



# HAMPRESTON CE (VA) FIRST SCHOOL

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*To love God and to love one another*

Autumn Term 2023 - Newsletter 1

8<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents,

The first week back to school has been a happy and joyful time as the children return with stories of their long summer adventures. We would have preferred some of this week's sunshine around the middle of August, but you can't have everything! Thank you for sending your children back fully organised, shiny and smart. Let's see how long we can make it last!

## Medicines in School

May we remind you that should your child require any medicines administered within the school day by staff, including asthma inhalers; you will need to complete a medical form.

All individual medicines kept in the school office (Calpol/Piriton etc) also require a renewal form before we can carry on administering them. Thank you.

## Drop-off Zone Volunteers Wanted!!

We are very fortunate to have our drop-off zone to make the morning drop-off a little easier. We have always had a number of kind parents willing to don a hi-vis jacket, grab the walkie-talkie and supervise the gate.

**We still need a few more people who would be willing to staff the drop-off zone between 8:40 and 8:50.**

This is a really important part of school life and aids the whole community. If you are able to offer any help, please contact the office by email.

## Traffic Matters

Returning to school is always a tricky thing as we re-establish routines forgotten over the summer period. Parking and traffic is one of our constant areas where courtesy and kindness – as well as a willingness to follow the school guidance – is paramount.

With that in mind, may I please remind parents to follow our parking code at all times, using the turning at the end of the lane and avoiding turning in, or blocking resident's driveways. The Parent Handbook contains details of the Hampreston guidance and can also be found at the end of the newsletter.

## Road Closures

It has been brought to our attention that the roadworks on Wimborne Road in Ferndown are continuing from Monday and will be going down to one lane until the end of November. For more information please visit the Dorset Highways website. Please plan your journeys accordingly.

## Library help needed

Do you have a spare hour once a week to come and help keep the books tidy and organised in our wonderful library? If you would like to volunteer, please let us know. You could even alternate weekly with a friend or make it a social opportunity and do it with a friend! Days and times can be negotiated. Even if you can only commit for a few weeks, we would love to have you - there's a cup of tea and cake thrown in!

If you think you can help, please contact the office.



## Wimborne Win on Waste

The next Win on Waste session will take place **tomorrow** (Saturday 9<sup>h</sup> September) at the Methodist Church Hall, King Street, Wimborne from 10.30-12.00pm.

Take along any of the following items to be forwarded on to local and national charities that use them for their fundraising:

- ♻ Milk bottle tops
- ♻ Biscuit wrappers
- ♻ Stamps
- ♻ Bras
- ♻ Toothbrushes, heads & toothpaste tubes
- ♻ Greetings Cards
- ♻ Dried up ballpoint pens, felt tips, highlighters, board markers, mechanical pencils, permanent markers, bingo pens, correction tape containers, empty Tippex bottles
- ♻ Ring pulls from aluminium drinks cans only
- ♻ Make up containers
- ♻ Pringles tubes
- ♻ Printer ink cartridges
- ♻ Cleaning/laundry product packaging
- ♻ Bread bags & Warburtons wax wrap
- ♻ Jewellery and watches (broken)
- ♻ Old bank notes

For information on other collection venues, visit <https://www.planetwimborne.org/wimborne-win-waste>

## Summer Reading Challenge

It's not too late to complete the challenge! Visit any Dorset library and get your record sheet stamped six times for a certificate.

## Contacting Staff

You should soon receive a welcome letter from your child's class teacher with details about reading books and PE days etc. We want to ensure that you have every opportunity to communicate with your child's teacher. If you wish to contact them, the addresses are:

[EYFS@hamprestonfirstschool.com](mailto:EYFS@hamprestonfirstschool.com)

[year1@hamprestonfirstschool.com](mailto:year1@hamprestonfirstschool.com)

[year2@hamprestonfirstschool.com](mailto:year2@hamprestonfirstschool.com)

[year3@hamprestonfirstschool.com](mailto:year3@hamprestonfirstschool.com)

[year4@hamprestonfirstschool.com](mailto:year4@hamprestonfirstschool.com)

These emails can be used for day-to-day communication with class teachers and we hope you will find them useful. However, please be aware that staff will be unable to respond promptly during the course of the school day and will not monitor emails during lessons. Furthermore, staff deserve to be able to switch off from school in the evenings and I would ask you to allow for staff wellbeing when emailing.

