



# Hermes

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Autumn Term

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## Lights! Camel! Action!



### Dear Parents

The inevitable focus for this week's Hermes has to be the Junior Prep Nativity play but before that, a quick look at the week that was. Hot off the press, we have finally found a Parent App that we like very much and will be getting this ready for the new school term in January.



School Ping is the first app that has met with our approval in both its simplicity and functionality. We will be able to push messages to you that will be easy for you to access from your smart phone. An alert will show you a new message has arrived. There will be an online calendar and lots of other functions such as a parents' evening booking form and easy ways to give permission for a trip that includes medical details.

We will still use the portal but only for data that comes from our Management Information System such as reports, attendance and effort grades.

We will also be able to send photos such as the one you see below which shows the Senior girls after having finished their last hockey

game of the season, one in which they have remained unbeaten. Every member of the team has played a significant part in their success and we are very proud of their achievements. The girls are now spearheading a Sunninghill mixed team that heads off on a mini tour when we return from our holidays.



Elsewhere in school Mrs Karen Woollam has once again been quietly persuading us all to support the Dorset Food Bank on Portland, with all the proceeds going to help homeless families in the area. Her support for this very important group, which often gets forgotten, is tremendous and I thank her all on our behalf. I am sure Karen would then extend the praise back to you for your generosity.

Last night the PTFA, captained by the world's best organiser, Mrs Julie Hansen, held their wonderful Christmas PTFA Fayre. More stallholders than ever seemed to squeeze into the school and we had many visitors both from within our community and from local townsfolk too. Kerry and her team provided us all with fantastic treats and ladles full of spicy mulled wine. It was a really lovely evening that showed the school at its very best.

Some fantastic home-made reindeers were on sale. They can be seen in the Main Entrance to school and can still be purchased via a quick message to Megan on the front desk.





Our final week of the term is always one of the busiest. Hopefully you have all received my separate missive that outlines the details of each of the events. Above all, please do try to join us in St. Peter's Church next Friday afternoon at 2.30pm. We love to fill the church to overflowing and it really is a fantastic way to officially begin the festive season.

And so on to the highlight of this week and quite possibly the whole term, the Nativity Play.



Darlings, "Lights, Camel, Action" borrowed its theme from Strictly Come Dancing and was quite simply discotastic. The judges played their part brilliantly, the narrators were thoroughly charming and gave the show

its tempo and each class had their fifteen seconds on fame on stage. If you were there and managed to keep a dry eye during Away in a Manger then you are one tough cookie.



I must congratulate all the staff for their dedication, enthusiasm and cheerfulness in what is normally considered to be the most trying of circumstances and, of course, to the cast themselves who displayed an amazing array of talents and were so confident and cheerful on stage.

More performing art takes centre stage this evening as the final of Sunninghill's Got Talent takes centre stage. I believe there are still tickets available this evening if you would like to join us. The doors open at 6.45pm for a 7pm.

Now on to the final week of term!

*John Thorpe*

Mr John Thorpe,  
Headmaster

## ***Nursery & Reception***

The children looked so brilliant all dressed up for the Nativity. Everyone has worked so hard with the daily rehearsals and did a great job in the performance this morning. A big well done to everyone involved.





*A snapshot of the Christmas Fayre*



*A few more photos of the Nativity*





## ***Form 5***

The pupils visited Shire Hall Historic County Court in Dorchester and found out the fate of Elijah Upjohn, a local Victorian boy who was found guilty of stealing. The children found out about the severity of punishments given out at this time and contrasted this with today's judicial system. They had the opportunity to see the cells prisoners would have been kept in and found out what would happen when they were brought up to the dock. Thankfully, the afternoon was rounded off with a variety of Victorian Christmas crafts, which the children seem to thoroughly enjoy!



## ***Music***

Please check the timetable next week for music lessons – not all peri's will be in – thank you



## *Form 8*



This week in Science, the pupils investigated sound waves. They used the iPads and the wave frequency probe to tune glasses of water to play simple tunes.

## *Gardening News*



A sunny day in the Gardening Club!

## *Community News*



Mrs Nikki Carr popped in with a wreath she had made for our front door. Nikki is now the proud owner of Portesham Floristry.

## *Sports*

**Team:** U8 Hockey  
**Against:** Sherborne Prep  
**Venue:** Home  
**Result:** 8 – 1 loss

What a lovely day for a hockey match! Unfortunately, the girls were rather slow to get going and Sherborne were 3 – 0 up in the first quarter. After a 'stern' team talk, all girls became much more involved and began to show some of the skills we have been working on in our Games sessions. Millie and Amelia used the roll out successfully and Scarlett continues to stay low and strong to tackle. Georgie and Elodie tried hard to get the ball out of defence and up the pitch and Amelia ran into the D and was determined to score... and did! So, at half-time the score was 3 – 1.



