

# Hermes

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Spring Term

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*Budding gardeners*

Dear Parents

What a relief that we finally find ourselves at the last day of what has seemed like a very long and wet January.

Am I the only one who is longing for more daylight and a little bit of sun to melt away our feelings of SADness?

What an even bigger relief that we have reached the day when Brexit is finally going to happen. Current polls compared to the results in 2016 seem to suggest that little has changed in terms of the percentages of people who would chose to remain or leave. The challenge is now set for us all to reunite and try to put the Great back into Britain, something that has been sadly lacking recently.

To show how varied our leadership jobs in school can be, this week we have been revisiting our Pandemic Policy and our responsibilities to the spread of Coronavirus. Germs have featured across most of school this week. I can't remember a time when so many children, teachers and support staff have all been so unwell in school.

It has been a very testing time for Mrs Sewed. As Deputy Head Academic, it is her responsibility to make sure there is a teacher in every class.

Thankfully, we recently advertised for two new supply teachers and have welcomed them to Reception and Form 1 this week. They very much enjoyed their days and we are looking forward to forming a long term working relationship with them.

The cold and wet weather has meant that we have had to keep most of the older children off the grass, especially those who do not have wellies. It does surprise me that so many parents walk across the muddy grass when there are good paths to follow. It was a sentiment that was also echoed by Class Reps last week who felt that it was a shame this was happening given all the hard work invested by the grounds staff in making the school look so well cared for.



I have been pleased to receive a number of positive comments regarding site security this week. One parent was particularly pleased that she found it impossible to get into school through the locked gates that ring fence Junior Prep. This will please Detective Inspector Akerman who found the main oak gate at the bottom of the drive open this week. The padlock was left open with the combination visible. Not to be outfoxed, DI Akerman resorted to CCTV to find the guilty culprit amongst our teaching body. We have all been on our guard ever since!

I have more good news to share regarding the excellent performances of our children both in and outside of school. Poppy S follows hot on the heels of two of her peers in Form 7 by successfully negotiating the entrance exams to Bryanston. Coincidentally, I welcome Mark Mortimer (the new Head of Bryanston) to school next week.

Elsewhere in Form 7 we were excited to receive news that Henry B has managed to make it through to the national Finals of the U14 fencing competition later this year. This is a great achievement for an eleven-year-old. It seems to have been Form 7s hogging the limelight this week as they have also excelled in taking part in the Rotary Youth Speak Competition. Teams of 3 had to present their thoughts on a range of topics, though the two speeches that caught the judges eyes were the values of playing rugby and the merits of euthanasia, who emerged as winners.



Izzy C in Form 6 has been really enjoying her practical science this week. As part of her work with Mrs Telfer she has been learning about electrical circuits by building her own buzzer game which was great fun and occupied quite a bit more of our (my) break time that was available.



To support the many exciting curricular developments in school we have a Director of Studies. The post holder works closely with Mrs Sewed looking at timetables, standardising planning, producing your curriculum maps and lots more.

Mr Adams has done a sterling job getting this role off the ground over the past two years. He has fulfilled this role alongside his coordination of all co-curricular activities, which include Friday enrichments, all clubs, and activities, house points and much more. To share the burden of responsibility equally we have appointed Mrs Lecca Moss as Director of Studies. You will hear from her in a range of guises as time speeds by.

At break time today, we enjoyed many homemade cakes baked by a bevy of Form 7 girls. They have recently been touched by the devastation caused by the wild fires across Australia and have been determined to do some fundraising to help our friends “down under” at the other side of the world. Dave, Emma and Neve we are thinking about you and are doing our bit to help!

Next Friday sees our first Open Day of the Spring Term. Please remember that you are very welcome to come and have a look around yourselves and do please let friends and family know of the event. If they would like to



find more out about us, they will receive a very warm welcome.



Finally, I will write futuristically about the disco that takes place later this afternoon. Looking into my crystal ball, I am certain it will be very noisy with particularly loud music and children who have got incredibly excited following very scrummy hot dogs.

Bless Mr Stazicker and Mrs Smith, they have volunteered to “take a bullet for the team” and supervise the evening event from 5-7pm!

Wishing you a very happy Six Nations week ahead.

