



# HAMPRESTON CE (VA) FIRST SCHOOL

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**Newsletter 6**  
**Spring Term 2022**

**11<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

Dear Parents,

## Children's Mental Health Week

We kicked off the week with a whole school assembly on the importance of looking after our minds, like we look after the health of our bodies. In class, the children thought about who helps them grow and they made a hot air balloon depicting their support network and who they can turn to for help. Thank you for discussing the Mental Health Bingo challenges at home - the children really enjoyed telling us what activities they had done to 'be kind to their mind'. Next week, on Walk to School Day, the theme will continue as we enjoy more activities to nurture our mental health alongside our physical fitness.

## Internet Safety Week

This week we celebrated Safer Internet Day 2022. This year, the focus of Safer Internet Day was on keeping safe online, especially while playing games, centring on the language that we should use while online. Every class was able to take part in this in some way through hearing stories about Digiduck, thinking of how we should behave online and we even had a special visit from the guys at AFC Bournemouth to help remind us of this too. It was a really successful day and we would encourage all of you at home to open a conversation with your children about how to keep safe online and playing appropriate online games in the right way.



## Walk to School

Next week is our spring Walk to School morning we are keeping fingers crossed for a bright, fresh – and dry - morning. Our wonderful friends at Haskins. Have once again offered us the use of their car park for dropping off and I am grateful for their support yet again. Details, including a map, will be sent in the next few days.

In the meantime, you might consider whether you are able to help us on Friday morning. In the past, we have had the help of some wonderful parent volunteers who have helped to shuttle the packed lunches to school. If you are able to play taxi for some lunchboxes, please let the office know. Thank you.

## 'School Bank Holiday' – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June

One or two eagle-eyed people have noticed that our return to school after the summer half term is Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June, with an INSET day on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>. This is because Hampreston, along with other Ferndown schools, are having Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June as a 'School' bank holiday.

As you are no doubt aware, this year is the Queen's jubilee and as such, the country is celebrating with an additional bank holiday. However, as this falls within the school holiday, all schools have been asked to allocate a separate day by the local authority in lieu of this. To support families as much as possible, we have worked with Ferndown schools and opted to take ours on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June.

## Midday Supervisor Vacancy

I am saddened to tell you that Mrs Sherrard will be leaving us after half term. She has been a wonderful midday supervisor and the children have loved having her here. We wish her well and look forward to seeing her as she remains a member of our school community.

This does mean that we are advertising for a midday supervisor position within the school. This is a key role for us and we would welcome anyone keen to be involved in the life of the school to apply. Details can be found on the school website and on the [DorsetForYou](http://DorsetForYou) website in due course. For more details, why not give the office a call? If you know of anyone who may be interested, please put them in touch. Thanks.



### Midday Movers update:

The children have really taken to our Midday Movers challenge. They have completed a whopping 360km so far over the last few weeks, taking us all the way from Hampreston to Norwich Airport! A big well done to all of the runners in Year 1 this week who have clocked up a very impressive 22km between them.



### Virtual Visit – Year 2

Following on from our virtual author visit last week, Year 2 were treated to another virtual visitor – this time from The Cornish Plastic Pollution Coalition. We were luckily enough to speak to a Biological Scientist and Marine Medic who told us all about her work tidying up the local beaches and the animal rescues she has taken part in. The children asked lots of interesting questions about her rescues and they have been given some really good ideas about how they can tackle the plastic pollution problem in our local area.

### Big Me Day

After last weeks brilliant 'Big Me' day, the children have helped to raise £76.35!. This will go to Action Aid to support children in other countries where they may not have the same opportunities for education as we do. Well done to everyone!

### Friends of Hampreston PTA

It was great to see some of you at our PTA AGM this week and I welcome Nicky Preston as our new chair!

At the meeting, we also discussed several upcoming dates, having postponed the Bingo night it will now take place on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March.

