

Hermes

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Spring Term

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Enjoying the Fairy Banquet

Dear Parents

A very warm welcome to this week's Hermes. We celebrated a milestone birthday in school today. You may have noticed Mr Stazicker's office has been filled full of balloons for much of the week, courtesy of the kitchen staff who rarely turn down the opportunity for a bit of fun and mischief.



Ian is the quietly beating heart of the school, always has his finger on the pulse in his role as Deputy Head Pastoral and glues us all together with his sage guidance. We wish him many happy returns.



Elsewhere in school, I have been receiving a number of applications for the recently advertised post of Junior Prep class teacher for September. They will fill Mrs King's role as she becomes part time, three days per week. The successful applicant will join one of the happiest, and hardest working teams I have had the pleasure of working with.

Their sense of fun and creativity never ceases to amaze. Today's medieval banquet was a perfect example of how they always go the extra mile.

I like the idea of the three C's guiding the recruitment process for a new member of staff. First and foremost I look for Character, the ability to be enthusiastic and cheerful as a default, buying into our vision and mission, living an exciting life out of school. Second is Competency, a highly skilled and experienced practitioner who understands implicitly about nurturing learning and supporting individual development. Finally, there is Chemistry. As a small school, we are looking for someone with just the right spirit who will bring something new to the party and yet be an essential member of our team. More of this as we short list and interview after half term.

I have been away from school for two days this week. It is very important to keep a perspective on what is happening in the outside world and to be cross-pollinated by what other educators are doing and thinking about.

On Tuesday I was at IAPS HQ in Leamington Spa attending my termly national sports committee meeting. I have represented District 5 for three years now and my term is up now. It is time to hand over the reins to another Head in the district. I have very much enjoyed giving back to my profession though I won't miss the 300+ mile round trip journey.

On Wednesday, I visited the Southern Education Roadshow in Newbury. I listened to three very interesting keynote speakers. In September, it will be compulsory to teach Relationship and Sex Education to Form 7 and 8 children and I gained valuable advice on how best to deliver this. Much pre-discussion with parents must take place to make sure we are prepared for the candid information we must share with your children. I also listened intently to Dr Hilary Jones who shared some very important advice about supporting Mental Health Illness in our work force and the proactive measures that can be taken to prevent issues impacting on our community. My favourite of the three was a keynote speech given by Drew Povey of "Educating Manchester" fame. He talked of how to engender a spirit of positivism in both your workforce and in the children you are responsible for. It was inspiring stuff.

There were also some great educational stands and I bought some interesting learning tools and services whilst there. One of these was a series of analytical surveys that are sent to various stakeholders in our community from which comes lots of valuable data that we can use to improve the way we operate.

In this morning's assembly Mrs Moss, Mrs Baker and Form 4 shared with us the joys of reading and where it takes your imagination. As we have come to expect from Mrs Moss there was some IT wizardry and some wonderful story telling. As always, Kerry and

her team treated us all to a sumptuous breakfast afterwards.

Finally, today was Open Day. We were delighted to welcome six new families, mostly looking at Junior Prep. Form 6 were excellent tour guides. I know our guests were thoroughly impressed with the passion they shared for their school. I must thank Mandy for her impeccable organisation of this day. Behind the scenes she organises advertising, catering, arranges for the signs that you see around the district to be updated and keeps all of us in the loop re our visitors.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend ahead.



Mr John Thorpe
Headmaster



Thank you for my egg Mr Thorpe, I had it in my egg holder that I made in DT - DELICIOUS!

From Izzy Xx

Nursery & Reception

Let's explore this week was fairy themed.

The children enjoyed making fairy dolls, fairy cakes and oil pastel drawings, and choosing their own fairies from the flower fairies book.



Form 1

It pays to work hard. Form 1 got all their jewels in the jar last week and were rewarded with a trip to the coffee shop for hot chocolate with marshmallows. Well done!



The children have also been learning about 2D and 3D shapes this week.

Callisto has been celebrating Chinese New Year.



Form 2

The children went on a quest in Sunninghill Castle's grounds. They had a list of things they had to find to bring to the Queen (Mrs Thorpe). The children made gifts in the afternoon to present to the Queen!