If your email is urgent, please also copy in the office – [office@hampreston.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:office@hampreston.dorset.sch.uk). Only matters relating to your own child should be discussed with teachers. For matters concerning special educational needs, please contact Mrs Richardson on [sen@hamprestonfirstschool.com](mailto:sen@hamprestonfirstschool.com)

Over the coming days, we will also be reminding you of login details for other online services we use including Times Tables Rock Stars and Class Dojo. These are a fantastic way of supporting your child's learning and letting you know when they have done well.



## School Admissions – September 2023

It is that time of year already. Even though we have just started this year, if you have a child in year 4 or a child due to start school in September 2024, it is time to consider your applications. Letters will be sent to our year 4 families and more information is available on the [Dorset Council website](#).

## Meet the Teacher afternoon – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September

We are looking forward to seeing you at our Meet the Teacher afternoon next Tuesday after school. It is an informal opportunity for you to pop into school, meet your child's new teacher and for your child to show off their new classroom. Please collect your child as usual, then give the teachers a few minutes to get back to their classrooms before descending on them.

If your child is attending an after-school club, you are welcome to pop in before collecting your child at the end of the club.

## Healthy Eating

I would like to remind you that all our children in EYFS and Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) receive a free piece of fruit or a vegetable for their mid-morning snack. We extend this practice of eating fruit, rather than crisps or biscuits, for a mid-morning snack to children in Years 3 and 4. We are very proud of our 'Healthy School Status' and encourage healthy packed lunches. Thank you for your support.

## Nut Allergy

Please remember that **we are a nut-free school**. We do have a number of children who have extreme nut allergies. Please do not to send snacks or lunch into school that contain any nuts, as contact with these can have severe consequences. Thank you for your understanding.

## Diary Dates

Please find the diary date list below. This is attached to every newsletter and changes are often highlighted, so be sure to check each week and get those dates on the fridge!

NB. For all Year 4 parents please note that the date for commencement of swimming lessons is Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September.

## Leadership Team

Just to let you know that Mr Williams won't be on site for a while due to health reasons. In the meantime, I am taking on all of his headteacher responsibilities until he returns, so if I can help you with anything, please do direct any email communication to me (Mrs Richardson) via the [office@hampreston.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:office@hampreston.dorset.sch.uk) address.

