



# HAMPRESTON CE (VA) FIRST SCHOOL

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*To love God and to love one another*

Newsletter 14

Autumn Term 2021

17<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Dear Parents

The final week before Christmas is always such an exciting time and the school did not disappoint this year, despite the uncertainty out in the wider world. The children have had a wonderful week full of festive fun and activities and I know they are ready for the fun to begin in earnest at home.

## Christingle

The whole school had a lovely Christingle service this morning as classes joined together virtually and shared some wonderful pictures, poems and prayers. We reminded ourselves of the real meaning of Christmas and how the Christingles point to all the good things we are fortunate to have and share.

The children have all been able to make their own Christingles this year and shared a moment of joy and reflection this afternoon as they lit them and brought some light to the world. Why not ask them all about it?



## Nativity

Monday was an exciting day for EYFS and key stage 1 as they became movie stars for the morning and filmed this year's Christmas nativity. They should be bringing home a USB version of the filming today and I hope you will gather and enjoy sharing this with family during the festive period.

I would like to thank all the staff involved in putting it together in challenging circumstances, juggling cast changes and being unable to rehearse together.

I would also like to offer my thanks to Mr Alex Frey for giving up his time to not just film the nativity, but for the additional work involved in editing the different classes into a coherent order. Each year he gives up his time to support



the school, I'm sure you will agree that the final product is amazing!



### Carols by Candlelight

We finally managed to hold our Carols by Candlelight service this week and it was lovely to see so many joining us. The children sang wonderfully and, despite some early drizzle, the weather was kind enough to us. I'm sure those who joined us will agree that the sight of the key stage 2 children singing carols by the light of just their candles was magical and I hope it helped you feel that little bit more Christmassy!

### ASDA Foundation



Our brilliant PTA have secured a nomination as part of the ASDA Foundation Green Token Giving which went live this week. You can help to raise funds towards plans to redevelop the school library, creating a stunning new Reading Room, by visiting [www.asda.com/green-tokens](http://www.asda.com/green-tokens) and selecting Bournemouth from the drop-down box. Our local store will also be promoting this fantastic fundraising project in store, so if you happen to be passing, listen out for a mention!

Supporters can vote once every seven days, so please do return and revote in the following weeks. Voting is super-quick and simple, so please don't forget to vote!

First place in the voting will bring a £500 donation to the Friends as they continue to raise funds to support this exciting new project for summer 2022!

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I know that the children – and the staff – are all ready for a good rest! It has been a busy and somewhat changeable term and I would like to thank you all for your ongoing support and encouragement throughout. I wish you all a very merry, peace-filled Christmas and a safe, joyous New Year.

Yours sincerely,

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

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## Diary Dates 2021-2022

### Spring Term

Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	INSET DAY
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	School Opens
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Big Me Day
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Internet Safety Day
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 5-8pm
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Consultations 3-6pm
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Service 1pm
	Last day of term

### Summer Term

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

### Half Term

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	School Closed for Queen's Jubilee Bank Holiday
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	School Opens
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Class Portraits
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Sports Day
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Leavers Service 2pm
	Year Ends