Nursery to Form 2

The children all enjoyed an entertaining production of Little Red Riding Hood on Wednesday afternoon. Thanks to the Hobgoblin Theatre Company for a great show.

Nursery and Reception had the best time at the Little Red Riding Hood pantomime. A wonderful treat for the children with lots of fun and laughter! It fitted in perfectly with our Traditional Tales theme.



The children have also enjoyed a spot of baking with the professional help of Mr Gabe-Fry.

What great fun we had at the school disco. Some brilliant dance moves, everyone! Photos further on in Hermes.

Junior Prep Fairy Banquet



Junior Prep enjoyed a magnificent banquet this morning in the Grand Dining Room. Lords, ladies, princes, princesses, ogres, dragons and an assortment of other fairy tale characters attended. There was great merriment and the Form 2 jesters provided topping entertainment. Goldilocks (a.k.a. Lottie) tickled the crowd with “I say, I say, I say, who goes around the woods sticking their tongue out at The Big Bad Wolf?” “Little Rude Riding Hood!” Boom! Boom!





Junior Prep Assembly



This week is Children's Mental Health Week and the Junior Prep had an assembly focusing on feelings and being brave.

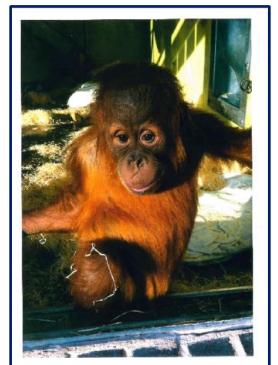
The message was that we can see outside injuries, but sometimes it is not obvious how people are feeling on the inside, so it is important to listen to each other and to be observant to others feelings.

We discussed ways in which we could help our friends if they are feeling anxious, sad or lonely and watched a story about a brave wolf called the Wolf's Colourful Coat by Avril McDonald.



Forms 3 & 4

As part of their rainforest project the children are looking forward to a sponsored walk on Monday to raise money to adopt an orangutan at Monkey World. They need to raise at least £150!



Form 4

Anderson shelters as part of the WW2 topic.



Form 5

The children enjoyed a lovely trip to the Fleet Air Arm Museum in Yeovil.

Please see two write-ups at the end of Hermes, by two of the children.



Form 6 Science Activity Day

'We arrived at Bryanston School and were immediately shown the science inventions on display whilst everyone arrived, they were very cool. We were taken to the David Jones lecture theatre and the biology teachers presented their cases for the 'species of the month'. After they had spoken we had to vote which was our favourite and the 3 legged sloth won the vote. After the lecture we had an amazing lunch which fuelled us for the next instalment.



We were told that a horrendous crime had taken place, the Nobel Prize that had been awarded to Fred Sanger (twice) had been stolen. We were split into 3 groups and had to investigate the crime. We visited the Biology, Physics and Chemistry labs and undertook various experiments. In Biology we tested DNA, sugar in tea and traces of hair.

In Physics we had to track the suspects and work out their timings of the various routes they could have taken. In Chemistry we tested the blood sample, powder and ink traces. Back at school we had time to put our findings together and successfully discovered the criminal was Tom Riddle. A fantastic day of science!"

By Polina, Amelia, Izzy, Sam, Will and Thomas.



Form 7

Youth Speaks Regional Semi-Finals

Both of our teams performed confidently at this event at Beaminster School where they debated with children from a wide range of ages. Their arguments were logical, well researched and persuasive; they handled the questions they were given convincingly, and thought up challenging questions for other teams. Thank you to the teams for their hard work and dedication despite illness, and thank you to their parents who have supported us throughout the competition.

Poetry by Heart Competition: Forms 7 and 8

Mrs Moss, Mrs Sleightholme and Mrs O'Donnell carefully judged the finals of our Poetry By Heart Competition on Monday. Pupils were required to memorise and recite two poems from a selection made by the competition organisers. The finalists were Megan, Tymon, Henry, Harry, Daniel, Valentine, Eddie, Beatrice, Holly, Poppy, Molly, Gethyn, Esme and Josh. We were impressed by all of the recitations, but we were also able to agree unanimously that

Henry gave the strongest performance. His winner's video will be uploaded to the county level of the competition.

