



# HAMPRESTON CE (VA) FIRST SCHOOL

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*To love God and to love one another*

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Dear Parents

Despite the squally weather, it was fantastic to see you all supporting our Walk to School morning. The children had a brilliant – if slightly soggy – walk, chatting with friends and staff alike.

## A little 'magic' – our new Reading Room

After many weeks of hard work by our wonderful parent helpers – to whom we owe a huge debt of gratitude and thanks – the children finally got their first glimpse of the new Reading Room today. While we will plan a formal opening after half term in which we can invite the whole community in, we wanted to give the first look to our brilliant children.



The photographs don't really do justice to the space we have created for the school and I know the children will be desperate to tell you all about it as we start using the Reading Room after half term.

My thanks go to everybody who has supported this brilliant project; our PTA, the John Thornton Trust and the wonderful Governing Body for getting behind this amazing space. I know it will be a fantastic resource for Hampreston to use and enjoy for many years to come.



## Year 2 Kampong Ayer Day

This week the children in year 2 went on an adventure! We travelled to Bandar Seri Begawan on an airplane, piloted by a familiar face and then entered the rainforest! We learnt all about going to school in Kampong Ayer and how they dress very differently. We practiced some of the language and investigated the animals that live in the various layers of the rainforest. We rounded the day off by listening to rainforest sounds and making our own rainmakers. The children had a great time and loved walking into a departure lounge instead of a classroom!

## Parking Matters

It has been noted that a number of vehicles are parking across the farmer's access in the Drop-Off zone during the afternoon. The owner does regularly access that field and politely asks that I remind you not to park blocking the gate at any time. Thank you for your understanding.

## Jewellery and Uniform

Over the past week or two, there has been an upsurge in the number of children arriving at school wearing jewellery. May we remind parents that no jewellery is permitted at Hampreston, including bracelets and necklaces. Earrings may only be worn on recently-pierced ears and once the holes are 'fixed', earrings should not be worn in school. Watches are permitted, but we do not allow 'smart' watches. If children wish to wear a watch, we highly recommend they be simple analogue watches.

Following the half term, we will return to our winter uniform code only. Please ensure that your children wear the correct (named) uniform each day, including on PE days. Please check the Parent Handbook or contact the office if you are unsure.

## Midday Supervisor Vacancy

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](#) website. 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.

## Weekly Presentation Prizes

At Hampreston, we want every single child to be proud of the way they present their work in their books. This week we were most impressed with the excellent effort made by the following children:

Y1 – Sophia C  
Y2 - Hannah  
Y3 - Isaac  
Y4 - Logan

Who will it be next week?

## WhatsApp

There are many beneficial uses of platforms such as WhatsApp for our community and being part of a class group can really help in locating a lost jumper or checking if it really is a mufti day. However, WhatsApp groups can rarely solve individual issues and we would encourage parents to contact the school in the first instance should there be any questions or concerns. The staff are all wonderful and will seek to resolve these promptly. Thank you.

## Sticky Questions

Children's speaking and listening skills are known to be crucial to support their learning and social development. Research also shows that verbal language underpins good quality reading and writing. We are excited to be introducing a whole school approach to engaging children in high quality discussions through 'Sticky Questions'. At the end of the first week back after half term, your child will come home wearing a sticker with a philosophical question on it. We would love you to enjoy chatting with them about each Friday's new sticky question so your child can bring their ideas back to class on the Monday. More information will follow.



Pizza Competition

We had a fantastic amount of entries for the pizza competition and they were all amazing, we hope they were as delicious as they looked and you all enjoyed being creative. Mr Williams enlisted the help of another Head Teacher as it was really hard to judge, but the results are in.....

**Very well done to Marc in Year 1 for winning with his 'Happy Face Pizza'**



Also commendations go to Masie (Y4) who designed a volcano pizza, Elle (Y2) who designed a 'twice as nice' pizza, Leah (R) with her 'Ham-pressed-on' pizza, Rowan (Y4) who designed a Minecraft pepperoni pizza and Ari (Y3) with her lion pizza.



Amazon Smile

Did you know that you can turn some of your Amazon shopping into donations to the Hampreston Friends Association (PTA)? By visiting [smile.amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk) rather than their main 'www' page, you can register to have Amazon donate 0.5% of every purchase to the PTA. The donation comes directly from Amazon's pockets and doesn't change the price you pay. It is easy to set up and once running, does not need you to do anything other than shop! Why not register this weekend and start helping the Friends fundraising efforts?

