



# HAMPRESTON CE (VA) FIRST SCHOOL

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*To love God and to love one another*

## Newsletter 2 Spring Term 2022

14<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Parents

### Year 4 Swimming

A reminder to parents in year 4 that swimming at Canford School resumes on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January. We are still looking for any parents willing to help with transport this term. If there are any parents able to volunteer to help with transportation this term, please contact the school office. Sadly, without enough drivers, we may be unable to continue with the swimming lessons and would greatly appreciate your help.

### Know Your School' Evening – Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January

I am delighted to invite you to our inaugural 'Know Your School' evening on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January at 7pm. I have long hoped for an annual opportunity to meet with you and share some of the vision the Governors and I have for the school. You will have a chance to hear about what we have been doing over the past year as well as some exciting new developments coming up. Mr Will Pyke, our Chair of Governors, and I will share with you a host of news and information that will truly help you to know Hampreston a little better – all in less than an hour!

We are hoping to host this face-to-face, but this is very dependent on the COVID situation at the time. If we can host onsite, there will be chance for you to have a tour of the school site – especially if you haven't seen the summer renovations yet. Should restrictions prohibit this, we will have a COVID 'wet weather' plan in place.

Mr Pyke and I look forward to seeing you there and trust you will find it an interesting and informative evening.

### ASDA Foundation



There is still time to make a difference by helping our brilliant PTA to secure a nomination as part of the ASDA Foundation Green Token Giving scheme. 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 even if you have already voted, you can vote again!

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!



## PTA Events

Our wonderful PTA met this week and are looking forward to hosting this year's AGM. This will be held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm. Voting slips will be available from the 21<sup>st</sup> January to enable the PTA to arrange elections for named officer roles, including Chair and Treasurer.

They have also begun putting future events into the diary and these can be seen in the school diary dates at the end of the newsletter.

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With ever-changing guidance around COVID, we will endeavour to keep you all well informed of the situation at school. As always, your understanding is greatly appreciated as we continue to navigate this together.

Have a great weekend.

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.

	<b>English</b>	<b>Mathematics</b>
Reception	This week we started our dinosaur topic. In English, we read <i>Dinosaur Roar</i> and learnt all of the opposites words. Then we thought about the words that describe dinosaurs and we used these to write labels for a T-Rex or Stegosaurus. We also learnt the phonemes ai, ee, igh and oa and enjoyed being in new guided reading groups and reading together.	In maths, we learnt to read, write and compare the numbers 7 and 8. In let's explore, we went dinosaur mad and did a dinosaur bones dig, role-played in the dinosaur museum, read books in our dinosaur tent, made paper plate Diplodocuses, learnt dinosaur songs which we performed, used the laptops for the first time and played the dotty dinosaur game too!
Year 1	This week in English, we have become familiar with the story of <i>Little Red Riding Hood</i> . The children did a fantastic job of miming the story while I read it aloud. We have prepared storyboards and revised adjectives, in order to write up the story next week.	In maths, we have recalled number bonds to 10. We explored the link between bonds to 10 and bonds to 20; this has helped us to memorise some of the bonds to 20. We discovered that a few key skills needed to be secure, including bonds to 10 and adding 10 to a given number (0-10)!
Year 2	This week in English we have been reading the book 'Where is home little Pip?' The children have been planning and writing their own adventure for Pip to go on. They have written about a problem Pip will encounter and thought very carefully about how Pip resolves her problem, the other Antarctic animals that help her and the best vocabulary they could use. I have been really impressed by the imagination and creativity the children have used.	In Maths we have started learning about money. The children made a really good start recognising coins and notes and we have moved on to counting money, showing equal amounts and comparing amounts of money. The children have come back really excited for maths and have made really good progress through the unit.
Year 3	Year 3 have been making food for their little feathered friend in the Michael Morpurgo book 'Coming Home'! After studying the layout of instructions and the use of imperative verbs and time adverbs, they wrote their own instructions for how to make bird seed cakes.	We are revising addition and subtraction methods using column methods exchanging ones and tens. The children have been working on some challenging word problems and have used the inverse to answer missing number problems. Keep working on those 3,4 and 8 times tables - we are seeing great improvement!
Year 4	This week has been a very busy one! In English we have been focussing on how to use possessive apostrophes correctly. Apostrophes can be very difficult and the children have used them in lots of different contexts to try and improve their knowledge. We have even used apostrophes to talk about silly phobias like Mr Williams's fear of babies' socks!	In maths we have been looking at multiplying 2-digit and 3-digit numbers by a single-digit number ( $23 \times 4$ and $593 \times 6$ ). This has been a bit tricky at times but the children have persevered and have even been able to find missing numbers in multiplications using their knowledge of times tables and by working through the steps systematically. We have also moved on to multiplying 3 different numbers, spotting patterns and using these to help find the answer.

## Diary Dates 2021-2022

Spring Term	
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 3 and 4 Compass for Life
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	'Know Your School' evening @ 7:00pm
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Big Me Day
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Internet Safety Day
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	PTA Bingo Night
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 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
Half Term	
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 15 <sup>th</sup> July	PTA Disco
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Leavers Service 2pm
	Year Ends