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Yours sincerely,

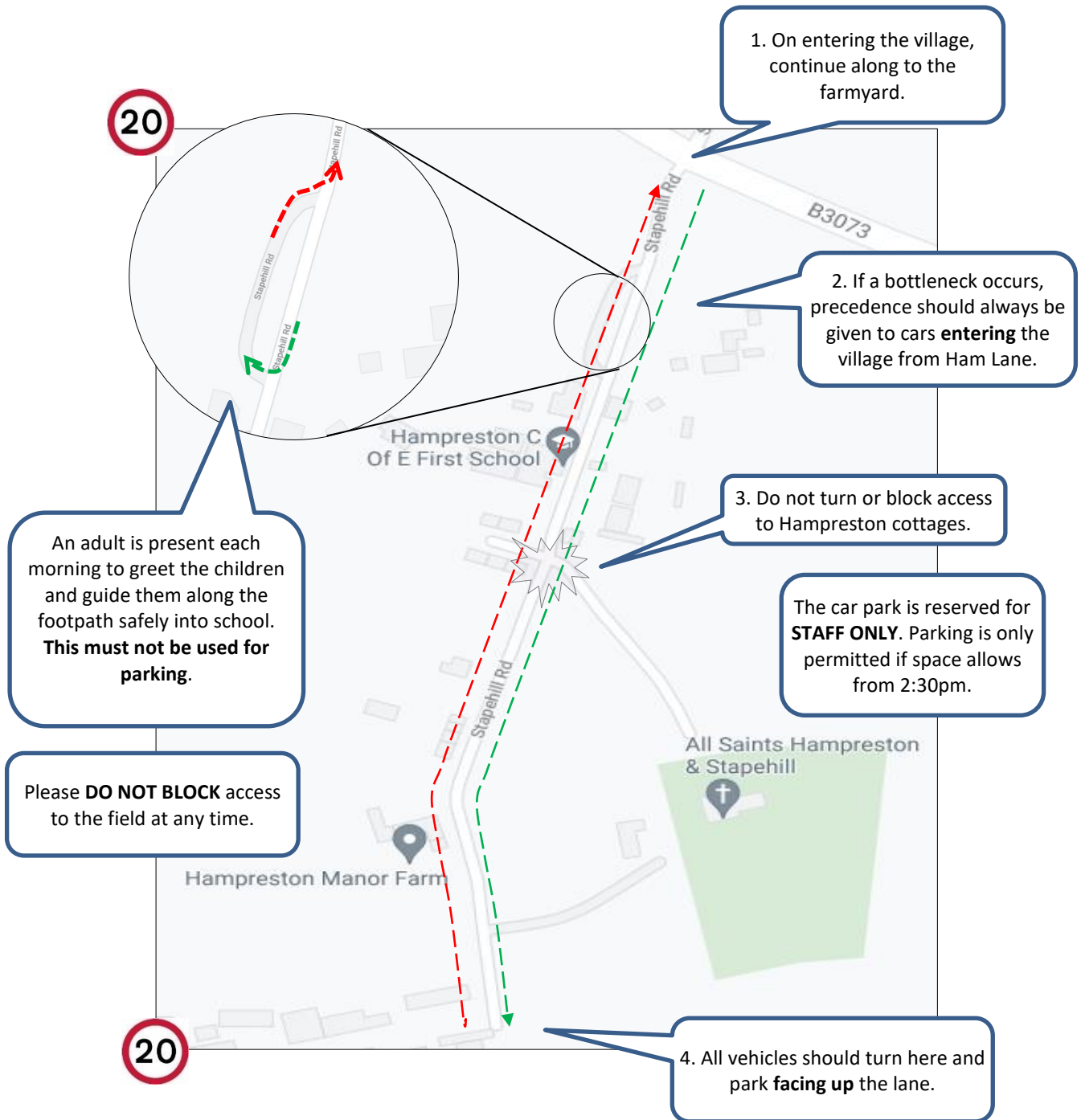
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**Mrs E. Richardson**  
**Deputy Headteacher**



## PARKING

Our school and this village were not designed to accommodate modern traffic, so we have devised a simple one-way procedure to ensure the safety of our children and the least possible inconvenience to everyone in Hampreston.



## Diary Dates 2023-2024

### Autumn Term

Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	Meet the Teacher 3.10pm-4pm
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 4 swimming starts
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	Fraser Portraits – Individual Photographs
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	150th Celebration (2pm)
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	EYFS/KS1 Phonics Workshop 6:30pm
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 3 to Leeson House
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Festival Service – 9:30am
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Flu Immunisations
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 4 trip to Stonehenge
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Healthy School Day & Walk-2-School Morning
	Half term begins

### Half Term

Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	School Opens
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent Consultations 6-8pm
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent Consultations 3.30-6.30pm
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying Week
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Carols by Candlelight
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS/KS1 Nativity
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Party Afternoon
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christingle Service 1.30pm
	Last day of term

### Spring Term

Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	INSET DAY
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Big Me Day
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Internet Safety Day
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Healthy School Day & Walk-2-School Morning
	Half term begins

### Half Term

Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	School Opens
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Pancake Race (Year 4)
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent Consultations
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Service 1pm
	Last day of term

### Summer Term

Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	School Opens
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Half term begins

### Half Term

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	School Opens
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Sports Day
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Leavers Service 2pm
	Year Ends

