

Sherborne news



George's Marvellous Medal

George Case won a Gold medal in the slalom at the Welsh Open Artificial Ski Slope Championships. He beat 15 other children in the under 10 minis. George, a member of the British Ski Academy in Les Houches, is looking forward to representing Sherborne Prep again in the British Inter-School Ski Challenge in March.

Golfing Success for Rising Star

Will Chesterman has become the youngest player to take part in the Milton Abbey Prep Schools Golf Tournament.

Will carded the sixth best score in the tournament, despite being only seven years old. Given that he can play in the competition until 2015, few would bet against him winning the individual competition in due course.



Girls Win Taunton Challenge Again

Congratulations to Bella, Francis, Nora, Charlotte and Beth who have won the Taunton Challenge for the second year in a row. The all-girl team, who won last year as an under 11 team, are delighted to have repeated their success again this year as under 12s.

Nine prep schools from across the South West took part with 75 children participating in a variety of events throughout the day. The event tests both mental and physical ability and The Prep fielded teams in the under 12 and under 11 categories, who all worked extremely well together showing true team spirit. The day included challenges in orienteering, knowledge, aquatic and practical tasks and was rounded off by all teams taking part in the Superstars challenge.

Money for Nothing ...



Don't forget to use our fundraising webshop www.buyat/sherborneprep. If you have not tried this before it really is very easy to use. Follow links to retailers including Amazon, Marks & Spencer, Early Learning Centre, Waterstones and Next. Using Buyat/sherborneprep does not cost you anything more, but raises funds for our School.

Independent Schools Show



If you are visiting London during half term do come and see us at the Independent Schools Show, Battersea Park on Friday 29 or Saturday 30 October.

For more information visit www.schoolsshow.co.uk.

You will find us just inside the main entrance.

Dates for your diary

Friends' Halloween Party	5 November
Senior Soloists' Concert	15 November
Friends' Christmas Fair	19 November
Exeat (after School)	19 November
Senior Play	25 November
Senior Play	26 November
Junior Soloists' Concert	26 November
Rotary Youth Speaks	29 November
End of Term Music Concert	2 December
Friends' Ladies' Lunch	3 December
Nursery Nativity	6 December
Pre-Prep Play	8 December
Old Preppers' Musical Evening	15 February

Record Breaking Cake Sale for Breast Cancer Research



A record breaking £193.69 was raised in just 15 minutes when an array of delicious cakes brought in by Sherborne Prep pupils and staff went on sale at morning break.

Well done, Constance and Kinvy, for organising such a hugely successful cake sale.





From the Head

It has been a wonderful start to the new School year. There has been a very exciting buzz about The Prep as returning children have settled back into their programme of work and play, resuming old friendships and welcoming the new. As well, the pupils and staff who joined in September have settled very quickly into School life and have already started to make a significant contribution in many areas and activities.

Our sports teams have made a promising start to their hockey and rugby seasons and along with the School music programme and play rehearsals, much has been going on. This newsletter gives us the opportunity to celebrate the successes of our children and to share with you all that is going on. I hope that you will enjoy reading it.

I will continue to write my missives, ranging from the light-hearted to the downright curmudgeonly, the latest of which is about Homework and will be published on the Headmaster's Page of the website.

Peter Tait
Peter Tait, Headmaster



Friends Calendar 2011

The Friends of Sherborne Prep photographed all of the children in school on Thursday 30 September, in groups according to the month of their birthday. The photographs will be produced in a wall calendar and will be on sale at the Christmas Fair on Friday 19 November priced at £12.50 each or £30 for three. Do email Jo Hague to pre-order your copies at hagushome@tiscali.co.uk.



The Powys Lectures

The Powys Lectures take place on Saturday mornings, starting at 11:30, preceded by coffee in the Powys Library. Year 7 and 8 Scholars watch the Lectures and all parents are welcome.

Lectures this half term include Shame in the Game: Doping, Cheating, Winning - Jake Eggertsen, King's Bruton on 6 November; Jeanne Leader, Taunton School on 13 November; Has Fame Changed Over the Centuries? - Tom Payne, Author & SPS Parent on 27 November; Les Trésors de l'Impressionisme - Audrey Gaskall, Taunton School on 4 December

Welcome to our New Pupils ...



Ted, Maia, Molly, Vincent, Harriet, Kitty, Octavia, Theodore, Charlie, Frederick, Jimmy, Tilly, Barwaqo, Finn, Joshua, Naima, Robert, Amelia, Charlie, India, Millie, Annabel, Becca, Daniel, George, Henry, Kaito, Raissa, Alastair, Jack, Jacob, Jamie, Juan, Sam, Jake, Jose, Sholto and Tom who are settling in well to their first term at Sherborne Prep



DT Challenge Winner

Alex Duffield won the Summer Holiday Design Technology Challenge, to design and build a gadget that could be powered by the wind, with his wind-powered musical box.



