Computing as the robots are coded via an app on the iPads and connected via Bluetooth.

Well done to Gemma who was the first to complete the ramp challenge and Ben, Henry and Tymon who successfully completed the bridge challenge!

In our end of week assembly today, Form 6 and Mr Stazicker delivered a wonderful presentation on people who inspire us and what we can do to be more like them. It set us up perfectly for the weekend ahead where we are all going to get our mountain bikes out and try to be Danny MacAskill wanabees.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend ahead.

Mr John Thorpe, Headmaster

### **Nursery & Reception**

The children had a surprise visit from Father Christmas on Monday! He helped them decorate their classroom trees and officially opened our Santa's Workshop role play, which has been very well played in all week! Thanks very much to Mr Gabe-Fry who made a wonderful Father Christmas. We have all loved starting off our festive celebrations.





### Parent & Toddler Group



The Parents and Toddler Group enjoyed their Christmas Party this morning.



### Thunk of the Week

### What is the difference between grownups and children?

### Some interesting cryptic answers:

One is big, one is small; one is sensible, one is playful; one earns money, one spends it; one is complicated, one simple; both are different and yet the same. Ben Form 8

Adults may seem more mature but, on the other hand, they make some huge mistakes;

children may make silly choices but these will not compare to what adults do. Lily Form 8

## The winning answers were given by our younger experts:

Adults worry more about things because children don't know about things. Harry H Form 2

Children are more amazed by things. Rosa Form 2

Children like pudding more. Rosa Form 2

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

Is it right to keep a pet?

### **Gardening News**

Liz, our gardener, has taken on the grand task of leading The Big Climate Fightback organised by The Woodland Trust.

Nursery, Form 1 and the Junior Gardening Club have all been supporting the project by planting trees for the environment.

We now have a wonderful silver birch and acer along with wild hedging plants. Including cherry, rose, sorbus, hawthorn, dogwood and hazel.





A hedgehog heading for hibernation!

### **Music News**

Mrs Stell will be teaching on Tuesday and Friday. Mrs Hawes will be teaching on Monday for exam pupils and Wednesday for all others.

Good luck to the pupils taking ABRSM exams next week. The exams will be taking place on Wednesday morning, Mr Vanburgh and Mrs Nolan-Stone will collect pupils and take them to their exam. Please make sure all pupils have music and instruments in school every day for extra rehearsals.

Bravo to all pupils who took part in this week's informal concert, it was a wonderful celebration of all the instrument's that are being played within the school. Also a big thank you to our peripatetic staff for their support preparing pupils for these events.

### PTFA News

Last week in Hermes we shared with you information about The Giving Machine, this week we'd like to mention Amazon Smile. Both are great and super easy ways to help us raise money for Sunninghill PTFA. As it is the time of year when much online purchasing is taking place we don't want to miss the opportunity. So if you haven't yet got around to signing up for The Giving Machine but are intending to shop on Amazon, you can use this unique link <u>https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/296074-</u> <u>0</u>. Just follow the instructions, it's very straightforward and for everything you spend Amazon Smile will donate a percentage to Sunninghill PTFA.

### 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 moneysaving 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

### **Community News**

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January at 9.15 am the staff and pupils in Forms 7 & 8 are having their defibrillator training in the School Hall. We would like to invite as many parents who are able and willing, to attend this training too.

Please see the poster for more details. There will be a second training session at 11.00 am for members of the wider community.

The Bournemouth Sinfonietta Choir are performing Noel! Noel! on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December in the School Hall. Please see the attached poster for further details and how to obtain tickets.

# **Sports**



Many congratulations to Freya and Gemma who played in their first county match for Dorset U14's. Although they narrowly lost to Wiltshire, both girls had great games and enjoyed a tough game.

# Team:U12/13A HockeyAgainst:St Mary's ShafteburyVenue:HomeResult:7-1 win

We were much stronger than our opposition and our shooting was accurate and powerful. We scored four goals in the first half with Megan slotting two past the keeper; Freya cracking the ball in from a corner and Gemma getting the other one.

The team swapped positions in the second half with Eleni, Holly and Erin playing as the forward line. Connie also came back on in defence. Eleni had some great runs down the wing and was unlucky not to score several times. Holly really came into the game and scored a great goal and Erin was the roll out expert on the left wing. Gemma and Freya passed the ball well and did not try and go solo all the time. Freya scored again from a corner and Megan scored our final goal.

St. Mary's did get one back when they broke away. I think Esme in goal was asleep as she had had nothing to do until then. A great performance girls and another win to remain unbeaten.

Contribution Award: Holly for scoring her first goal for the A team and the opposition chose Freya.

Team:U12/13B HockeyAgainst:St Mary's ShaftesburyVenue:HomeResult:0 - 0 draw

This was a nice even game which either team could have won. The ball was played from end to end with some good passing. Both teams had chances to score with Molly saving a brilliant shot, late on in the game. Everyone has improved their level of play. Poppy and Mckenzie tackling superbly and they are starting to look up and play the ball into space or to our forwards so we keep possession.