Sherborne really piled on the pressure after that and kept scoring. So the final score was 8-1.

***Contribution Award: Amelia for scoring a goal.***

**Team: U9 Hockey**  
**Against: Sherborne Prep**  
**Venue: Away**  
**Result: 6 – 0 loss**

It was a lovely afternoon to play our last game of hockey but we were still on the bus in the first quarter when Sherborne scored most of their goals. We just didn't put tackles in and muddled each other up in defence. The pitch was quite slippery and some of the team didn't have their astro shoes so were falling over quite a lot. We did improve in the second quarter and stopped the run of goals from the opposition. Katy and Kitty S tackled well and cleared the ball into spaces. Everyone started to take free hits and hit outs quicker and found that this was easier to get the ball forward. Izzy got into the D several times but just couldn't get a shot on target. Clara sent some hard passes to the forwards and Sherborne only managed one goal in the second half of this game. It is important to remember that the U9's play without a GK.

***Contribution Award: The opposition chose Izzy. Katy for some good tackles and hard clearances.***

**Team: U12/13A Hockey**  
**Against: Sherborne Prep**  
**Venue: Away**  
**Result: 4 – 2 win**

A great end to the term with another victory which means this team remain unbeaten. We had most of the attack in the first half with Freya and Megan scoring two great goals after some persistent pressure. The Sherborne GK played extremely well gaining player of the match from our girls at the end of the game. We were so much on the attack that when

Sherborne had their one break away, they scored making it 2 – 1 at half time. We still did not make use of the whole pitch, playing in a channel down the middle. We were skillful enough to drive through but failed on occasions to get a clean shot on goal. This improved in the second half when we looked up and used the ball more. Gemma controlled centre midfield and Freya made some speedy runs down the right to cross for Holly and Megan to worry the Sherborne defence. Erin also came forward adding another attacking option.



Freya and Holly scored our 2 goals in the second half and although Sherborne got one back we were fully in control of the game and earned a well-deserved victory. Thank you so much to Meena who stepped in at the last minute to play in goal. Great play girls, you have all been a pleasure to coach.

***Contribution Award: The whole team.***

**Team: U12/13B Hockey**  
**Against: Sherborne Prep**  
**Venue: Away**  
**Result: 3 – 0 loss**

What a lovely afternoon to play our last game of the term. Everyone in this team has improved both their skills and their awareness of space and each other on the pitch. Sherborne scored one goal in the first half and two in the second but their third goal was on the stroke of full time which was unlucky. Connie was busy in the centre,



coming back to tackle and looking to play the ball out to the wings. Lily had some good runs crossing the ball into the D where Katie and Meggie tried hard to get a shot in. We nearly scored from a corner when Connie played the ball back to Lily and it went just wide. Poppy and Bea took some really quick hit outs which surprised the opposition and got the ball moving. Molly saved some strong strikes on goal. The ball went from end to end and there was some good hockey. Well done everyone for improved teamwork and effort.

***Contribution Award: The whole team, well done.***

**Team: U10 Hockey**  
**Against: Sherborne Prep**  
**Venue: Home**  
**Result: 3 – 0 loss**

The U10s final game of the hockey season and they started well. We had borrowed Imogen and Amelia from the U11 team which strengthened our attack and with some encouraging drives into Sherbornes half I was sure we would get the first goal. The Sherborne defence were kept busy as possession remained mostly around their D, Maggie showing she could keep the ball moving and outwitting the opponent. Any balls that were cleared to the half way line were picked up by Mirabelle with improved skill and confidence and efficiently returned back to the forwards. The roll outs we had practiced in training were being used well against approaching players, but we lacked the options of available players to then pass to when we were out of danger. Rather disappointedly for SPS the first half ended 0-0.

The second half started and Sherborne came out with a lot more determination than us and soon turned the possession statistics around. Despite strong defending efforts from Lucy and Carolina, they succeeded in getting the shots in the goal. Izzy S hardly got a chance to recover in goal as the shots came thick and fast. A lovely game to finish the season on and

seeing how the girls had progressed over the term.

