



HAMPRESTON CE (VA) FIRST SCHOOL

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To love God and to love one another

**Spring Term 2023
Newsletter 21**

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Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a good half term break and are feeling as full of life as the children have been this week. It has been an exciting week for everyone and I know the children have thoroughly enjoyed getting back into school life.

Home – School Agreement – URGENT PLEA



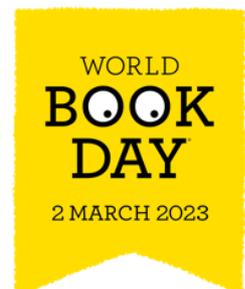
There are still many home-school agreements yet to be completed.

If you haven't already completed the 2022-23 Home-School Agreement please click [here](#) or follow the QR code.

Many thanks.

World Book Day – Friday 3rd March

We are excited to don our masks, hats and costumes and celebrate the wonderful world of books for this year's World Book Day next Friday 3rd March. Once again, the day will be devoted to the celebration of books and enjoyment of reading. We are inviting the children to come into school dressed as their favourite book character and all of the children will take part in a number of fun, engaging activities too. If your child would also like to bring in a copy of their favourite book to share, please ensure it is named.



As always, we appreciate the rising costs and truly love to see simple, home-made costumes. There is no requirement to dash out and purchase expensive off the shelf costumes. I know that many of the staff will be getting out the needles, fabric paint or make up, so why not join them.

Every child will receive a £1 World Book Day Book Token that can either be exchanged for eight special World Book Day books, or it can be used to get £1 off any book costing £2.99 or more. Your child's token will be coming home with them on World Book Day and can be redeemed at most UK bookshops.

For more information about World Book Day and ideas on sharing books at home, please visit www.worldbookday.com.

Industrial Action

As you may be aware, there is a planned day of industrial action for teachers who are part of the NEU on Thursday 2nd March.

As a school, we are working with colleagues to determine the impact this may have within for Hampreston if this action does go ahead. Where possible, we will notify all parents and carers of arrangements for Thursday as early as we can.

Pancake Race

It was brilliant to see the year 4 children take part in our traditional Hampreston Pancake Race on Tuesday. The children were all nervously excited to have a go and every single one of them gave it their all. They raced with incredible sportsmanship and also the good humour needed.

Well done to this year's winner, Ronnie, whose practice around the kitchen clearly showed as his feet barely stopped for each toss of the pancake.



Drop Off Zone

A huge thank you to our amazing parent volunteers who brave the elements to cover our Drop-Off zone each morning.

The Drop-Off gates WILL now be open every morning.

SEND (Special Educational Needs / Disability) Coffee and Chat morning: Friday 3rd March 2.30pm

At Hampreston we pride ourselves on being an inclusive school which seeks to understand the full range of our children's needs. It is really important to us that parents of children with special educational needs or disabilities feel supported and well informed.

We like to offer a chance for parents **with a child on the SEND register** to get together once every half term for a coffee and informal chat. The aim is to provide opportunities for those who would find it useful to listen, laugh and share experiences and suggestions. Mrs Richardson (SENDCo) will be on hand to signpost parents to support groups or provide more information if needed. Please note it is **not** a time for discussing your child's needs directly with Mrs Richardson. She is available for separate appointments whenever needed.

Our next Coffee and Chat will be Friday 3rd March at 2.30pm. There will be cake!

Please email sen@hamprestonfirstschool.com if you would like to come along.

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:

Rec - Elliot
Y1 - Sam
Y2 - Lucas
Y3 - Ella
Y4 - Rowan

Who will it be next week?

Spare Clothing

From time to time, we require a change of clothes in school (particularly for early years). If you do have any of our supply of spare clothes at home, please could you make sure they are washed and returned as soon as possible.

If you have any good, usable clothing, in particular underwear (including tights) that you would like to donate then it would also be gratefully received. Many thanks.

Hampreston Vacancies

We are still on the hunt for a new school Office Manager / Finance Officer to take over from our wonderful Mrs Pitchforth. This is a brilliant role at the heart of the school and would be a brilliant opportunity for anyone seeking a term time role that fits around family life.