Reception

Reception have had a busy start to the term making fabulous hand puppets and having a teddy bears picnic with Miss Hunt. They have also had lots of fun dressing up as characters from The Three Little Pigs.

Old Preppers Reunion



The Old Preppers' Association hosted a reunion for Old Preppers who left The Prep between 1926-1996 on 18 September. A superb lunch was followed by a convincing 36-12 win by the 1st XV against Perrott Hill. A special thanks to Mrs Wilson, Mrs Arbis and Mrs James.

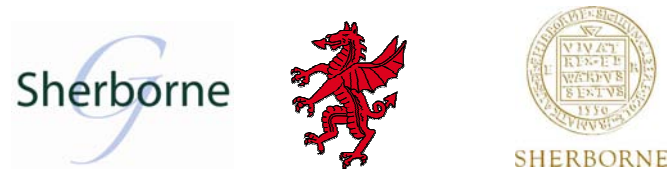


Year 8 Visit Lulworth Cove



Year 8 visited the beautiful Dorset coastline at Lulworth Cove as part of their geography studies. This stunning piece of Dorset coastline is full of excellent opportunities for pupils to bring to life lessons learned in the classroom.

Joint Schools Sibling Discount

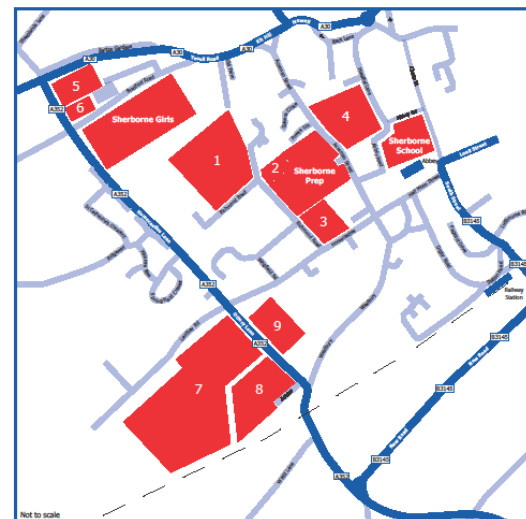


Sherborne Prep, Sherborne Girls and Sherborne School operate a sibling fee discount arrangement for parents with children in any of the three schools.

A 10% fee discount applies to the third child at either of the three Schools and 15% to the fourth and subsequent children.

The children do not have to be in the Schools at the same time.

If you believe that your family is eligible for a sibling discount please contact the Bursar as soon as possible. For the discount to be applied the Bursar will need to know the names of those children who are being or have already been educated at either Sherborne Prep, Sherborne Girls or Sherborne School.



Home Matches Map

We have produced a map showing the location of all our home sports venues. The map is published on the sports pages of our website and is displayed on the sports hall notice board. A hard copy is also available from the School Office.

End Polio Now!



Sherborne Castles Rotary Club gave an interesting and informative talk to the children about their campaign, Polio Plus. Every £1 raised during the campaign will inoculate five children. In the UK so far 5.5 million purple crocuses have been planted to raise awareness of the campaign, of which 9000 bulbs are being planted by pupils and staff across the School. The planting started with a lesson from Head Gardener Neil Hoppe.



... and New Staff



Jeremy Acton



Lucy Wallington



Fiona Reay



Fergus Taylor



Richard Stedeford

Jeremy Acton is a Year 5 form teacher specialising in English and Religious Education. He is passionate about playing and coaching sport. He read theology at St Andrews University and is an enthusiastic scientist.

Lucy Wallington is a Year 3 form teacher, who also teaches French in the Pre-Prep. She has a musical family background and enjoys singing as well as playing the violin, cello and piano.

Fiona Reay is a Year 6 form teacher and Head of English. She is a keen swimmer and plays piano and guitar. Fiona is an Old Prepper who now works alongside two of her former teachers - Mr Walbank and Mr Watters!

Fergus Taylor is a familiar face at The Prep, having left us just five years ago for Sherborne School. He joins us as a Gap Tutor for the Michaelmas term, specialising in coaching rugby.

Richard Stedeford is our new Graduate Gap tutor who will assist Paul Shepherd in Acreman boarding house and with sports. Richard is familiar with The Prep, having played rugby against us whilst at The Gryphon School.



