

Hermes

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Spring Term

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Bulls-eye!

Dear Parents

We often look to the most far-flung corners of the world or even our imagination to try to find happiness, when sometimes the most seemingly ordinary of events can provide us all with exactly the panacea what we are looking for.

A great example of this arose in school this week with the arrival of the very first egg laid by one of our Marran hens. Mahogany in colour, and perfect in every sense, a wave of euphoria quickly spread around our “hen’s folk” who have lovingly cared for the hens from the day the eggs went into the incubator



long before the summer holidays. We have all been expectantly waiting for this moment for some time.

Of course, it was much more than an egg. It was a moment of youthful triumph that was the result of many months of caring for your pets.

The cost of the egg in terms of materials and consumable, several hundred pounds, the value to those that have gained so much pleasure and worth, priceless.

Ever thought of keeping a little trio yourself at home. It is one of life’s most satisfying things to do, uses up all the left-overs from the kitchen and gives hours of endless outdoor pleasure, not to mention some very tasty and wholesome benefits in kind, all non-taxable!

Not everything that can be counted, counts and not everything that counts can be counted.

Staying with avian matters, on Monday Mr Stazicker led the whole school assembly and encouraged the children to get involved in this

year's RSPB birdwatch which takes place between 25-27th January. Just an hour of your time is needed to survey the birds in your garden. A printed sheet is filled in and sent back to the RSPB so they can establish the wellbeing of common species.



Mr Stazicker also introduced a special guest who specialises in taking us to the far flung corners of your imagination that I talked about in the first paragraph. Edward Selfe (Sukie's Dad in Form 1) shared with us his life-long love of animals, birds and photography which he combines into the most amazing business, running safari camps in the Luangwa Valley of Zambia. As you would expect from a professional photographer, the images he shared with us were breath-taking. If you want a once in a lifetime experience, put Edward Selfe Safaris into your favourite search engine.

On Tuesday we had a very smooth and orderly fire practice to make sure our new recruits knew exactly what was expected of them if we ever had to evacuate the school for real.



On Wednesday some of our senior pupils entered their (and our) very first climbing competition against Sherborne Girls. With climbing an official sport in the 2020 Olympics, it is one of the happening sports of the moment and really great fun.





On Thursday, the Class Reps gathered. This essential meeting is a two-way sharing of information to make sure we are all on the same page in terms of expectations and promises.



It is to check that our practice matches our policy and an important opportunity for me to share with you my own concerns. Can I thank all those who take their time to constructively engage with their year's "WhatsApp" group and to the Reps for feeding back to you. It was also great to finally find a Rep for Form 7. This just leaves a Rep from Reception and we have a full house.

This term is a very busy and stressful time for children in Forms 7 and 8 who have entrance

exams to a variety of senior schools to cope with on top of their daily academic endeavours with us. It's great when a plan comes to fruition as proved by Bea and Eddie W this week who passed their exams to Bryanston.



Added to all this, the Form 7s have their Rotary Youth Speak competition to prepare for. It's busy, busy at the chalk face.

This is also a timely reminder for parents in Forms 6 and 7 who may not yet have plan A and plan B for schools post Form 8, to visit me for a pot of tea and chat of the options available.

The Form 1's royally entertained us this morning. They were dressed in fabulous costumes and shared their New Year thoughts with us. It is the first time I can remember a class trying to enact a whole firework display. They managed this difficult task with amazing creativity, a tribute to the sterling work done by Miss Livesey and Mrs Culshaw. I was amazed at their "big voices" and how well behaved Hector was in front of a large audience. In case you think I'm being unkind to one child, I must point out that Hector is of the canine persuasion and definitely had his equity card!

On that note, I'll woof you a happy weekend and wish all the dogs out there a long walk in the woods!

John Thorpe.

Mr John Thorpe
Headmaster



Early morning sunrise!

Form 2

Clara's parents kindly brought in a feast for us to share this afternoon in honour of Chinese New Year.