Henry recited Kipling's "The Way through the Woods" and Gwendolen Brook's "We Real Cool."



Model United Nations Conference 2020

Clayesmore 6th February : Henry, Eddie, Harri, Molly and Valentine

Over the last few weeks, Form 7 teams have been preparing for Model United Nations conference at Clayesmore. For the conference, the teams had to study and adopt the political views of the country they were assigned: we were asked to represent the UK.



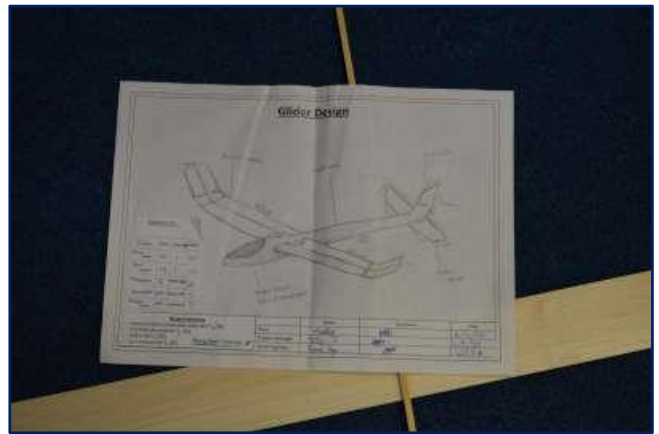
As delegates of our country, students had to research and prepare resolutions on matters such as climate change and alternative energy sources; the complex problem of state cyber surveillance; and the global issue of the education of girls.

This event was tremendously challenging: to take part effectively, the delegates had to muster the courage needed to speak spontaneously and think on their feet. They had to form alliances, think critically and speak persuasively. All of our pupils were a credit to the school and learned a great deal in the process.



Form 8 Flying Start

The pupils are looking forward to their trip to the final of the Flying Start Challenge at Yeovil next week. They have been making gliders this week which they will fly in one of the hangars.



Junior Gardening Club

Beautiful warm sunshine for both the gardening clubs this week.

The Junior Gardeners potted up primroses and hung them onto the garden fence. They look beautiful. Lots of seed sowing too: tomatoes, parsley and erigeron. Spring must be on its way!



Senior Gardening Club



The children enjoyed cutting down the raspberry canes for some autumn fruit, and also potting on a rhubarb crown – this should hopefully produce fruit this summer.



Music

We look forward to the first informal music concert of the term on Thursday at 4 for Junior Prep and 4.30 for Senior Prep. These concerts take place in the drawing room and all are welcome. Please contact Mrs Nolan-Stone if you would like to perform or sign up on the music board.

Please note Mr Penfold is not teaching this week.

Think of the Week

Last week's think was:

Is there more happiness or sadness in the world?



Some of the answers:

Clara F2: Happiness because we can play with our friends and family.

Harry F2: Sadness because lots of people are poor and homeless.

William S F7: it's not black or white; at times there is more and at times less.

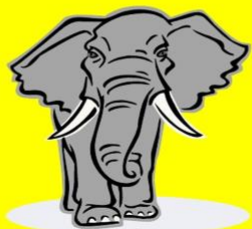
Megan: There is more sadness because we never know when the world will end.

Daniel G: There is more sadness but the happiness overpowers it easily.

Henry B: Happiness is a chemical called dopamine and sadness is merely its absence. Therefore since sadness is nothing and happiness is something, there is more happiness.

This week's think:

**If elephants ruled the world,
what changes would you see?**



Sports

Team: U8 Netball
Against: BCS
Venue: Home
Result: 3 – 0 loss

The play was fairly even until the last quarter when the BCS shooters suddenly got their eye in and scored all of their 3 goals. We managed to put several passes together to get the ball in our circle and Scarlett was unlucky not to score our first goal. Millie ran around with lots of enthusiasm and won the ball on several occasions. Elodie and Tina improved their marking so they could intercept the ball and we could regain possession. Everyone needs to practise throwing and catching as some of us are afraid of the ball and we lose it too easily. An enjoyable game with everyone trying hard and learning more about the game.

Contribution Award: Millie for her enthusiasm and her determination to win the ball.