### Join the Friends of Hampreston PTA

The Friends of Hampreston continues to grow, with more new faces getting involved. If you would like to join us, or put yourself forward to help out when you can, please let us know - we need you! Any support you feel you may be able to give (big or small!) will always make a difference. The PTA is looking to grow our Hampreston community and continue raising money for our school. Our next PTA meeting will be remote, on TEAMS on Tuesday 15th February at 8pm.

We will be discussing some of the upcoming events but always welcome new ideas, the opportunity to meet other families and organise great events for our children.

Please register your interest by email to [pta@hamprestonfirstschool.co.uk](mailto:pta@hamprestonfirstschool.co.uk) and we will send you an invite to the meeting.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Williams'.

**Mr. T. Williams**  
**Headteacher**

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**This Week:**

To help support you at home and to spark conversations about learning, here is what the children have been covering this week.

	<b>English</b>	<b>Mathematics</b>
Reception	This week we have been learning and re-telling a poem about dinosaurs. We have learnt what a riddle is and written our own fantastic dinosaur riddles. Our phonic focus is revision of digraphs and trigraphs which the children have successfully applied to read words such as: <i>farmyard, chicken, rocket, lemon, laptop</i> and <i>carpet</i> .	In maths, the children have been introduced to words describing length, such as <i>longer or shorter</i> . We can compare different lengths using these words and we now understand that the objects need to be straight in order to compare them.
Year 1	In literacy this week, we have focussed on grammar. The children have recalled the different occasions for using capital letters; to start a sentence, begin a name or for the personal pronoun 'I'. We have also enjoyed some mindfulness and a week of DT!	In maths, we have covered subtraction. The children have used different methods, including the number line and a new method: subtracting tens and ones. This worked by breaking down $16 - 14$ into $16 - 10 = 6$ , followed by $6 - 4 = 2$ . This seemed like lots to remember at first, but the children grasped it really well!
Year 2	This week in English we have read the Hans Christian Anderson classic <i>The Snow Queen</i> . The children have been writing character and setting descriptions. They have thought very carefully about the vocabulary they wanted to use and have produced excellent descriptions.	In Maths this week we have continued our unit on multiplication and division. We have completed our focus on multiplication and moved on to division. The children are finding the topic tricky but have impressed me with their perseverance.
Year 3	In English, the children have worked amazingly well on writing from the point of view of a monk anticipating a Viking invasion! We have used powerful adverbs to describe how we might have felt whilst writing our diary.	This week we have worked on solving word problems using multiplication and division. Some 2-step problems can be very challenging, so we have needed to concentrate!
Year 4	This week in Year 4 the children have gone back to the beginning of our class novel <i>When the Mountains Roared</i> . We made a storyboard of the beginning of the story to familiarise ourselves with it. Then we used our knowledge of relative clauses and fronted adverbials to create some really interesting sentences that we can use in our main write next week.	In maths the children have continued to chip away at the fraction mountain! They have shown such resilience and have persevered when simplifying fractions and finding equivalents. We then moved on to look more closely at improper fractions (you might remember them as top heavy fractions) and how these can be turned into mixed number fractions (e.g. $13/12 = 1 \frac{1}{12}$ ).

## Diary Dates 2021-2022

### Spring Term

Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	PTA Bingo Night
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	PTA Meeting
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	Healthy School Day & Walk2School Morning
	Half term begins

### Half Term

Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	School Opens
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Year 4 Pancake race
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	World Book Day
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Consultations 3-6pm
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Consultations 5-8pm
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	PTA Bingo Night
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	PTA Mother's Day Sale
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Service 1pm
	Last day of term

### Summer Term

Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	INSET Day
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Healthy School Day & Fun Run
	Half term begins

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Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET Day
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	School Opens
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Class Portraits
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	PTA Summer Fete
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	PTA Father's Day Sale
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Sports Day
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	PTA Disco
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Leavers Service 2pm
	Year Ends