***Contribution Award: The opposition picked Maggie for her attacking skills in the D and Mrs Telfer chose Mirabelle for her control and movement of the ball around defenders.***

**Team: U11 Hockey**  
**Against: Sherborne Prep**  
**Venue: Home**  
**Result: 3 – 1 loss**

The U11's last game of hockey, and we weren't as fresh legged as we could have been after helping out the U10 team. However, we were definitely warmed-up and focused on the game in hand. Izzy S back in goal and had a steady flow of shots to contend with which she did. Izzy C and Amelia working well together to cover the gaps and clear the ball away from the D. Izzy C displaying her new found love of roll outs. Lydia covering a lot of ground as the play went back and forth for a time. Polina, had a couple of opportunities to strike on goal, narrowly missing the target by millimeters. Imogen working her socks off in midfield connecting play between the defence and attack and just missing out on a goal opportunity herself. We borrowed Mirabelle from the U10 team and she did a sterling job of remaining on the wing to spread the play and keep it from being played through the center all the time.

Unfortunately, the Sherborne team had more success on their shots and we ended the game losing 1-3. Polina in the final minutes getting a well deserved goal. Thus proving that sending the ball into the D early for another player to receive and shoot really does work. Great final game girls, and lovely to see players taking more chances and trying skills in game situations.

***Contribution Award: The opposition chose Amelia for her constant pressure and tackling in defence.***



**Team: U12 Rugby**  
**Against: DMS**  
**Venue: Away**  
**Result: 10 – 1 loss**  
**Tries: Gethyn**

DMS fielded their 9 best players against all of our Form 7s. This was essentially a game against Dorchester Rugby Club. This was always going to be a David and Goliath clash and there was some real Goliaths on their team.

I have to say when the going gets tough the tough got going. Our boys were incredible. I really couldn't fault their team spirit and never say die attitude. Valentine captained the team and led by example putting in tackle after tackle like a lumberjack hacking down trees. Gethyn kept up team morale and sidestepped his way through the mighty Redwoods. And the game was typified by Harri, an injury worry, saving a certain try right at the end when he put his body on the line and got a kick in the exact same spot that kept him out last week. That moment typified the match motto of not letting your team mates down.

***Contribution Award: Henry B - the smallest player on the pitch against the biggest. He tackled a player at least four times his size and took him down.***

**Team: U13 Football**  
**Against: The Park**  
**Venue: Away**  
**Result: 1 – 3 loss**

The U13's faced a strong Park side who were relentless at going forward. Sunninghill were rock solid at the back in the first half with Theo, Ben and Sam working hard at clearing. In the second half, concentration slightly dropped and the Park scored two relatively soft goals to go ahead. Josh, Harry and Gabriel dropped back to help at the back and worked really hard throughout.

The final score was 3-1 to the hosts. Special mention goes to William Mew for his excellent contributions in the second half.

***Contributed Award: Daniel for making some fine saves. Well done!***



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: <https://sunninghillprep.co.uk/information/holiday-club/>

### ***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



# *Lunch Menu*

## ***Monday 9th December***

Thai Green Chicken Curry

Vegetarian Option: Thai Green Vegetable Curry

Noodles

Prawn Crackers

Dessert: Sticky toffee Pudding

## ***Tuesday 10th December***

Vegetable Bean Chilli

Nachos & Sour Cream

Dessert: Melon Wedges

## ***Wednesday 11th December***

Fish Pie & Peas

Vegetarian Option: Cheese, Onion & Potato Pie

Dessert: Christmas Flapjack

## ***Thursday 12th December***



Christmas Lunch with all the Trimmings

Dessert: Chocolate Star Mousse

## ***Friday 13th December***

Pepperoni Pizza

Vegetarian Option: Margarita Pizza

Cucumber & Tomatoes

Dessert: Chocolate Malteser Reindeer



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## *Weekly Diary*

<b>WHOLE SCHOOL</b>	9th	No Clubs This Week!
<b>DIARY OF EVENTS</b>		Reception and Nursery to Poundbury Garden Centre 8.45 am and 2.00 pm
	10th	Reception and Nursery to Poundbury Garden Centre 8.45 am and 2.00 pm
		Junior Inter House Tag Rugby- Forms 3 & 4 2.00 pm
	11th	Senior Inter House Hockey Forms 5-8 2.30 pm
		Reception - Form 8 Reports on the Portal 4.00 pm
	12th	Christmas Jumper Day- £2 to Charity
		Carols under the stairs 11.00 am - all parents welcome
		Nursery - Form 8 - Christmas Parties/trips
	13th	Carol Service @ St Peter's Church 2.30 pm
		Term ends 4.00 pm- no after care
<b>Letters on the Portal</b>	Menu	
	Music Timetable - available on Monday	
<b>Nursery</b>		
<b>Reception</b>		
<b>Form 1</b>		
<b>Form 2</b>		
<b>Form 3</b>		
<b>Form 4</b>		
<b>Form 5</b>		
<b>Form 6</b>		
<b>Form 7</b>		
<b>Form 8</b>	Hockey Tour	