Team: U9 Netball
Against: BCS
Venue: Home
Result: 6 – 1 loss

Bournemouth arrived with a rather tall team which had a big impact on the game. In the first quarter we struggled to mark the players allowing Bournemouth to maintain possession and score 2 goals. In the next quarter our marking improved massively and we managed to intercept and get the ball up the court to Izzy in the circle who shot and scored. The last 2 quarters saw us continuing to mark really well with Katie and Kitty S being more determined to win the ball. Unfortunately, BCS scored a further 2 goals to win convincingly. We need to improve the strength and accuracy of our passing and continue to practise our dodging.

Contribution Award - Izzy for super interceptions and scoring our only goal.

Team: U10/11 Netball
Against: BCS
Venue: Away
Result: 8 – 0 loss

It was a slow start from the SPS team, I think they were still on the minibus for the first few minutes of the game. They found first gear and did respond with some improved dodging and Amelia and Flora managed some interceptions in defence. But BCS Prep were quickly ahead by 4 goals in the first half.

Second half and the girls were playing with a bit more gusto, Lydia and Imogen in centre court turned the ball over a few times and we got an opportunity to shoot. Unfortunately, we couldn't find the post. The girls didn't give up, and they were deserving of a higher score but the game finished 8-0 to BCS prep.

Contribution Award: The opposition chose Mirabelle for working so hard in the centre court.

Team: U10/11 Netball
Against: Forres SM
Venue: Away
Result: 14 – 0 loss

The second game took the girls by surprise. Forres SM, a team from Lymington, were fast and furious. Centre passes were taken quickly and gave the defenders little time to react. The shooters rarely missed. It was pleasing to see how SPS took on the challenge, they all found their 'brave' and didn't give up. The sausage and chips were a welcome sight for match tea.

Contribution Award: Carolina for finding space and supportive play.

Team: U12 Netball
Against: Hanford
Venue: Away
Result: 8 – 1 loss

The girls had a tough match against Hanford. On both sides there was difficulty getting it in the net and it was 2-0 after 10 minutes. Hanford scored a few more in the third quarter to make it 5-0 at half time. We need to remain focused on set plays and always be aware of our movement and passing. Footwork was an issue this week too.

In the third quarter we had our best play eventually scoring one goal to their two and looked more comfortable on the ball. However, with a couple more in the fourth we lost 8-1.

Contribution Awards: The opposition voted Connie and Meggy.

Team: U13 Netball
Against: Hanford
Venue: Away
Result: 24 – 10 win

We raced into a convincing lead in the first quarter leading by 9 goals to 1 with Freya and Eleni working well in our attacking circle.

The team was more organized and it was nice to see the centre passes we had practiced being used successfully throughout the game. The girls swapped positions in every quarter and adapted well. Gemma and Lily stopped Hanford from getting many chances to shoot with good defending, carried on by Meena at GK. Both Megan and Gemma played centre with Erin and Esme having a chance to shoot. McKenzie is gaining more experience and played well at WD. The half time score was 13 – 2 and we extended that lead to 20 in the next quarter. It was nice to score over 20 goals and lovely to see lots of enthusiasm and team spirit. Well done girls.

Contribution Award: The opposition chose Eleni in attack and Gemma in defence.

Team: U8/9 A Hockey
Against: Sandroyd
Venue: Away
Result: 9 – 1 loss

The U8/9 A's started the match well by working hard to retrieve the ball. They faced a strong Sandroyd team who displayed excellent stick skills and moved the ball well to stretch the pitch. Rex worked tirelessly and passed well down the line. Hamish showed great improvement in terms of his decision making on the ball. Sunninghill managed to score a goal which started with Rex passing the ball through the midfield to Charlie who then crossed the ball into the D. William controlled the ball beautifully and slotted the ball into goal.

Unfortunately the concentration levels dropped after the half, positions were not kept which resulted in many open spaces for the Sandroyd team to take advantage of.

Contribution Awards: Rex and Charlie for their hard work and excellent mentality even when the score went against them.