*John Thorpe.*

Mr John Thorpe  
Headmaster

*What a week of weather!*



## ***Nursery & Reception***

This week our topic has been fairies. Nursery and Reception have taken part in lots of different activities, including a fairy hunt, fairy drawings, looking at stories, making fairy houses, writing in the fairy dust and making a clay bed for Thumbelina.



What a fun and exciting week!





This term during Nursery's music and drama lessons the children have been playing high and low sounds on the chime bars. We had some visitors in our lesson this week who helped us sing our songs and do our actions.



Reception have been working hard learning about musical notation. They have been able to clap back rhythms and made themselves crotchets and quavers on chairs.



Well done Nursery and Reception for a fantastic start to the term.

*Mrs Nolan-Stone*

## ***Form 4***

They have been working with Mr Chitson in enrichment on a technical cane building challenge!



The children used keynote to create their own digital art work on the blitz, as part of our World War Two topic.



## ***Form 7***

### Rotary Youth Speaks Local Heat

On Thursday evening, Form 7 pupils attended the local heat of the Rotary Debating Competition. The new format requires teams of three to research and debate a well-reasoned debate on topics of their own choosing. Despite two members of the class being absent on account of illness, their remaining classmates showed remarkable fortitude and team spirit, and were willing

and able to stand in for each other so that there were six fifteen-minute presentations in total.

Valentine and Eddie did remarkably well as they volunteered to take the place of their absent teammates and this meant they had to prepare two speeches on the day we performed.



The audience and judges were impressed by the confidence of all of the pupils and the depth of research that was evident in their well-crafted speeches.



After careful deliberation, the runners up were judged to be Valentine, Eddie and Holly and the winning team was Gethyn, Henry and Harri. Valentine won best speaker overall, and Sunninghill was best school. That title was never in doubt.

*Mrs Fernley*



### ***Children's Mental Health Week 3<sup>rd</sup> -9<sup>th</sup> February***

Next week is Mental health week.

The theme for 2020 is "Find Your Brave." Bravery comes in all shapes and sizes and is different for everyone. Bravery can be about sharing worries and asking for help, trying something new or pushing yourself outside your comfort zone.

Finding Your Brave can build your confidence, self-esteem and make you feel good about yourself. The Junior Prep will be having an assembly and all classes will be thinking about mental health during their PSHE lessons



## ***Junior Gardening Club***



The Junior Gardeners have enjoyed re-potting strawberry plants, ready to plant out in the Spring.

Let's hope we have some warm sunshine to bring on the delicious fruit.

*Liz Stein*

## ***Music***

Please note Mrs Hawes will be teaching on Monday and Mr Garden will not be teaching this week.

For all our budding Junior Violinists if you are interested in purchasing a good quality 1/4 sized Violin for £20 please contact Mrs Nolan-Stone at [lnolanstone@sunninghill.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:lnolanstone@sunninghill.dorset.sch.uk). If you have any second hand instrument's you are looking to sell please get in touch as we

often have requests for instruments and can help advise you.

Mrs Nolan-Stone

## ***Thunk of the Week***

*Last week's thunk was:*

***Can you be prepared for a surprise?***

*The winning answers:*

*Lottie Form 2*

*You can never be prepared for a surprise because a surprise means that you don't know that it is coming.*

*Theo Form 7*

*You can be prepared for a surprise as you can ask someone to surprise you, for example when you have hiccups.*

*Lily F8*

*I think you can be prepared for anything in life as you can prepare for the worst possible outcome and for the best.*

***This week's thunk:***

*Is there more happiness or sadness in the world?*



# Sports

**Team:** U8 Netball  
**Against:** St Mary's, Swanage  
**Venue:** Home  
**Result:** 6 – 0 loss

Well it certainly was cold! Even our supporters chose to sit in their cars!! St Mary's started incredibly well and scored 3 goals in the first quarter. Sunninghill tried really hard but just could not keep up. In the second quarter St Mary's continued to pressure SPS and were very good at getting free and passing. A further goal was scored in the second, third and fourth quarters. Sunninghill worked hard to mark and definitely improved throughout the game but really struggled to keep possession. Lots to work on in the following weeks.

