



Hermes



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Spring Term

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Love is in the air!

Dear Parents

A welcome to this Valentine's Hermes that also heralds half term.

On Monday Form 5s helped deliver an eco-assembly to the school. Their passion for caring for the world around them is a real feature of their class. Each team had independently researched a topic close to their heart. A radio/tv broadcast from deep in the heart of the Brazilian rainforest was a real highlight.



On Tuesday we welcomed five interviewees to school, all eager to be Megan's temporary replacement when she goes on maternity leave later this term. We were fortunate to be blessed with some lovely candidates and in the end chose a lady called Jackie Noel. She will work alongside Jeanette to provide essential front desk support. I know you will extend your customary welcome to her when she arrives sometime after half term.



Our hens have been in great form this week. The extended daylight and special treats from the larder have worked wonders. We had a Guinness world record day on Tuesday with four eggs. It was perfect timing for our new awards ceremony that we plan to celebrate on a weekly basis. We have ordered custom egg boxes which hold four eggs and will hand them out to worthy recipients in our "Good Egg of the Week" award.



Mandy's poached SPS egg!

The threat of coronavirus has kept us busy behind the scenes. As a day school with a relatively local community the threat is perhaps less than big boarding schools who have a large international community, but we have nevertheless been vigilant and kept up to date with recommended guidelines offered by Public Health England.

With her Health and Safety hard hat on, Eileen has sent you a circular with all the key points to consider, especially if you are travelling outside of Europe and in particular to the Far East.

I haven't heard of anyone who is travelling this far, though there is a good number of you (us) heading out for a winter ski break. I am sure, like me, that you have been glued to the snow reports for the last few weeks. There seems to have been quite a bit of snowfall this week, with some milder weather due over the weekend followed by a colder week ahead. Fingers crossed!



Mr Stazicker (who celebrated a special birthday last week) will be flying to Jordan which includes a visit to Petra. What a treat!

Flight has preoccupied the Form 8s recently. As part of our highly successful Creative Curriculum they have been taking part in the national Flying Start competition held at RNAS Yeovilton. Our Creative Curriculum modules are team taught and I know Mr Stazicker and Mr Adams have very much enjoyed working with the year group and three engineers from Leonardo Helicopters. Their objective has been to build a glider that will fly the furthest.



On Thursday evening Mrs Nolan Stone and Mr Vanburgh held one of their now regular informal music concerts. A very appreciative audience, growing in size week by week, enjoyed performances from those making their first steps towards ABRSM grade 1 to those who were quickly becoming consummate experts.

Site security continues to occupy our thoughts and actions given the frequent events we see getting ever closer to our own door step. I now have a piece of software installed on all PC desktops that enables me to send an emergency message that changes the colour of your screen and is accompanied by an audible alert. We have practiced a lockdown procedure without the children present and after half term will have a very gentle drill with them. I will talk to the children in terms of what we might do if there is a dog loose in

the grounds. I will give you all advance notice so you are aware of the drill.

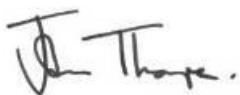


Finally, Form 8 delivered their Safer Internet Day advice to the school for their form assembly. They talked about how to keep your identity safe and what to do if you feel someone makes contact with you that you do not know. It was both enjoyable and highly informative.



Looking ahead to after half term, we have a series of Tuesday parents' evenings to look forward to, starting with Form 8's on Tuesday 25th February and Form 5's the week after.

Whatever your destination or if you are having a lovely Dorset "staycation" I wish you a very happy time with your family.



Mr John Thorpe
Headmaster

Form 4

Attached to the end of Hermes are QR codes for the videos that the children have made on the War Efforts in WW2. They have completed their own research, then planned, designed and created their own videos using Adobe Spark Video.

You simply need to use the camera on their device to scan the QR code to watch the videos.

Form 8

On Monday in their Science lesson, Form 8 completed a very interesting eyeball dissection. They were able to identify most parts of the eye and isolate the lens to investigate its magnifying function.





Form 8 Flying Start

In the past 5 weeks the pupils have spent countless hours planning, designing and constructing model gliders to compete in a gliding competition called Flying Start. Flying Start is aimed to increase the creativity of students and to show them what an engineering career would look like. It also gave us a chance to practise our STEM skills.

When we arrived, after a quick briefing, we were split into 2 groups, one started by presenting their posters which showed how the process went for us and the other group took a 20 minute quiz on knowledge of flight concepts. We as a class succeeded in both.



When both teams had completed both activities we were taken to do an engineering challenge called lunar landing; the activity consisted of creating a parachute out of

limited material such as paper cups, string and tissue paper to see how well they would cope when dropped from various heights with ping pong balls inside to represent a human being.