Team: U8/9 B Hockey
Against: Sandroyd
Venue: Away
Results:
Score 1-0 Win, 0-0 Draw, 0-2 Loss

The U8/9 B faced a well drilled Sandroyd team but worked extremely hard from start to finish. Each player tried their best and tracked back to retrieve the ball when required. Albi got himself into fantastic positions and displayed sound understanding of where to position himself. Gregory was solid in defence and improved his passes out wide. Will A showed much improved stick skills whilst Natty's engine kept revving round the pitch. Natty scored a lovely goal which was set up by Oliver.

Contribution Award: Gregory for being a great leader and for improving his tactical awareness.

Team: U10/11 B Hockey
Against: St Mary's, Swanage
Venue: Home
Result: 10 – 3 win

On Monday players from St Mary's Catholic school visited us from Swanage during our games lesson. The team was captained by Vishnu who organised and motivated his team well. William and Charlie displayed excellent stick skills on the wings as they opened up the St Mary's defence. James was astute at the back and Max scored many goals with his immense energy and eye for goal.

After a very one sided first half, we mixed the two teams up and had an evenly matched second half where everybody learnt a lot.

Contribution Award: Vishnu for being a great leader.

Team: U10/11 A Hockey
Against: St Mary's, Swanage
Venue: Home
Result: 8 – 4 win

Sunninghill started the match full of focus and determination which gave them the momentum to take control of the match. Theo controlled play from the edge of our D whilst Thomas and Sam worked in midfield to create passages of play with Archie. Fantastic goals were scored by Archie, Thomas and Sam. George and Freddie improved their passing skills and Felix developed his understanding going forward.

Contribution Award: Thomas for his improved stick skills and brilliant attitude.

Team: U10 Hockey
Against: BCS
Venue: Home
Result: 3 – 0 loss

A good first half played against a strong BCS side. We kept them at bay, but their better skills and moving the ball quickly led to them scoring twice in the first half. We fought back in the second half but couldn't quite take our chances. They scored a third in the second half as we lost our positional play. Will B-K played extremely well in goal, keeping the score down. Charlie controlled the midfield well with James making a number of good clearances.

Contribution Award: Charlie for his performance in midfield.

Team: U11 Hockey
Against: BCS
Venue: Home
Result: 6 – 0 win

All our hard work seems to have paid off during our match against BCS. Sam played exceptionally well by controlling the midfield

whilst Archie was harassing defenders and scoring 3 good goals. At half time Theo played in midfield and kept the pressure up. Vishnu was on hand to pop up for a goal with Alexander scoring also. Sam had possibly the shot of the season but was well saved. A good overall team performance with intelligent play and thoughtful passing.

Contribution Award: Sam for keeping his position.

Team: U12/13A Hockey
Against: Dumpton
Venue: Away
Result: 3 – 2 loss

Sunninghill played a tough Dumpton and displayed arguably their best performance of the season. Harry was fantastic in goal whilst Ben and Henry were solid in defence. There was some beautiful reverse stick on display and Sunninghill worked hard with and without the ball. Gabriel showed his worth in the centre with his stick skills and excellent passing out wide. Gethyn scored a wonder goal via the cross bar which was truly breathtaking to watch. Tymon and Josh faced a tough afternoon with a strong winger from Dumpton but worked really hard to keep him at bay. Valentine managed to score a second for the team as the team created a lovely combination from a short corner.

Contribution Awards: A really fantastic team performance, keep working hard boys!

Team: U12/13B Hockey
Against: Dumpton
Venue: Away
Result: 1 – 0 loss

The teams were evenly matched throughout this game and we only narrowly lost (1:0) with 3 short corners.

Eddie did his best to defend the goal, bravely ignoring the fact he had to wear a soggy goalie top. Mr Willemse has promised to get it dry for next time!

Contribution Award: Theo, Will and Harry all deserve a mention for their tireless attack but Leo gets the contribution award for solid, defensive play. Well done.

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
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PTFA Disco last Friday



Form 5 Fleet air arm museum trip



Form 5 went to the Fleet air arm museum on the 31st January. They did the work shop first which involved making a Parachute to send down with an egg inside. The aim was to send down the egg from the balcony without cracking it. They only got a bin bag a strip of tape a piece of string a piece of a4 paper and two straws. The winner was the one whose parachute create the most air resistance. Luckily none of the eggs cracked and the winner was Lucy and flora for the slowest time

After the work shop we went to see the whole museum. Which really fascinated the children always asking questions and trying out everything. There was a very popular simulator that felt extremely real. We also got to go on the concord.



by mirabelle

Our trip to the fleet air arm museum.