Fireworks

Tickets are now live for our fireworks event on 11 November 2022. These can be purchased online using the QR code or by visiting [www.peoplesfundraising.com/event/hampreston-first-school-fireworks-event](https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/event/hampreston-first-school-fireworks-event) Please show your support by purchasing early!

Christmas Cards

Good news that will help raise even more funds for our school! Class Fundraising have extended the Early Bird deadline to order your Christmas Cards to midnight on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2022. So if you forgot to order, don't worry you have a chance to order this week.

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I can't believe that the first half term of the year has already come to a close! The children have had a fantastic few weeks and are all deserving (and needing) a good rest. I hope that whatever you are getting up to, you have a wonderful break. See you in a week's time.

Yours sincerely,

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

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

**This Week:**

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

	English	Mathematics
EYFS	Reception have been busy writing autumnal words beginning with the initial sounds <i>s</i> , <i>m</i> and <i>t</i> . We have been using as many descriptive words in our discussions about autumn.	In maths, we have begun to recognise the digits that represent 1, 2 and 3 objects. We had great fun finding sets of 3 objects and rolling the large dice to see who could get a three. We have also continued our work on various repeating patterns.
Year 1	This week Year 1 have not just been going on a Bear Hunt, but they have been going on lots of different animal hunts! The children have taken the structure of the Bear Hunt story and adapted it to retell versions of their own. We also came up with a whole class version of 'We're going on a Lion Hunt,' that we practised and performed to a very special audience!	We have had a very busy week in maths where we have been taking part in races and awarding medals to the people that came 1st, 2nd, 3 <sup>rd</sup> using all the ordinal numbers up to 10. We also revisited all of our learning that we have done over this first half term. We remembered how to sort and organise different objects and numbers, we found 1 more than and 1 less than, we identified numbers that are greater than, less than and equal to, we ordered numbers from greatest to smallest, we made and labelled our own number lines and counted how many jumps up or down the number line certain numbers were.
Year 2	This week in English the children have completed an independent write. They were asked to invent a new animal and have wowed me with their imaginative descriptions! We also spend time practicing sentence structures, writing a book review and evaluating our Fire Engines.	In Maths this week we have continued to focus on fact families. We have explored related facts - how counting in ones can help us to count in 10s and bonds to 100. The children have remained focused and enthusiastic despite a tricky topic.
Year 3	This week, year 3 have been looking at shape poetry. The children were really excited about creating their own shape poem about Autumn. I was so impressed with the vocabulary used and the creativity that the children have. We are going to make a class poetry book for the book corner to showcase all the wonderful poems the children have written. Well done year 3!	Year 3 have started column addition this week. This is not a new concept as they did cover it in year 2 using 2-digit numbers. In year 3, they are using a 3-digit number, using their knowledge of place value to complete the additions. At times, it has been a tricky concept, but we will continue to take small steps and revisit learning each day.
Year 4	This week the children went on a fascinating trip to Stonehenge. This was an amazing opportunity that inspired them to write some myths and legends about the origins of Stonehenge. They have carefully planned, written and edited their work to create interesting and engaging narratives.	In maths this week the children have been looking at some of the trickier aspects of adding and subtracting 4-digit numbers. They have practised subtracting two 4-digit numbers with more than one exchange and have looked at efficient subtraction methods. These methods include counting on/back if there is a small difference or adapting the subtraction to make it simpler.

## Diary Dates 2022-2023

Autumn Term	
Friday 21st October	Healthy School Day & Walk-2-School Morning Half term begins
Half Term	
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	School Opens
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent Consultations 3.30-6.30pm
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent Consultations 5-8pm
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Day <a href="#">PTA Fireworks Event</a>
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying Week – Odd Socks Day
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Year 4 Dudsbury Camp No Pens Wednesday
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Enterprise Week
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu Immunisations
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Enterprise Afternoon 2:30pm
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Carols by Candlelight
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS/KS1 Nativity
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS/KS1 Nativity
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Party Afternoon
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christingle Service 1pm Last day of term
Spring Term	
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	INSET DAY
Friday 3 <sup>th</sup> February	Big Me Day (tbc)
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Internet Safety Day
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Healthy School Day & Walk-2-School Morning Half term begins
Half Term	
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	School Opens
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Easter Service 1pm Last day of term
Summer Term	
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Proposed INSET Day
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Healthy School Day & Fun Run Half term begins
Half Term	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	School Opens
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Class Portraits
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Leavers Service 2pm Year Ends