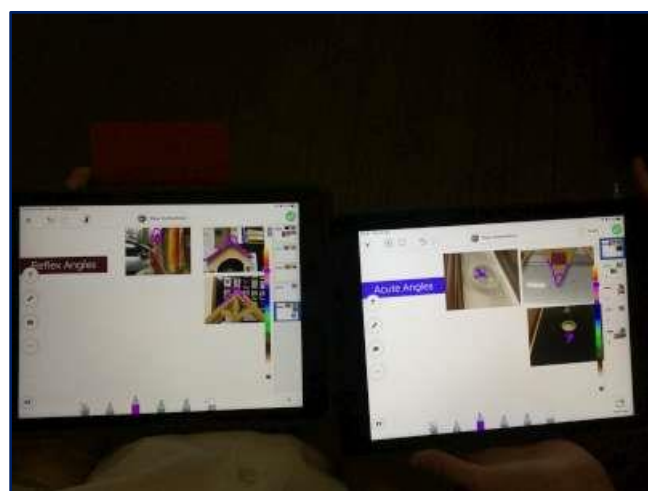


Form 2 Skiing



Forms 3 & 4

An archery club for Forms 3 and 4 started this week (because all other sports are pointless!). Albi got in touch with his inner Robin Hood and hit the gold twice.



Form 4

The children have been exploring angles. We carried out our own investigation to see which types of angles we could find throughout the school. With the iPad, and using the app Seesaw, we took photographs and then drew the angles on top using coloured markers. At the end of our lesson, we then recorded our own angle definitions. If you scan the QR code, you will be able to watch and listen to Kitty's work.



Form 7

The pupils had a very productive week in the Science lab. They have investigated different techniques to separate mixtures and dissolving molecules.



Form 8

The pupils continued with their research on waves.



Junior Gardening Club



Fun under the Silk Tassel Bush



Busy gardeners foraging for bark, dry leaves, pots, twigs, pine cones and moss!



Bug house complete! A wonderful dry, warm home for our over wintering bugs

Senior Gardening Club



Great planting of a beautiful acer

Music & Drama

Since returning from watching Mary Poppins in the West End, we have been busy designing sets, props and costumes and we have also started learning the songs and dance routines in our Music and Drama lessons and blocking the show onto the stage on Friday afternoons.

Mrs Jane Henshaw has very kindly agreed to lead our costume department and she is already measuring, designing and making!

We would really appreciate donations of the following items:

- black waistcoats (ages 7-13)
- black jackets (ages 7-13)
- light cotton, dressing gowns (age 9-11)
- a girl's and boy's Edwardian style coat (approx. age 10)
- children's top hats

We also need an Edwardian style chair or small sofa and desk, if you happen to have one going spare!

Many thanks, The Spit Spot Team!

Uniform

Our uniform suppliers, Dorset Embroidery and Printwear (DEP), have had to introduce a returns policy due to fact that they are getting requests for exchanges and refunds for items that were purchased up to a year ago.

Products will only be exchanged or refunded within 28 days of purchase and must have original packing and tags. Items must be unwashed, no name labels and in new condition. They will place the item back into stock for resale.

Thank you for your support on this.

Music notes: Mrs Potts will be teaching on Thursday.

Thunk of the Week

Last week's thunk was:

If the answer is "Once with a fish," what is the question?

The winning answers were given by our younger experts:

Charlie Davies: Have you ever danced the cha cha cha?

Sam Hall: Have you ever knocked someone out?

Next week's think:

Can you be prepared for a surprise?

PTFA

PTFA are looking forward to hosting the school **Disco on Friday 31 January**, posters are up all around school conveying the details. Tunes and entertainment will flow for an afternoon of fun for all the students. Games and dancing will be part of the rosta for the Junior Prep Disco as in years past, with the Senior Prep Disco pumping out the latest tunes. This is the annual PTFA event that receives the most positive response from the children....who often ask to have a Disco every term....so we look forward to seeing all on the dancefloor.