***Contribution Award: the opposition chose Elodie for her passing skills and marking.***

**Team:** U9 Netball  
**Against:** St Mary's, Swanage  
**Venue:** Home  
**Result:** 6 – 1 Win

The U9 team were managed by Grace, who is on work experience from Weymouth College. She told me that they played really well with good movement into space and excellent passing up the court.

They scored 2 goals in every quarter except the third and the scorers were Iris, Katie and Izzy, with Katie scoring 4!

Obviously this was a great game and the girls were putting into practice all of the skills we have worked on over the past few weeks which is fantastic!

***Contribution Award: the opposition chose Katie as their player of the match.***

**Team:** U8 Hockey  
**Against:** Perrott Hill  
**Venue:** Away  
**Results:**

**U8 v Perrot Hill 1 1 – 3 lost**  
**U8 v Perrot Hill 2 2 – 0 win**

The boys played 2 games against 2 different Perrot Hill teams in their sports hall. In the first game we took a little while to get used to the indoor surface with no side lines and the ability to play the ball off the wall. Albi and Natty tackled well in defence but Perrot Hill forwards were quick and shot as soon as they were in the D. Ren Ren, Leo and Hamish battled well in attack with Leo scoring our one goal of the game.

We were much better in the second game with Leo running his socks off, tackling well and scoring both of our goals with good hard shots. The ball whizzed from end to end with Perrot Hill hitting the post but our defence stayed strong and we kept them from scoring. Lots of running and lots of effort made both games exciting contests. Well done boys.

***Contribution Award: Albi and Natty for their good work in defence.***

**Team:** U13VII Netball  
**Against:** Knighton House  
**Venue:** Away  
**Result:** 19 – 6 Win

We started off really well and in the first quarter scored 7 goals to 1 from the opposition. Lily and Gemma worked hard to keep the quick Knighton shooters at bay. Good passing down the court from Esme, Erin and Megan allowed Freya and Eleni many shooting chances. We only scored 4 goals in the next 2 quarters and let Knighton back in the game. We hurried our passes and threw the ball away. In the last quarter we spaced out and threw longer passes scoring 8 goals. The girls changed positions and everyone

tried hard with a good quick tempo to the game. We need some circle work and to get into position a little earlier to be able to use the space more effectively.

***Contribution Award: The opposition chose Freya in attack and Gemma for her defensive work.***

**Team: U12VII Netball**  
**Against: Knighton House**  
**Venue: Away**  
**Result: 9 – 5 win**

A long warm up was needed to get the girls into 'game' mode from 'having a laugh on a minibus' mode. The first few minutes were positive with us having a few shots on goal and we finished the first quarter 2-1 up. Knighton changed things around in the second quarter and pulled a couple back to make it 3-3 at half time. However, confidence had been increasing through the first half and all the girls were happy in their positions and Connie literally gave blood (wet wipes needed at half time). The girls stormed out for the third quarter. Poppy making a nuisance of herself everywhere. Connie one step in front of her opposition all the time. Meggy more aggressively getting her hands on the ball. Bea getting into great positions. Katie appearing by magic in places her defender couldn't keep up with. And as if the hoop had grown in size Holly and Molly scored 4 goals with no response from Knighton. Knighton managed to get two back in the fourth but Molly had her eye in and the final score was a well-deserved 9-5 win.

***Contribution Award: The Knighton girls voted Poppy and Holly as players of the match but it was a whole team contribution. Well done!***

**Team: U10/11 Netball**  
**Against: Knighton House**  
**Venue: Redlands**  
**Result: 1 – 1 Draw**

It was decided to play a coaching match this week so the team included a mix of both age groups. Although the pace was slower than in training it was useful for the girls to focus on their strengths and weaknesses. Up against a tall GD, Polina was having to concentrate on moving forward for the ball. Centre court players Maggie, Carolina and Lydia were focusing on getting into their own space and not each other's. Lucy had a go at shooting along with Izzy and working the ball around the circle. Imogen and Mirabelle continued to work on controlling play as C and connecting the play between each third. The defenders Izzy, Flora and Amelia did a sterling job intercepting the ball and continue to develop their tactical awareness and back line passes. A very pleasant and friendly game and lots for the girls to take from it.