Connie worked hard as centre mid and she is starting to realise that she has to support the

attack and come back to help the defence. A hard working position. She did have a few shots on goal. Meggie has become more confident on the ball and is starting to use her skills in the game. Meena, Bea and Katie chased and hassled the opposition. An exciting game to watch, well played everyone and it was nice to see you all mixing and chatting with the other girls in match tea.

Contribution Award: Poppy and Mckenzie for their strong tackling and defensive play.

Team:	<b>U11 Rugby Tournament</b>
Against:	BCS
Venue:	Away
<b>Result:</b>	Joint 1st

The U11's played a friendly Rugby festival at BCS on Wednesday. The tournament was held at Poole Rugby club and consisted of 7 teams from the Dorset and Hampshire area. The team played really well as a team and were committed to tackling and rucking. The team kept their shape and beat Dumpton, Bournemouth collegiate, Durlston Court, Ballard and Leweston. They lost to Walhampton 1-0 but with Ballard beating Walhampton earlier on, the U11's came joint 1<sup>st</sup> in the festival. Their performances throughout the afternoon were a real testament to how much they have developed as a team this term.

#### Contribution Award: the entire team.



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

### 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
Food Tech:	Tom & Mckenzie

Lydia: <u>Secretary@sunninghill.dorset.sch.uk</u> Mandy: <u>Registrar@sunninghill.dorset.sch.uk</u> Megan & Jeanette: receptionist@sunninghill.dorset.sch.uk

South Court, South Walks, Dorchester, Dorset. DT1 1EB. 01305 262306



# SUNNINGHILL'S GOT TALENT LIVE SHOW!

# Proudly supporting



WHERE In the School Hall

### TICKETS £3

On sale now from Megan (cash or cheque) receptionist@sunninghill.dorset.sch.uk







# Community Defibrillator Seminar

The Community Heartbeat Trust will be demonstrating the use of defibrillators and explaining how the equipment works and its benefits to the community in saving precious minutes in the treatment of sudden cardiac arrest.

The more people that know how to use the portable defibrillator installed in our community, the more chance there is of saving the life of a victim of Sudden Cardiac Arrest Everybody is welcome, and no special skills are required, just your willingness to play an important

role in the event of a medical emergency

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### BOURNEMOUTH SINFONIETTA CHOIR

# **NOË!! NOË!!** An evening of carols

and festive readings

Wednesday 18 December 7.30 for 8.00pm Sunninghill Community Hall, South Walks Road, Dorchester, DT1 1EB

Piano David Warwick

POUNDBURY

www.bschoir.org.uk

Tickets

seasonal refreshments.

booking by post or www.bschoir.org.uk

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bournemouth sinfonietta choir

### **Diary of Events**

WHOLE SCHOOL	2nd		
DIARY OF EVENTS	3rd	U8 Hockey V Sherborne Prep @ SPS 2.15 pm	
		U9 Hockey V Sherborne Prep @ Sherborne Prep 2.15 pm	
	4th	ABRSM Exams Durnovaria Hall 9.00am-1.00pm	
		Nursery- Form 4 Nativity dress rehearsal 11.00am	
		U12/U13A Hockey v Sherborne Prep @ Sherborne Prep 2.15 pm	
		U12/U13B Hockey v Sherborne Prep @ Sherborne Prep 2.15 pm	
		U11 Hockey v Sherborne Prep @ SPS 2.15 pm	
		U10 Hockey v Sherborne Prep @ SPS 2.15 pm	
		U12/13 Rugby v The Park @ The Park 2.30 pm	
		U12/13 Rugby v DMS @ DMS 2.30 pm	
	5th	Rec- Form 4 Swimming 8.30 am -12 noon	
		Form 5 Visit to Shire Hall 1.30 pm	
		PTFA Christmas Fayre 7.00 pm	
	6th	Nursery- Form 4 Nativity 9.15 am- Breakfast @ 8.30 am	
		Sunninghill's Got Talent 7.00 pm	
Letter on the Portal	Menu		
	Sports Fi	Sports Fixtures & Team Sheets	
	Music Tir	Music Timetable	
Nursery	PTFA Chi	PTFA Christmas Fayre/Nursery- Form 4 Nativity	
Reception	PTFA Chi	PTFA Christmas Fayre/Nursery- Form 4 Nativity	
Form 1	PTFA Chi	PTFA Christmas Fayre/Nursery- Form 4 Nativity	
Form 2	PTFA Chi	PTFA Christmas Fayre/Nursery- Form 4 Nativity	
Form 3	PTFA Chi	PTFA Christmas Fayre/Nursery- Form 4 Nativity	
Form 4	PTFA Chi	PTFA Christmas Fayre/Nursery- Form 4 Nativity	
Form 5	PTFA Chi	PTFA Christmas Fayre/ Mary Poppins,London/Shire Hall visit	
Form 6	PTFA Chi	PTFA Christmas Fayre/Mary Poppins,London	
Form 7	PTFA Chi	PTFA Christmas Fayre/Mary Poppins,London	
Form 8	PTFA Chi	PTFA Christmas Fayre/Mary Poppins,London/Sunninghills's Got Talent	