LOCATION

Dining Room

JUNIOR PREP DISCO 3pm to 5pm

3.00pm to 4.00pm Nursery, Reception and Form 1

4.00pm to 5.00pm Forms 2, 3 & 4

SENIOR PREP DISCO 5pm to 7pm

5.00pm to 7.00pm Forms 5, 6, 7, 8

7.00pm Senior Prep disco finishes

ENTRANCE

£1 entry on the door per student

Water, squash and fruit bowl will be available

DRESS CODE

Own clothes, disco gear

Parents you're welcome to join, I know this was popular last year, especially with the younger year's parents. We'll have some teas and coffees running throughout.

CALL FOR PARENT VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to all who have been in touch to offer help, a great response from the Junior Prep end of school. We could do with a few more helping hands to help clear up at the end of Senior Prep disco..... taking down bunting and getting the dining tables back into place ready for Monday morning. If you can give 15 mins (7.00-7.15pm) when you're picking up that would be fabulous.....the more the merrier..... please be in touch with Lynn via email lynn@strover.biz

Looking forward to the fun
PTFA

E-safety

Keeping Your Connected Home Safe for your Children



More and more families now regularly use a range of devices that connect to the internet, such as smart speakers, smart meters, fitness trackers, and even toys.

Alongside the excitement and convenience of these devices, we also need to be aware of the risks associated with any device that connects to the internet. ThinkUKnow say that these risks include:

- Concerns have been raised about whether these devices are collecting **too much personal information** from children.

- Some children (either accidentally or on purpose) are able to search for and access **age-inappropriate material** via a connected device such as a smart speaker.
- Children may make **‘in-app purchases’** and spend money, which is often taken from their parents’ bank account without their knowledge or consent.
- Some of these devices may be more vulnerable to hacking and monitoring, as there are currently no security standards in place for connected devices.

They have released guidance to support us in keeping their connected homes safe for children: These tips, as well as further details can be found at:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/what-is-the-internet-of-things-iot>

Mrs Sewed

Open Morning



Community

**Classical Concert for young people.
Narrator Martin Clunes. Dorchester.
14 March 2020.**

This year we will be joined by Dorset youth choirs for a performance of Zoo Tales by

“Liz Sharma”. Our concert also features a flute concerto and a solo serpent (a distant ancestor of the tuba)!

Tickets are £1 for students aged 18 and under, adults £12, available online or from Harmony Music in Dorchester from 1 February.

Tim Smithers, Chairman Dorset Chamber Orchestra

<http://dorsetchamberorchestra.org/>

Sports

Team: U10/11 Netball
Against: Dumpton
Venue: Away
Result: 5 – 3 win

A really positive first match for the U10/11 team. We definitely had the advantage of height and used it well to intercept the ball. Effective dodging from Imogen at C and Polina as GA in the goal third gave us the first opportunity to shoot for goal. Both Izzy C and Polina scored in the first quarter. A swap around of players and the U10s helped maintain the lead. Flora and Amelia worked hard in defence and successfully kept the ball away from their shooters. Dumpton were improving their game every quarter and our girls had to adjust to new positions as well as changes in direction. We used the centre court well with Mirabelle controlling play as C, which worked to our advantage, giving Polina and Izzy time to get into a good shooting position. By the third quarter the score was tied at 3-3. Under pressure to secure the win Izzy C managed to get two more goals before the final whistle.

Contribution Award: Polina for her attacking skills in and around the shooting circle. Izzy C for her taking chances and successfully shooting under pressure.

Team: U13 & U12 Netball
Against: Sherborne
Venue: Away
Results:
U13/12 v Sherborne Girls U12's
9 – 10 lost
U13/12 v Sherborne Girls U13's
4 – 4 draw

We only managed to put one combined team out as some of the girls were in the climbing team on the indoor wall at Sherborne. We had some away and two went home in the morning!!! Coupled with that poor Megan had to go off in the first few minutes as part of her front tooth was knocked out. We were then down to 8 players. Great games though with everyone stepping up. Connie took over at centre and had to work hard against a very tough opponent. Eleni and Esme combined very well in our attacking third with some good shooting. Poppy played with enthusiasm and real determination at GD and with Meena at GK they defended superbly. Meggie is learning all the time and with Bea and Molly as our wings we were a well-balanced side. Very close games which could have gone either way. Well done everyone.