If you are interested, or know someone who might be, why not pop in for a chat or visit <https://jobs.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/jobs> to apply.

It is great to see some hints of spring starting to appear. I hope that you too have the chance to get outside this weekend and enjoy some rest and fresh air. Have a fantastic weekend everybody.

Yours sincerely,



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	What a fantastic first week back in Reception. We have been learning all about the season 'Spring' and have been looking eagerly in the playground for the first signs. We have been painting with natural materials, creating observational drawings of tulips and daffodils and we have been learning the names of baby animals. We had a great time on Shrove Tuesday learning about how pancakes are made, decorating our own and of course, eating a few!	
	In English, we have been learning to retell the story of Goldilocks and the three bears. We have loved using our new puppet theatre to retell the story to our friends and have been using our skills to design and create a new (improved!) chair for Baby Bear.	In Maths, we have been continuing developing our understanding of the composition of 6,7,8 and combining two groups to make a new amount. We have challenged ourselves to write addition number sentences.
Year 1	This week in English year 1 have been focussing on non-fiction books. We played text detectives identifying different features within these books. We discussed how they are different to the fiction books that we often read. We used a non-fiction book about plants to find out some interesting facts about plants, we then had to answer some questions by finding the answers in the text.	In maths we continued to work on our number bonds to 20 using the facts we already know about number bonds to 10. We also looked at doubles to 20, we used songs to help us learn the various facts, we also played doubles games with dice trying to roll as many doubles as we could.
Year 2	This week in English we have been writing our half term news. The children have been excited to share their favourite activities and explain why they enjoyed them so much. We have been focusing on extending our sentences with 'and' as well as explaining ourselves with 'because'.	In Maths this week we have continued our multiplication and division unit. We have been making equal groups using grouping and sharing. We have been introduced to the division symbol and used the two times table to multiply and divide. The children have shown great perseverance in what is a difficult topic.
Year 3	This week, year 3 have been Hampreston's very own news reporters on the great Hampreston pancake race. The children have loved role-playing (using pens as microphones) and reporting on the race. I was incredibly impressed with the enthusiasm! The children have then written their own news report in the form of a newspaper article all about the pancake race.	Year 3 have started a new unit this term which is fractions. I am really impressed with the knowledge of fractions they already have. We have focussed on non and unit fractions - using a lot of visuals to consolidate their understanding of what a fraction is. They especially enjoy pretending that they are pizzas and chocolate bars!
Year 4	What a fantastic first week back Year 4 have had! Our trip to Ferndown Middle for the music workshop was fantastic and the children had a great time learning how to play different percussion instruments. In English lessons the children have been looking at the wonderful book <i>The Great Kapok Tree</i> . They have used this book as inspiration to role play how the animals would react to loggers and to write a persuasive letter to a logging company telling them to stop destroying the rainforest.	In maths the children have been looking at fractions. This can be quite a tricky subject but the children have really thrown themselves into it and we are very proud of their attitude. They have begun to look at mixed numbers beyond 1 (whole numbers and fractions). They have also used number lines to identify, compare and order mixed numbers.



Diary Dates 2022-2023

Spring Term

Friday 3 rd March	World Book Day
Tuesday 7 th March	Book Fair Week
Friday 17 th March	Red Nose Day
Monday 20 th March	Enterprise Week
Wednesday 22 nd March	Year 4 Solar Farm Visit
Friday 24 th March	Enterprise Afternoon
Friday 31 st March	Easter Service 1pm Last day of term

Summer Term

Monday 17 th April	INSET Day
Wednesday 17 th May	Year 4 Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra Life Education 'Bus' Visit – SCARF Day
Thursday 18 th May	Life Education 'Bus' Visit – SCARF Day
Friday 26 th May	Healthy School Day & Fun Run Half term begins

Half Term

Monday 5 th June	School Opens
Wednesday 7 th June	Class Portraits
Friday 30 th June	Sports Day
Thursday 20th July	Leavers Service 2pm
Friday 21st July	INSET Day Year Ends