In the afternoon, we were taken to a gigantic aircraft hangar which had a Merlin helicopter which is able to carry 30 people. We then had three attempts to fly our gliders however we fell short to some of the other teams. One of the teams got the award for 'best crash' as their glider broke and they resulted to throwing it like a tomahawk on their last attempt.

Overall the experience was very enjoyable and has inspired many of us to think more about a future in engineering. We feel we have benefited from this event and have gained lots of knowledge in this area.

By Megan & Tymon

Gardening Club



Busy gardeners on a beautiful sunny afternoon.

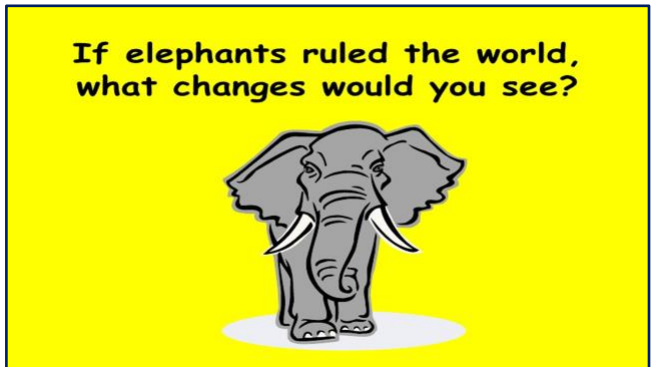
We managed to make direct sowings of peas and parsnips in to the raised beds. It was lovely to finally get on to the garden.

We also started chitting our potatoes – these will be planted next term.



Think of the Week

Last week's think was:



Some of the answers:

Mr Stazicker said that the school would have to abandon its nut-free policy.

Charlie, Form 6: Because elephants have unbelievable hearing, people could not talk badly about them.

Will Mew, Form 8: I don't know the ins and outs of what would happen, but I do know that everything would be a lot flatter.

This week's think: was provided by Lottie in Form 2

Music

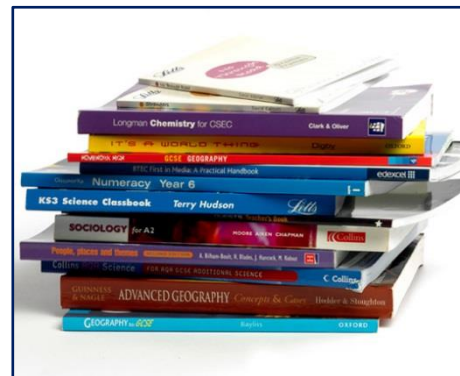


At last – Grade V theory class get a question right!

Music timetables will be added to the portal over the half term.

Congratulations to all pupils who took part in this week's informal music concert. It was a lovely celebration of the fabulous musical talent we have within the school.

Dates for your diary! This term's ABRSM music exams will take place on the 19th March. We look forward to our first Spring Concert on the 20th March at 5pm in the Hall. This will be a wonderful celebration of all the music ensembles that run within the department.



If school didn't exist, what would happen?

Sports

Team: U8 High 5 Netball
Against: Knighton House
Venue: Home
Result: 4 – 3 loss

Although it was bitterly cold, the sun was shining and the team were very keen to get going. In the first quarter Knighton House quickly got the ball into their circle and scored. However, SPS did the same up the other end with Millie scoring a brilliant first goal. Then, with some great passing from the centre, SPS got the ball into the circle again and Millie scored her second goal. Knighton House then scored again to make the score 2-2 at the end of the quarter.

Play continued with SPS trying really hard to intercept and get the ball up the court. There was some great passing from Tina, Millie, Elodie and Scarlett. This quarter ended with Elodie scoring a confident goal. The third quarter was tricky with Knighton House playing well and keeping possession, but luckily they were unable to score. In the final quarter SPS had a few chances to score again but Knighton House were able to score again and then, in the last few seconds of the game, they scored the winner! I can see a real improvement in each of the girl's skills and I love their enthusiasm.

Contribution Award: Tina for showing some of the skills we have done in our lessons in the game. Well done!

Team: U9 High 5 Netball
Against: Knighton House
Venue: Home
Result: 3 – 0 win

Both teams coped with the windy conditions very well but found scoring a little challenging. Our marking was much better and everyone intercepted the ball on many

occasions. Kitty T scored our only goal before half time after some good passes from Clara and Iris. Izzy and Anna buzzed around the court and jumped really well to collect the ball. Scarlett showed good determination and looked before she sent her pass and worked well with Kitty S in defence. Izzy scored our second goal and Kitty S shot our third.

Great enthusiasm but we need to move into space when asking for the ball instead of standing still with our hands up!

