



HAMPRESTON CE (VA) FIRST SCHOOL

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**Newsletter 3
Autumn Term 2021**

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Dear Parents

Harvest Celebration

We are looking forward to our first 'normal' celebration in a long time - our Harvest Festival Service. The celebration service is next Friday 1st October at 9.15am in Hampreston Church. For those unfamiliar with our school celebrations, each year group will share some harvest thoughts, thanks and songs as the year 4 children help to lead the service. Families and friends are welcome to join us and we would ask that families save the main body of pews for the children, sitting instead in the back rows (on the right as you enter).

In the past we have been able to provide a Do-it-Yourself crèche during the Service but cannot guarantee it will be available this time. Therefore, any younger children are welcome but we ask parents to be mindful of noise levels should they become restless.

After the service, there will be a retiring collection and any contributions will be gratefully received. Any money raised will go to support Jaiden, our 'Compassion' child who Hampreston children have been supporting for several years. Your continued generosity will help us to continue to sponsor Jaiden, ensuring he receives food, clothes and has the opportunity to go to school.

Harvest Thanksgiving Gifts – Wimborne Food Bank

Harvest is a time for us to be grateful for what we have and to offer a little of our 'harvest' to support those who may be without. As in previous years, we are once again partnering with Wimborne Food Bank and would love to support them with donations of food and other essential items. After the past few years, there are an increasing number of families accessing food banks and the wonderful team at Wimborne Food Bank are in real need of these essential items.

From Monday 27th September, we invite you, our wonderfully generous community, to send in any donation from the list below:

Wimborne Food Bank kindly ask you to check that every donation has at least six months left on the use by or best before date.

Milk (UHT or powdered)	Jars of pasta sauce	Tinned foods including:	Household essentials:
Tea Bags/Coffee	Cereal	Meat/fish	Toothpaste
Drinking Chocolate	Pasta/rice 1kg bags	Fruit	Toothbrushes
Fruit Juice (Carton)	Instant mashed potato	Vegetables	Shampoo
Squash	Sugar – 500g	Soup	Soap/Shower gel
	Biscuits or snack bars	Baked beans	Sanitary products
	Jam/honey	Rice/sponge pudding	Toilet rolls
		Custard (tinned/powdered)	Nappies
		Tomatoes	

During the week, we will collect these items together so that the children can see the amazing generosity of our school as we lead up to our Friday celebration. We are always staggered by your kindness and in the past, the children have staggered to the church under the weight of their many contributions. Therefore, this year, the children will not be bringing these to the church on Friday. They will however see the harvest giving table all week long in school as a reminder of the plenty so many of us enjoy. Thank you!



Year 3 Visit to Leeson House

Year 3 had a wonderful time in the Purbecks on Tuesday! They could hardly believe they were able to stand inside huge, prehistoric dinosaur footprints which were discovered under the layers of rock at Keats Quarry near Swanage. We even saw the imprint of a tail-swish! The sun shone all day and we certainly achieved our 10,000 steps through the countryside! The rest of the day was spent being fossil detectives in the classrooms at Leeson House. It was a thoroughly enjoyable day.



Drop-off Zone Volunteers Wanted!!

Thank you to those wonderful people who have offered to give up just a little of their time once a week to brave the elements and staff the Drop-Off Zone each morning. We are still looking for helpers to take on either a Monday or Friday morning and would love to have every day filled. If you could possibly help, please contact the office.

School Admissions – September 2022

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 2022, 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](#).

Parent Governor Election

The constitution of our governing body includes two parent governors: we currently have one parent governor – Mrs Fookes - and we have one vacancy, which needs to be filled. The Clerk to the Governors has already been contacted by three parents who would like to be considered. Before she organises the election ballot, however, she would like to know if there are any other parents and carers of registered pupils wishing to put their name forward for this role.

All parents and carers are eligible to stand for election, except

- Persons liable to be detained under the Mental Health Act 1983
- Undischarged bankrupts
- Persons recently convicted of a serious offence
- Persons disqualified under the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986
- Persons subject to disqualification as a Charity Trustee
- Persons whose employment is prohibited or restricted
- Persons disqualified from being proprietors of independent schools
- Persons on the DfES List 99 (this is a list of people banned from working with children)

If you would like to put your name forward or would like more information about what being a parent governor entails, please email the Clerk, Deborah Trickett (d.trickett@hampreston.dorset.sch.uk) by 1st October 2021.

At the beginning of October, the Clerk will organise a ballot and will invite all nominees to submit a brief factual statement about themselves for circulation with the ballot paper to everyone entitled to vote.

