



HAMPRESTON CE (VA) FIRST SCHOOL

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To love God and to love one another

Autumn Term 2023 - Newsletter 7

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Dear Parents,

Our final week of the first half term has ended with a wonderful day full of healthy activities!

Healthy School Day

We had a brilliant walk to school, and were unexpectedly blessed with clear skies! All the children enjoyed saying hello to the hens and pigs as we passed through High Mead farm. We were particularly impressed with the resilience of the younger children and the kindness of the older children.



Ackie's fitness sessions were another highlight of the day and we would like to thank him for his fabulous effort to make it such fun for the children. If you would like to help Ackie reach his fundraising target when he runs the London Marathon in April next year for 'Children with Cancer UK', his fundraising page can be found [here](#) for any additional contributions.

Year 2 Kampong Ayer Day

This week the children in year 2 went on an adventure!



We travelled to Bandar Seri Begawan on an airplane, piloted by a familiar face and then entered the rainforest! We learnt all about going to school in Kampong Ayer and how they dress very differently. We practiced some of the language and investigated the animals that live in the various layers of the rainforest. We rounded the day off by listening to rainforest sounds and making our own rainmakers. The children had a great time and loved walking into a departure lounge instead of a classroom!



Drop Off Zone

A gentle reminder that the drop-off zone is not for parking in. It is to enable those children who are confident enough to be dropped off to walk down to the school via the drop off zone without their parent/carer.

Harvest Thanks

We have received this message from Ferndown Community Support's Food Bank:

'Thank you mums, dads, teachers, staff, grandparents and carers for all of your kind harvest festival donations to Ferndown Community Support's Food Bank. For those familiar with us, you will know how busy we are now, supporting between 700-800 visits a month. Our support doesn't just stop at food, we also have a hygiene bank, pet bank, baby and toddler bank, benefits and welfare advisor, Saturday Club, Wednesday Warm Space, and the UK's first and only medicine bank offering over the counter medicines to those who cannot afford them. We value so much all the support we receive, and we certainly couldn't provide all this to people without your generosity. You are very welcome to give us a Facebook or Instagram follow to keep up to date with all the latest news, or see our website www.ferndowncommunitysupport.org.uk – Hannah'



Home School Agreement

If you have not already done so, please could you read and sign your home / school agreement and send it back to school. If you've mislaid yours and need a new copy, no problem – just pop into the office!

Midday Supervisor Vacancy

We are advertising for a midday supervisor position within the school. This is a key role for us and we would welcome anyone keen to be involved in the life of the school to apply. Details can be found on the school website and on the [DorsetForYou](#) website. For more details, why not give the school office a call.

PTA News

PTA members needed!

We need your help and support! If you are looking for a way to get more involved in the life of your child's school and would like to find out more, please contact: PTA@hamprestonfirstschool.com

Thank you all so much for your continued support.
Wishing you a wonderful half term break with your families!

Yours sincerely,


E Richardson

Mrs E. Richardson
Deputy 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	This week, we have continued our learning about Autumn and Harvest where we have printed hedgehog spikes using forms, pumpkins using tin foil and getting muddy on our Walk to School morning. The children had a wonderful time supported by their Year 4 buddies.	
	In phonics, we have learnt the sounds h, b, f, l and have been blending these sounds, along with others we previously know, to read CVC words. We have also begun spelling CVC words using our segmenting fingers. In drawing club, we read the story 'Not Now Bernard' and designed our own monster to eat Bernard!	In Maths, we have continued our learning about patterns and used shapes, our body parts and all sorts of classroom objects to make repeated patterns. We have also started learning about subitising and practising this skill by playing dice games with our friends. A great opportunity to practise taking turns and winning/losing too!
Year 1	This week in English the children used images from the 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' to make up their own sentences. They used some of the adjectives they have learned to describe the obstacles the family faced on their bear hunt.	In maths this week we have been putting numbers from part-whole models into addition number sentences. We have also explored fact families using magic cups. We put counters into cups and then switched them around to check they still added up to same amount. We were also very good at not being tricked when the equals symbol was at the start of the number sentence.
Year 2	This week in English the children have been very busy! We have completed an independent written piece, a set of instructions for constructing our fire engines and evaluated our fire engines. They have worked very hard to remember their capital letters, full stops and written lovely descriptive pieces.	In Maths this week we have continued our addition and subtraction unit. We have used equipment like dienes and 10 frames to support us finding bonds to 100 using 10s and count to the next 10. The children have worked hard to grasp a tricky concept that is essential to further their learning.
Year 3	Year 3 have embraced the elements of Autumn this week whilst learning all about shape poetry. They have engaged so incredibly well with using adjectives, similes and onomatopoeia to make their shape poems come to life! I look forward to making them into a year 3 poetry book for all to enjoy.	This week, year 3 have been working on column addition and subtraction with exchanges of the 10s and 100s. This is a tricky concept, especially when having to do 2 exchanges! However, year 3 have impressed me with their perseverance and can-do attitude towards their maths. Well done year 3!
Year 4	<p>Year 4 had an amazing trip to Stonehenge this week. Thankfully, the weather held out and we were able to enjoy the stones without getting too wet! Our knowledgeable guides provided engaging and informative explanations about the construction techniques, purpose, and significance of Stonehenge. During the visit, the children actively participated in various activities, such as exploring the surrounding landscape, visiting the exhibition centres, and examining the fascinating artefacts.</p> 	Our focus in maths lessons this week has been on subtraction. The children have been exploring subtraction in more depth, covering concepts such as efficient strategies for subtraction, estimating answers, and using the inverse operation to check for accuracy. We encourage you to reinforce their learning at home by providing them with practical opportunities to apply these skills.



Diary Dates 2023-2024

Autumn Term

Monday 30 th October	School Opens
Friday 3 rd November	Fireworks Event
Tuesday 7 th November	Parent Consultations 5-8pm
Wednesday 8 th November	Parent Consultations 3.30-6.30pm
Monday 13 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Friday 17 th November	Children in Need
Tuesday 5 th December	KS2 Carols by Candlelight
Tuesday 12 th December	EYFS/KS1 Nativity
Thursday 14 th December	Christmas Party Afternoon
Friday 15 th December	Christingle Service 1.30pm
	Last day of term

Spring Term

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

Half Term

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

Summer Term

Monday 15 th April	School Opens
Friday 24 th May	Half term begins

Half Term

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