On Friday the 31st we left at 10:15 and we started our trip to the Fleet Air Arm Museum. It took 30 minutes to get there. When we got there we went to do a workshop on parachutes and we had to make our parachutes with a partner I was with Maggie ours didn't go that well because it didn't have enough air resistance and we needed to make the top of the parachute bigger.



Then we went to explore the museum with bob. We first went to a simulator I was terrified but actually it was really cool. then we got out and there was this gigantic screen in front of us with lots of plains but there was this one plane that had mannequins all around it and it had lights turning on and air coming out of the motors and on the screen there was this man talking to us and they showed us how a plane would take off .then we went to this another kind of a simulator. Then we went to the Concorde to explore it but it is replica but it was so cool and we learnt what happened to it. And then we came back but when we got back every one had already had lunch but luckily the cooks knew that we were going to be late because Mrs Telfer phoned them to say that we were going to be late but we had a good lunch bye bye.

By Carolina

Safer Internet Day 2020

Next Tuesday 11th February we will be joining schools across the UK in celebrating Safer Internet Day 2020. Safer Internet Day is a global campaign to promote the safe and responsible use of technology.

Using the internet safely and positively is a key message that we promote in our school, and celebrating Safer Internet Day is a great opportunity for us to re-emphasise the online safety messages we deliver in class.

What is happening in school?

- To support the event in school, Form 8 will be giving an assembly on this theme next Friday. They will also launch 2 fun competitions with prizes to be won!
- All classes will be covering e-safety topics in their computing lessons this term.

We would be delighted if you could join us in celebrating the day by continuing the conversation at home. To help you with this you may be interested in downloading the *free* Safer Internet Day resource pack for parents which is available here:

saferinternet.org.uk/sid-parents

There are also [top tips](#), [a quiz](#) and [films](#) which you can use at home with your child.

Some other resources which you may find helpful in supporting your child online are:

- Advice for parents and carers from [Childnet](#)
- Tips, advice and guides for parents and carers from the [UK Safer Internet Centre](#)
- Guides on popular apps and games from [NetAware](#)
- Reviews and information about games, apps, TV shows and websites from [Common Sense Media](#)
- Help on using parental controls and privacy settings from [Internet Matters](#)
- Information and reporting of online grooming or abuse from [CEOP](#)

If you have any concerns or questions about keeping your child safe online, please do get in touch with Mrs Sewed (e-safety champion) or Mrs Smith our Designated Safeguarding Lead.

Weekly Diary

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| WHOLE SCHOOL DIARY OF EVENTS | 10th | Forms 3 & 4 Sponsored walk for Monkey World 8.30am |
| | | Forms 5 & 6 Netball @ Milton Abbey 11.00 am-1.00 pm |
| | | Forms 7 & 8 Netball @ Wey Valley 2.50-4.30 pm |
| | 11th | U8 & U9 High Five Netball V Knighton House @ SPS 2.15pm |
| | | U8 & U9 Hockey V St Mary's Swanage @ Swanage 2.15pm |
| | | IAPs Swimming Qualifier @ Clayesmore 5.30pm |
| | 12th | Form 8 Flying Start Final |
| | | U12 Netball V St Mary's Shaftesbury @ St Mary's 2.30pm |
| | | U11 & U10 Netball V St Mary's Shaftesbury @ St Mary's 2.30pm |
| | | U10 Hockey V Clayesmore @ SPS 2.15pm |
| | | U11 Hockey V Clayesmore @ SPS 3.00pm |
| | | U12 Hockey V Clayesmore @ Clayesmore 2.30pm |
| | 13th | Reception & Form 1 Swimming @ 1610 |
| | | Informal Music Concerts- 4.00pm & 4.30pm |
| | 14th | Form 8 Assembly 8.30am- Breakfast to follow |
| | | Parent & Toddler Group 10.00-11.30 am |
| | | Form 2 Skiing Enrichment 1.30 pm |
| | | Enrichment & Friday Sports 1.30 pm |
| Letters on the Portal | Menu | |
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| | Music Timetable | |
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