***Contribution Award: The opposition chose Mirabelle for her center court play, and Mrs. Telfer chose Carolina for improved spacing and powerful throws.***

## **Girls Cricket Fun Festival**

We would like to offer U11 and U14 girls the opportunity to attend some fun festival opportunities. Schools and Clubs are asked to encourage all girls to attend. Players will be mixed into teams and get to play with girls from other clubs. Dates are listed for indoor festivals and more will follow for outdoor festivals.

Clubs are asked to share the booking link with parents of players Cost will be £7.50 per player. Individuals should book to attend.



Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb (Half-term) at Purbeck  
Leisure Centre

**U11s** 10am-1pm and **U14s** 1pm-4pm

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April at Bryanston School  
(new Venue)

**U11s** 1pm - 3.30pm and **U14s** 3.30 -  
6pm

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***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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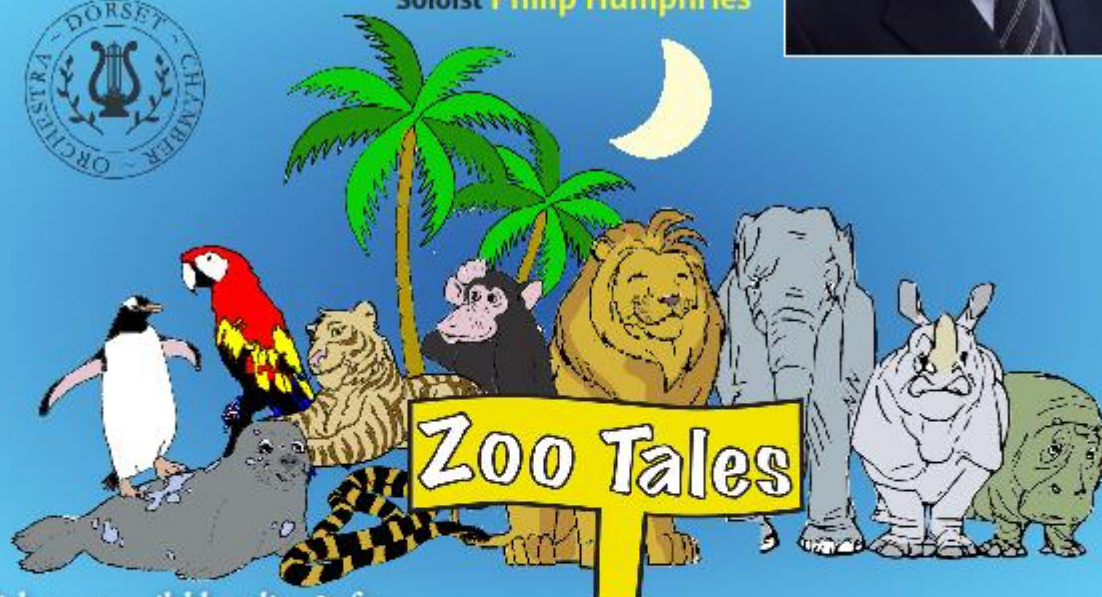
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# GET KIDS FISHING!



Dear Sir/Madam,

Dorchester & District Angling Society (DDAS) have a Junior section that is now going into it's third year and our aim is to get young people interested in the sport of Coarse Fishing.

#### WHO WE ARE?

DDAS is an angling club with a history of more than 70 years and well over 500 members.

#### WHO AM I?

My name is Graham Howard and I am the Junior Secretary for DDAS. I have a Level 2 qualification as an angling coach. I started fishing with my dad at 4 years old and 46 years later, my passion for angling is still growing. My angling experience covers match fishing at the highest levels and working within the Carp fishing industry. I coached my local club juniors to a top ten finish in the Junior National in 1990 and I hope to introduce new anglers to a sport that has given me so much joy and fulfilment over the years.



#### WHAT DO WE DO?

DDAS Juniors has a mission show the younger generations that there more to life than social media, computer games and television. Fishing gets you closer to nature, helps you to see animals you otherwise would not know where even there and to teach participants responsibility to look after creatures in their care and the environment in which they live.

#### WHAT HAPPENS AT THE EVENTS, WHEN AND WHERE ARE THEY HELD?

The events are held on club affiliated venues like Harbourbridge Lakes in Chickerell and Revels Fishery near Buckland Newton. Events in the past have been held after school in the mid week but, providing we can supply an appropriate number of volunteer helpers, we can hold the events to suit the requirements of the school.

