

New Year Hermes

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Spring Term

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Forms 5 – 8 London Trip

Dear Parents

A warm welcome back to the new term and a very happy New Year to you all. I hope you have had a very busy Christmas and that your children have all returned happily to school. How are your New Year resolutions holding up?

We held our staff INSET training on Tuesday, with safeguarding at the core of the day. On this subject can I take this opportunity to welcome Mrs Sarah Smith to her new post of Designated Safeguard Lead; one of the most important responsibilities in school.

Sarah leads of team of five highly qualified safeguarders who regularly meet to both review policy and discuss what is happening in practice. Please do not forget that if you ever have a point of concern on any issue regarding safeguarding that you contact Sarah to discuss the matter.

On Wednesday, we welcomed three new children to school who have joined Forms 2, 3 and 4. They seem to have settled in quickly and impressed their new peers and teachers. I am sure you will welcome their mums and dads with your customary warm community spirit and quickly encourage them to join outside school events. It is one of your great strengths as a parent body.

Our first day back was full of logistical planning for our trip to London, making sure that there was enough food and drink for nearly ninety children and staff including two meals and snacks for the theatre.



The reason for this was that we have started preparations for a June performance of Mary Poppins and to kick-start our inspiration we all went to the West End to see a professional performance of the show. Whilst 99% of the visiting team were enjoying the thrills of seeing Mary Poppins fly across the theatre and marvelling at some of the hi-tech special effects, Mrs Moss, Mrs Saines, Mrs Nolan-Stone and Mrs Henshaw were all busy taking notes and borrowing ideas for choreography, props, costumes and back drops. Given the copious notes they took, I am certain we will have another blockbuster show for you to enjoy in 6 months.



In the meantime, there is a huge amount of work to do and rehearsals will start very shortly. More of this as time speeds by.

Not to be outdone, the Sports Department have had their own preparations to do, ahead of their mini hockey tour to Warminster tonight. I have been working on my fellow heads for some time to encourage them to adopt a more pro-active approach to mixed gender sport. I am very much hoping that this foray will prove to be very successful and that we are able to run many more events in sports, as there is so much cross pollination that takes place when boys and girls train and compete in the same sport.

Some sad news to share with you now. A highly respected and much esteemed Head

sadly died over the Christmas holidays. Miss Norton was Headmistress in the 1970's and 80's. By all accounts (and I never had the pleasure of meeting her) Miss Norton (never Jean) was a dynamic force to be reckoned with, revered by her former pupils and parents. Our condolences go out to her friends and family.

Tractors continue to be my topic of conversation with Junior Prep to the extent that my 2020 desk calendar is full of Fendts of all shapes and sizes. I have long had one on my Christmas present list and live in hope that one day I will have one in my garage. I need 10 acres of land first which would be a good starting point.



This morning the staff and Forms 6, 7 and 8 took part in CPR and defibrillator training. It proved to be a very educational and worthwhile activity. It is one of those pieces of learning that you hope never to have to put into practice, though essential to know should you find yourself in the position of needing to help. This is also an opportunity to thank again the Burgess family for the sterling fundraising for such a valuable life-saving piece of equipment.



Wishing you a very happy weekend with your family.

John Thorpe.

Mr John Thorpe,
Headmaster

Form 3

Following in from Mr Thorpe's assembly on colour this morning the children have written colour poems.

Red

Red is like fire and crackling flames,
Red roses for love and romance,
Red is scary like blood,
Red makes me imagine squashy tomatoes,
Hot chillies burning in my mouth.
It smells smoky and hot.
Red feels evil and aggressive.
Red is painful but free.
Flames in a fire destroying everything
Red is strong and tough.
DANGER is RED!!

Millie

Green

Green makes me feel calm and relaxed,
Green grass reminds me of a warm summer holiday when I play in the sun.
Green in nature makes me happy
With the sweet smell of peas and pears.

Hamish

The children in Form 3 had to say something pleasant about another child in the class and why they are a good friend and then pass them the string to make a web!



Friendship Web

Forms 4



Five pupils produced some fantastic home-made musical instruments as part of their

optional homework during the Christmas holidays. They presented their work to the class and explained how they made their instruments. They were able to create high/low volume sounds and high/low pitch with their instruments.

Well done!

Mr Willemse

Ballet and Cheer



Happy 2020 everyone! Miss Emilie and Megan are looking forward to starting their Spring term clubs.

- Miss Emilie's Dance Nursery, Reception, Form 1: Wednesday break time
- Cheer with Megan Forms 1-4: Tuesday break time
- Cheer with Megan Forms 5-8: Tuesday break time

We are really excited to now be offering CHEER for Forms 1-4! Come and enjoy this brilliant American craze. Cheer has so many different elements to help you gain confidence and tones of skills, from lifts, stunts & falls, to formation work & those famous call outs! Both girls & guys needed!

Our Part 1 Spring Term short courses can be booked via THE STUDIO website

<https://www.thestudiodorset.com/product-category/courses/sunninghill/>

For more information, please contact THE STUDIO team

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Music Notes

Peripatetic music lessons will commence next week, please note Mrs Hawes will be teaching on Wednesday and Friday and Mr Penfold will be teaching on Fridays for this term.

If you have any concerns with regards to music lesson timetables please email Mrs Nolan-Stone

lnolanstone@sunninghill.dorset.sch.uk.

Form 8 Responsibilities for the Spring Term

Head Boy:	Harry
Head Girl:	Meena
Sports Captains:	Gabriel & Megan

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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Weekly Diary

WHOLE SCHOOL DIARY OF EVENTS	13th	Forms 5 & 6 Girls Netball @ Milton Abbey 11.00am-1.00pm Forms 7 & 8 Girls Netball @ Wey Valley 2.50-4.30pm
	14th	
	15th	Forms 5-8 Netball Practice @ Redlands 2.00pm U10 Hockey v Castle Court @ SPS 2.30pm U11 Hockey v Castle Court @ SPS 3.15pm U12/13A Hockey v Castle Court @ Castle Court 2.30pm U12/13B Hockey v Castle Court @ Castle Court 2.30pm
	16th	Reception & Form 1 Swimming @ 1610
	17th	Parent & Toddler Group 10.00-11.30am Form 2 Skiing Enrichment @ Warmwell 1.30pm Forms 5-8 Enrichment & Friday Sports 1.30pm
Letters on the Portal	Menu Fixtures Music Timetable	
Nursery		
Reception		
Form 1		
Form 2		
Form 3		
Form 4	Welcome back to Form 4 & Timetable	
Form 5		
Form 6		
Form 7		
Form 8		