Contribution Award: The opposition chose Kitty S.

Team: U10/11 Netball
Against: St Mary's, Shaftesbury
Venue: Away
Result: 7 – 0 loss

A very even game from the start and the umpires were on the edge of their trainers building with anticipation as to which way the match was going to go. The SPS girls were attempting set plays for back line passes and centre passes. Successfully most of the time. The team were excited (as was I) to see it work. Flora and Izzy S were in good defensive positions to intercept the floaty balls coming into the circle. Imogen and Carolina once again supported play in the centre court. Mirabelle showed she can adapt to different positions and use the space efficiently. Polina worked tirelessly in the attacking end to get the ball close to the post. Izzy C was having to work round a very good defender. Unfortunately, a rather tall GA on the opposing side found her game at half time. She did not miss a shot!

The game finished 7-0, SPS deserved a higher score but alas, not today.

Contribution Award: The opposition chose Polina for working tirelessly in the attacking third.

Team: U12 Netball
Against: St Mary's, Shaftesbury
Venue: Away
Result: 6 – 4 loss

We started slowly and went 3 – 1 down in the first quarter. Muddling each other and not spacing out on the court was making us lose the ball unnecessarily. We improved in the second quarter with Meggie and Poppy marking the opposition's very tall shooters more closely and being able to intercept their passes. Once again Connie worked hard at centre trying to link up with Bea and we started to use the space on court to our advantage.

Holly and Katie moved up the court earlier which allowed more space for everyone to dodge and get free more effectively. Molly remembered our last games lesson pulling out of the circle to give herself more room to receive the ball. The score was 4 – 4 going into the last quarter – anyone's game! St. Mary's managed to find their tall shooters who scored the winning goals. An exciting close game but we were pipped at the post.

Contribution Award: The opposition chose Connie and Holly.

Team: U8 Hockey
Against: St Mary's, Swanage
Venue: Away
Result: 1 – 1 draw

The U8's played a mixed U8/9 team in Swanage. St Mary's dominated the first half with relentless attacks going forward. Oliver, Leo and Natty worked extremely hard in defence and managed to go into half time only 1-0 down. After a stern team talk from Mr Willemse, the boys were invigorated to fight and change the momentum of the match. The team kept their shape better and pressed higher up the pitch. Every player wanted to give their all and slowly momentum shifted towards the St Mary's defensive area.

The U8's kept trying for a goal and after a number of ferocious attacks Hamish scored a beautiful goal.

A fantastic performance from the team and a well-deserved draw.

Contribution Award: Oliver for fighting relentlessly in defence and for improving his tactical understanding. Well done!

Team: U9 Hockey
Against: St Mary's, Swanage
Venue: Away
Result: 4 – 2 win

The U9's displayed a far more focussed and determined display this week. Rex and Xavier were solid in the defence observing the St Mary's forwards intensely. Gregory and Freddie worked tirelessly in midfield with William in the centre. Great goals were scored by Charlie, Freddie and William. Gregory passed the ball around and showed great improvements.

Alexander worked hard in defence and made some good interceptions.

A real team performance, well done!

Contribution Award: William for displaying wonderful 1-1 stick skills and fighting hard to retrieve the ball back for the game.

Team: U10 Hockey
Against: Clayesmore
Venue: Home
Result: 1 – 0 win

Sunninghill played an intense back and forth game with Felix making important tackles at the back and feeding great balls through in to the middle of the pitch where Alexander kept his energy and skills up throughout the match creating lots of opportunities for the attack to get a shot in, Alexander finding one of these

through balls put it past the keeper in the 1st half. The team worked together making amazing passes and battling in the tackles to come out with a hard fought victory.

Contribution Award: Felix and Charlie for their great tackling skills and passing in defence.

Team: U11 Hockey
Against: Clayesmore
Venue: Home
Result: 4 – 2 win

Sunninghill played a hard fought game with a back and forth race for goals, James was astute in defence keeping his stick strong in the tackles and positioning his body to open up the pitch. Sam worked hard to make goals and tackles further up the pitch scoring 2 amazing goals in both the 1st and 2nd half, every player playing as hard as they could leaving the team ending the 1st half with Tom grasping at a goal at the keepers feet and Sam slapping it past the Clayesmore goal keeper, Sam scored again early in the second half encouraging the team to work harder but Clayesmore came back and scored a second goal, in the final 5 minutes the Sunninghill played a lovely early ball to Archie from a free hit where Archie pounced on his opportunity to score and smashed the ball in the top corner from the edge of the d with Clayesmore's goal keeper un aware of what happened. The whole Sunninghill team played amazly and used great determination to win the game.

Contribution Award: James for great defending and composure on the ball and Will Smith for his outstanding goal and inspiring energy on the wing.