Contribution Award: *The opposition chose Meena and Connie in the first game and Eleni in the second. Poppy for her effort and determination in defence in both games.*

Team: U8 Hockey
Against: Castle Court
Venue: Away
Results:
Game 1 1 – 0 lost
Game 2 1 – 0 win
Game 3 2 - 0 lost

Three great first games to start the term and all really close. We were unlucky to lose the first game as we had most of the play except to score. Ren Ren tackled well in defence with

Gregory, Leo and Albi trying hard to pass and carry the ball in attack.

A brilliant pass down the line from Leo with Xavier pushing the ball into the D for Gregory to score the one goal to win the second game was brilliant. We were definitely on top with Hamish becoming more involved in the game. The opposition were just a bit more determined in the last game with a couple of breakaways to score their goals. We were a bit muddled in the centre of the pitch and got in each other's way which stopped the ball going through. Everyone improved and hopefully learnt a lot to take forward. Well done boys.

Contribution Award: *Gregory for scoring our goal and Leo for his enthusiasm, effort and good play in every game.*

Team: U9 Hockey
Against: Castle Court
Venue: Away

The U9's enjoyed a mini hockey festival against Castle Court on Tuesday. The schools mixed together to form 4 teams who all played each other. Throughout the session ball control improved as did the positioning of players. The boys worked well with new players on their teams. Well done!

Contribution Award: *William for his excellent ball control and long range passing.*

Team: U10 Hockey
Against: Dumpton
Venue: Away
Result: 1 – 0 Win

The U10's carried on their superb form this term with a hard fought battle against Dumpton School. The match was played indoors which was at a faster pace than usual. Alexander controlled the midfield beautifully and passed many balls into the D. To improve the strikers need to be ready for those balls. Max displayed great energy and Charlie as well as Alexander B played well on the wing.

After a lot of pressing and attacking passages of play, Max managed to score at the end of the first half.

In the second half Dumpton were pushing to equalise and Sunninghill lost their shape and intensity. Fortunately Felix moved back into defence and cleared any danger imposed on Sunninghill.

Contribution Award: *Felix for calming the storm in defence and for putting the team before himself.*

Team: U11 Hockey
Against: Dumpton
Venue: Away
Result: 4 – 3 Win

The boys trained really well this week to prepare for their match against Dumpton. The match was played indoors which was fast paced. Theo and James managed the shape of the team well by keeping their defensive line in front of the D and passing out wide to stretch the pitch. William S played really well on the wing with Thomas who created gaps for the strikers to move into. Samuel and Archie scored excellent goals but also worked hard in midfield. Special mention to George and Charlie for improving their stick skills and working really hard to retrieve the ball when required. William B-K was fantastic in goal as he made some superb saves! Well done!

Contribution Award: *Theo for his tactical awareness and improved stick skills.*

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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DORSET CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