As far as possible we like to coach participants on a one to one basis depending on numbers attending and volunteers available. Group numbers of up to 12 participants work best.

There will be a brief introduction and a chat about health and safety, then it's on with the fishing. Sessions will typically be around two to three hours long, but we can tailor the sessions to meet the requirements of the school. Requirements can be agreed when the booking is made.

#### WHO IS IT FOR?

Boys and Girls from 6 to 17 y/o. All are welcome.



Fishing has been for many years a predominantly male activity. I am out to change that! I am personally a strong supporter of women's sports, particularly one that has been seen to be 'Male Owned' for many years. I am delighted to say that we have a couple of young ladies that regularly attend the DDAS Junior events, but I want more and won't be satisfied until I do.



#### HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

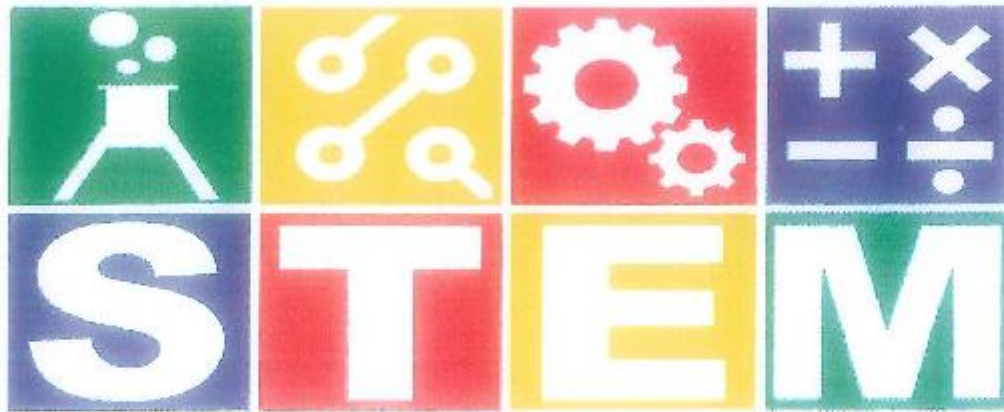
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Buzzing Bees, motors and electromagnetism - 29.02.2020 / 15.03.2020

Snapping Monsters and pneumatics - 01.03.2020 / 14.03.2020

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## Weekly Diary

<b>WHOLE SCHOOL</b>	3rd	U10 & U11 Hockey V St Marys Swanage @ SPS 11.30 am
<b>DIARY OF EVENTS</b>		Forms 5 & 6 Netball @ Milton Abbey 11.00 am-1.00 pm
		Forms 7 & 8 Netball @ Wey Valley 2.50-4.30 pm
	4th	Hobgoblin Theatre Nursery - Form 2 1.30-2.30 pm
		U8 & U9 High Five Netball V BCS @ SPS 2.15 pm
		U8 & U9 Hockey V Sandroyd @ Sandroyd 2.15 pm
	5th	U13 & U12 Netball V Hanford @ Hanford 2.30 pm
		U11 & U10 Netball V BCS @ BCS 2.30 pm
		U13 & U12 A Hockey V Dumpton @ Dumpton 3.15 pm
		U13 & U12 B Hockey V Dumpton @ Dumpton 3.15 pm
		U11 Hockey V BCS @ SPS 2.00 pm
		U10 Hockey B BCS @ SPS 2.45 pm
		Form 7 Youth Speaks @ Beaminster 6.30 pm
	6th	Reception & Form 1 Swimming @ 1610
		Form 7 MUN @ Clayesmore
	7th	Form 4 Assembly 8.30am - Breakfast to follow
		Open Morning 9.30am- 12.30 pm
		Parent & Toddler Group 10.00-11.30 am
		Form 2 Skiing Enrichment 1.30 pm
		Enrichment & Friday Sports 1.30 pm
<b>Letters on the Portal</b>	Menu	
	Fixtures & Team Sheets	
	Music Timetable	
	LAMDA 2020- Forms 1-6	
	Hobgoblin Theatre- Reception- Form 2	
	Fairy Tales letter Nursery- Form 2	
<b>Nursery</b>	Hobgoblin Theatre	
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<b>Form 7</b>		
<b>Form 8</b>	Shire Hall Visit/Summer Exped	