Year 2 Out and About

Year 2 visited Priest's House Museum in Wimborne Minster where they had the opportunity to handle toys aged over 100 years old. They also made peg dolls and played Victorian outdoor games in the beautiful gardens, which they enjoyed exploring.

Pre-Prep Harvest Festival

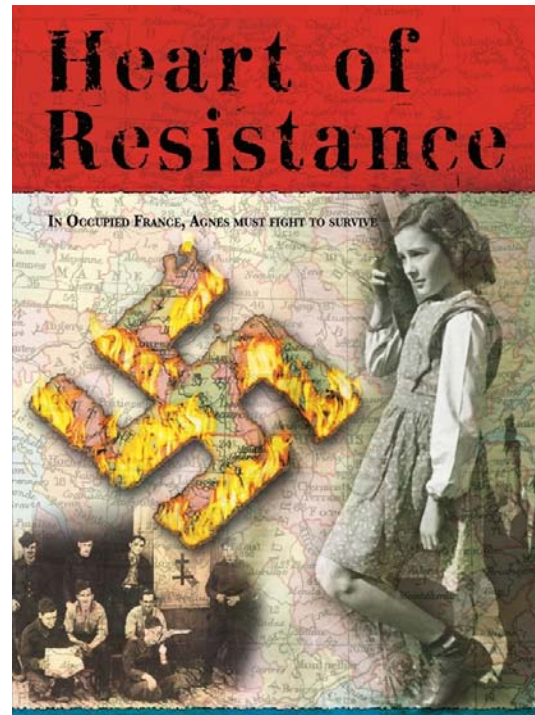


Pre-Preppers celebrated Harvest Festival with a special assembly and by donating food to the Lord's Larder in Yeovil.

Thank you and Farewell!



Barbara Kierstead would like to say a huge thank you to the many pupils and parents who presented her with wonderful letters and cards, flowers and vouchers. She was overwhelmed by your kindness and generosity and will always hold her eleven years at Sherborne Prep in a special place in her heart.

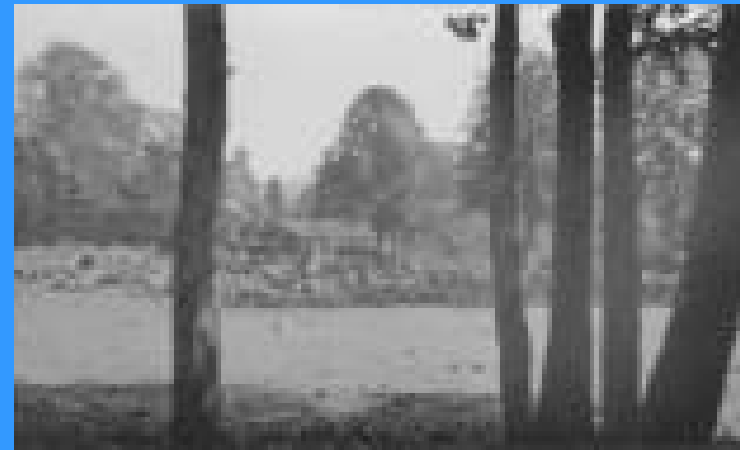


Mrs Tait's first book, *Heart of Resistance*, is now available in paperback published by Ragged Bears Publishing and available through all good book shops.

The story revolves around Agnes, who is orphaned when a bomb destroys her home in World War II. She sets off in search of her grandparents and is smuggled across the English Channel to occupied France.

On the way she meets a Resistance group, whose leader promises to help her and entrusts her to the care of shepherds in the mountains. This thrilling tale is a fantastic story for older readers.

The Bombing of Sherborne



Children from Year 4, who are studying World War II as part of their history lessons, attended a commemoration service and re-enactment of the bombs dropping at Sherborne School, to coincide with the exact time 70 years previously when the bombs had fallen on Sherborne. An air raid siren was sounded and everyone jumped when the sound of two bombs dropping reverberated around the courtyard.

This picture shows the lucky escape of the Sherborne Prep pupils in September 1940 when the boys were out playing rugby and the air raid warning sounded and despite previous false alarms in the past it quickly became clear that a dash to the shelters was necessary. The full story is printed on our website.



Nursery enjoying the fine autumn weather

Boarding Fun

Our boarders, boys and girls, now have the use of a new well-equipped games room.



Driving Force

Year 1 investigated their parents' cars as part of this term's topic exploring transport.

Chamber Choir for Alexander



Sherborne Chamber Choir has invited Alexander Hutton to sing the treble solo in Bernstein's Chichester Psalms at their main concert in Sherborne Abbey in November.