

# The Messenger



## Message from the Headmistress



Welcome to a new school year from sunny Africa. I hope that everyone is feeling refreshed and relaxed after a long Summer holidays. It is a real pleasure to welcome so many new faces to the school this term - I am sure that you will have a great time here at Hooke Court School.

The last year at Hooke Court School was a very successful one with all of our leavers going on to the school of their choice. We wish them every success for the future and will miss them in our daily life. We also had an excellent set of SATs results and were very pleased to see all of our children performing so well. I wish you all the very best for the term ahead and look forward to seeing you all in December. In the meantime I hope you will follow us on our travels on our web site - [www.hoektohooke.com](http://www.hoektohooke.com).  
Mrs McConnell

## Oliver!

With outstanding performances from the whole school the children left us all wanting "more!" after their end of year rendition of *Oliver*. As usual everybody rose to the challenge and put on a display of exceptional talent as we followed Oliver through the streets of London on his quest to find out "Where is love?" All their hard work paid off on the night and the show had it all! With some chilling scenes from Bill and his boys, a hint of cheeky cockney comedy from Fagin and his gang and a splash of glamour from Nancy and her girls.



## If we go down to the woods...

During the summer term the nursery children have been becoming at one with nature, learning within our beautiful wooded area during Forest School. During our highly successful Forest School programme the children took part in tree identification, den building, tool use, story telling and fire building.

## Egyptian Museum

On Tuesday 10th of May the children visited the 'Egyptian Museum' in Dorchester as part of this term's History topic. Whilst at the museum the children discovered lots of interesting facts and studied many replica artefacts of the period - they even saw the 'mummies!' After a wonderful lunch in the park the children explored two churches in Dorchester as part of their RE project. Whilst at St. Peter's Church the children were invited to write a note for a 'time capsule' that was being placed in the masonry. This was a unexpected and excellent end to a wonderful day!



## The Perfect Bay

Class One and Two have been studying coastal erosion, so one sunny day in June we visited the Dorset coastline at Lulworth. The children were in awe of the splendor of the perfect horseshoe bay of the cove. Mr. McConnell explained how the sea had hollowed out the softer clays behind the limestone barrier, with the chalk behind the bay, forming the resistant cliff. We had a great view of the famous 'Lulworth Crumple' with its complex folds (formed by major movements some 30 million years ago) as well as Stair Hole, a new cove in the making. We walked all the way up the steep one mile path and down again to the pebbly beach, to view the spectacular, Durdle Door coastal