Team: U12 Hockey
Against: Clayesmore
Venue: Away
Result: 5 – 0 loss

A team depleted by a couple of key players faced a rather strong Clayesmore team who were rather relentless in their desire to score against us.

Playing in goals for the first time, Oliver M made some great saves and Leo D acquitted himself in defence really well.

The team must work on their resilience under pressure and their willingness to support each other in adversity, as the measure of true grit is giving your best when you have your backs against the wall and life is not going your way! Looking on the bright side, match tea was pasta carbonara and we were much happier on the way home.

Contribution Award: Will S who played with great desire, often picking the ball up in defence, driving through the midfield and getting a pass into their D.

Community News

London Eye voucher

Every child has been given a voucher this week, which enables up to 5 people 50% off the entry price to the London Eye. The offer is valid until March 2021. Please see the voucher for more details and T&C's. The offer is for pre-booked tickets only.

Dorset Dyslexia Association

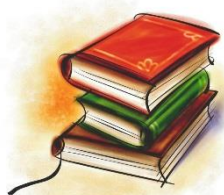
Parents and students are invited to come along to learn and play with TRUGS (Teach Reading Using Games). See the poster for more details.

Opheus Eurydice & the Power of Love – production at the Bridport Electric Palace – please see poster for more details.

Lost & Found

Will B-K has misplaced his black beanie hat with a red misfit logo – please return if found.

Book Amnesty



Please could you have a look over half term for any library books, and return them to Mrs O'Donnell in the library – thank you.

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
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Bridport Youth Dance and Bridport Boys Dance presents

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Orpheus & Eurydice

& The Power Of Love

A collaborative production by Nikki Northover

Bridport Electric Palace

Friday 6th March

at 7.30pm

Saturday 7th March

at 2pm

and 7.30pm

Featuring choreography by
Nikki Northover,
Aimee Symes and Bec Ayles
and music by composers
Andrew Dickson,
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We invite parents, students, teachers and anyone interested to come along to learn and play with



Joanna Jeffries will demonstrate her brilliant learning resource on

Wednesday 26th February 2020, 6.15pm – 7.45pm
at

Sunninghill Prep School, Dorchester DT1 1EB

(please use the Culliford Road North entrance)

- TRUGS are designed to ensure easy progress and success by being carefully graded for difficulty, whilst being fun and competitive!
- There will be plenty of time to try them out and discover how your children or pupils would benefit from playing these card games.
- Please see: www.readsuccessfully.com

There will also be an opportunity to browse our NEW "Borrow Box" of items and sign up to borrow!!

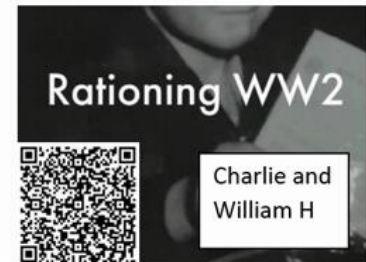
Refreshments will also be on sale

For more information please contact Chrissy Hancock on 07841 291352 or email DDAborrowbox@gmail.com

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Form 4 War World II Videos



Weekly Diary

WHOLE SCHOOL	24th	Forms 5 & 6 Netball @ Milton Abbey 11.00 am-1.00 pm
DIARY OF EVENTS		Forms 7 & 8 Netball @ Wey Valley 2.50-4.30 pm
	25th	Forms 3 & 4 Bovington Tank Museum 9.00am-1.30pm
		U8 & U9 Mixed Inter House Hockey @ SPS 2.00pm
		Form 8 Pupil and Parents' Evening 4.45pm
	26th	U13 & U12 Netball V Castle Court @ Castle Court 2.30pm
		U11 & U10 Netball V Castle Court @ Redlands 2.00pm
		U13 & U12 B Hockey V Yarrells @ SPS 2.30pm
	27th	Reception & Form 1 Swimming @ 1610
		Form 5 Science Lecture @ Sherorne Girls 11.00am- 2.15pm
	28th	Form 6 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	
		Fixtures & Team Sheets
		Music Timetable
		Spring Half- Term Effort Grade Report- Forms 3-8
Nursery		Coronavirus
Reception		Coronavirus
Form 1		Coronavirus
Form 2		Coronavirus
Form 3		Tik Tok/Coronavirus/Sponsored Walk date/Bovington Trip
Form 4		Tik Tok/Coronavirus/Sponsored Walk date/Bovington Trip
Form 5		Tik Tok/Coronavirus
Form 6		Tik Tok/Coronavirus
Form 7		Tik Tok/Coronavirus
Form 8		Pupil & Parent's Evening /Tik tok/Coronavirus