Have a wonderful weekend everybody.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. T. Williams
Headteacher

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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
Reception	<p>This week in Reception Class, the children have all done extremely well and we are really proud of them for staying all day and taking the new activities and routines in their strides. They have all been to do a 'special job' with Miss Pitchforth which was the Communication, Language and Literacy Baseline Assessment that the Government require us to do. (a few have also done the Maths one too with Mrs Bebbington as well but we will continue those next week.)</p> <p>The children have started guided reading in groups of 5 or 6 with a school adult and their response has been very enthusiastic.</p> <p>We have had a Mr Men themed week with a focus on Mr Happy and what makes us Happy?</p> <p>Plus, the children have heard the story and met our Greedy Gorilla Teddy who has helped them learn and understand the concept of zero in our maths work as well.</p> <p>In music, we are practising a short song to sing in the Harvest Service too, so it has been a very jammed packed but fun week for everyone!</p>	
Year 1	<p>This week in literacy, we have read <i>The Tiger Who Came to Tea</i> by Judith Kerr. The children have really enjoyed this story; they have had all sorts of ideas about whether or not a tiger really came to visit Sophie. We have sequenced the story from memory and written tea party invitations to a guest of our choice.</p>	<p>In maths this week, we have been comparing and ordering numbers. The children have been able to use the following: $</>=$ as well as the language of 'greater than' and 'less than' to compare numbers 1-20. They were excellent at this.</p>
Year 2	<p>This week in English we have completed our <i>Snail and the Whale</i> stories, the children have really impressed me with their imaginations and their use of capital letters and full stops.</p>	<p>In Maths we have been working very hard counting in ten's and comparing numbers. We have looked at greater than, less than and equal to. The children decided that the best way to remember the symbol for 'greater than' was to think about a crocodile eating the biggest snack!</p>
Year 3	<p>Year 3 children went on a fabulous visit to Leeson House this week. Learning about rocks and fossils, the children listened and responded brilliantly. Back in school we have written about the trip, writing in paragraphs and recounting the day's events. New spelling homework has been sent out today.</p>	<p>We are coming to the end of our "Place Value" work in maths. Children are much now more confident when using hundreds, tens and ones. Please practise 2x, 5x and 10x tables at home so we can soon move on to 3x, 4x and 8x!</p>
Year 4	<p>This week we have been writing our own instructions for 'How to wash..' a different prehistoric creature. The children have researched different prehistoric animals and thought about what difficulties they might encounter if they were to wash them.</p>	<p>In maths we have used our knowledge of place value to help us to use number lines to find and sort numbers. We have also started to look at Roman numerals and have had lots of fun with that!</p>

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Diary Dates 2021-2022

Autumn Term	
Friday 1 st October	Harvest Festival Service – 9:30am
Wednesday 6 th October	Year 3 & 4 visit to Weymouth
Friday 15 th October	Friend's Donut Day
Tuesday 19 th October	Year 4 trip to Stonehenge
Friday 22 nd October	Healthy School Day & Walk2School Morning Half term begins
Half Term	
Monday 1 st November	School Opens
Tuesday 2 nd November	Parent Consultations 5-8pm
Wednesday 3 rd November	Parent Consultations 3-6pm
Friday 5 th November	Friends Mufti-Day
Thursday 11 th November	Remembrance Day
Friday 12 th November	Children in Need Day
Monday 22 nd November	Year 4 trip to Dudsbury Camp
Wednesday 24 th November	'No Pens' Wednesday
Friday 26 th November	Friend's Mufti-Day Friend's Christmas Wreath Workshop
Monday 29 th November	Enterprise Week
Friday 3 rd December	Enterprise Afternoon 2:30pm
Saturday 4 th December	Friend's Christmas Fair 11am-3pm
Tuesday 7 th December	KS2 Carols by Candlelight
Monday 13 th December	EYFS/KS1 Nativity
Tuesday 14 th December	EYFS/KS1 Nativity
Friday 17 th December	Christingle Service 1pm Last day of term
Spring Term	
Tuesday 4th January	INSET DAY
Wednesday 5 th January	School Opens
Friday 4 th February	Big Me Day
Tuesday 8 th February	Internet Safety Day
Friday 18 th February	Healthy School Day & Walk2School Morning Half term begins
Half Term	
Monday 28 th February	School Opens
Tuesday 1 st March	Year 4 Pancake race
Thursday 3 rd March	World Book Day
Tuesday 8 th March	Parent Consultations 5-8pm
Wednesday 9 th March	Parent Consultations 3-6pm
Friday 8 th April	Easter Service 1pm Last day of term
Summer Term	
Monday 25 th April	Proposed INSET Day
Friday 27 th May	Healthy School Day & Fun Run Half term begins
Half Term	
Monday 6th June	School Closed for Queen's Jubilee Bank Holiday
Tuesday 7 th June	School Opens
Thursday 16 th June	Class Portraits
Friday 1 st July	Sports Day
Friday 22 nd July	Leavers Service 2pm Year Ends

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