CONDUCTOR WALTER BREWSTER

Saturday 14th March 2020 4.00pm
St Mary's Church, Edward Road, Dorchester

A Concert for Youth with Martin Clunes Narrator

Liz Sharma Zoo Tales

with Dorset Youth Choirs

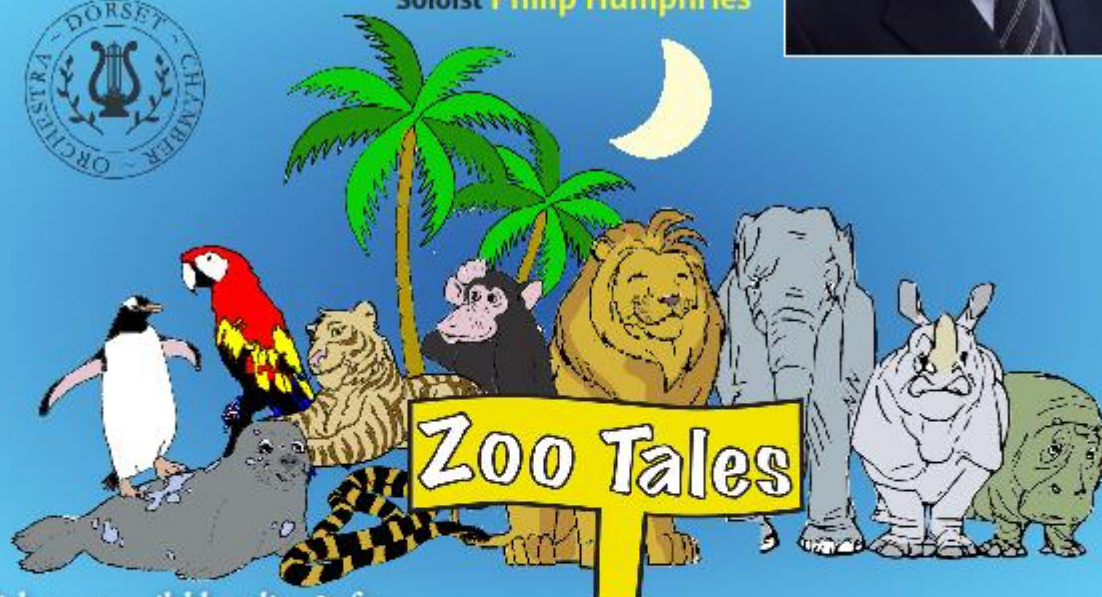
Rossini Thieving Magpie Overture

Vivaldi Concerto for flute 'Goldfinch'

Soloist **Charlotte Ballard**

Robert Foster Serpent Concerto (part)

Soloist **Philip Humphries**



Tickets are available online & from
Harmony Music, The Forum Centre, Dorchester 01305 260360

Adults £12
18 & Under £1
(Admission by ticket)

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Nursery, Reception and Form 1

4.00pm to 5.00pm

Forms 2, 3 and 4

SENIOR PREP DISCO 5PM to 7PM

5.00pm to 7.00pm

Forms 5, 6, 7 & 8

ENTRANCE

£1 entry on the door per pupil, entry through the Dining Room door by the Staff Room

DRESS CODE

Your best disco gear!



Take safe

The cakes
prices vary
between \$5p -
£1



We are having the cake
sale to raise money for
the animal injured in
Australian bush fires

Friday
the 31st
of Jan

No nuts contained in our cakes, cookies, donuts etc

Morning break, dining room outside

5-star
ratings
(hopevully)



Weekly Diary

WHOLE SCHOOL	27th	Form 5 & 6 Netball @ Milton Abbey 11.00am-1.00pm
DIARY OF EVENTS		Forms 7 & 8 Netball @ St Osmund's 2.50-4.30pm
	28th	U8 & U9 Netball v St Mary's Swanage @ SPS 2.15pm
		U8 & U9 Hockey v Perrott Hill @ Perrot Hill 2.15pm
	29th	U13 Netball v Knighton House @ Redlands 2.45pm
		U12 Netball v Knighton House @ Redlands 2.00pm
		U10 & U11 Netball v Knighton House @ Knighton House 2.30pm
		U12 & U13 Hockey practice @ Redlands 2.30 pm
	30th	Reception & Form 1 Swimming @ 1610
		Rotary Youth Speak Competition @ United Church 6.00pm
	31st	Form 5 Fleet Air Museum Trip 9.00am-1.00pm
		Parent & Toddler Group 10.00-11.30am
		Form 8 Shirehall Trip 10.00am-1.00pm
		Form 2 Skiing Enrichment 1.30pm
		Enrichment & Friday Sports 1.30pm
		Nursery, Reception & Form 1 Disco 3.00-4.00pm
		Forms 2,3 & 4 Disco 4.00-5.00pm
		Forms 5,6,7 & 8 Disco 5.00-7.00pm
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Reception		
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Form 4		
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Form 6		
Form 7	Youth Speaks	
Form 8		