



HAMPRESTON CE (VA) FIRST SCHOOL

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To love God and to love one another

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Dear Parents

As we come to the end of another poignant week in the life of this country, I hope you found Monday a time to join with the nation in remembering Queen Elizabeth. Personally, I found the day to be one of reflection and a worthy way to mark the life of an amazing monarch.

This week we welcomed our reception children into school full time and it has been brilliant to see them settling into life at Hampreston so quickly. If today's Celebration Collective Worship is anything to go by, they will get into the swing of things in no time at all!

Macmillan Coffee 'Morning' – Friday 30th September

Next Friday our wonderful Hampreston PTA are kindly offering to once again host our Macmillan Coffee 'Morning' in order to support a charity which is so close to our hearts at Hampreston. We all know someone whose lives have been impacted by cancer and the work Macmillan do to support families is utterly vital.

Our Macmillan Coffee Morning will take place next Friday afternoon and you are invited to join us in the school hall from 2pm, when you will be able to enjoy a cup of tea or coffee, a slice of cake and hopefully some wonderful company. All refreshments will be served on a donation basis and we would love you to give generously – all money received will go directly to Macmillan cancer Support.

If you would like to get baking and donate a cake, it would be very gratefully received, please remember we are a 'nut free' school. This can be sent in with your child on Friday morning, or given directly to the office during the day. If you are not able to come along on the day or, like me, you aren't much of a baker, but would still like to make a contribution, we will have collection buckets available at the end of the school day.

My thanks to the Friend's Association for helping by taking this on next week – we all look forward to seeing you there!

Harvest Celebration

We are looking forward to the opportunity to say 'thank you' in our Harvest Festival Service. On Friday 7th October. The service starts at approximately 9.15am in All Saint's Hampreston Church. For those unfamiliar with our school celebrations, each year group will share some harvest thoughts, thanks or songs while 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 – Ferndown Community Larder

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. We have always sought to help our local community and this year would like our school donations to support the Ferndown Community Larder. With the ever-increasing challenges facing families, there are more and more people accessing food banks and the wonderful team at the Ferndown Community Larder are in real need of these essential items.

From Monday 3rd October, we invite you, our wonderfully generous community, to send in any donation from the list below:



Ferndown Community Support kindly ask you to check that every donation is in date.

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

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.

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:

- Year 1 Eliza
- Year 2 Luke
- Year 3 Nancy
- Year 4 Riley

Who will it be next week?

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 2023, 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](#).

PTA News

Christmas Jumpers

I know it seems early to mention, but.....

In readiness for Christmas Jumper Day we are planning a pre-loved Christmas Jumper sale. We are ready and waiting to receive your pre-loved Christmas Jumpers (both child and adult sizes), in good clean condition. So if you have Christmas Jumpers in your wardrobe that are no longer needed or no longer fit from previous years, why not have a sort out this weekend and make some space in your wardrobe! You can pass them to a PTA member at drop-off or leave them outside reception. We will check this area daily.

Autumn feels very much in the air and it is lovely to see the seasons change. As we head into the weekend, I hope you all can take a moment to enjoy the nip of the air and admire the changing colours. 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.

	English	Mathematics
EYFS	In Reception we have been learning the /s/a/t/ sounds this week; practising our letter formation whilst reciting the Little Wandle rhymes. We have also been reading 'The gruffalo', joining in with rhymes and chanting. They have been absolutely fantastic- the EYFS team are so proud of how well they've settled in.	In maths, we have been matching up different objects such as shapes, socks and colours. We have also been singing lots of nursery rhymes to go through our numbers from 0-5. We are really excited to start our White Rose Maths next Monday, where we will be looking at sorting objects into groups and counting carefully.
Year 1	This week in English we have been reading The Tiger Who Came to Tea. The children have been thinking hard about who they would like to invite to tea and why. They have been putting their ideas into sentences focussing on sounding out each word and trying to remember how spell some of our tricky words.	In Maths we have worked hard at identifying 1 less than and 1 more than a given number to 10. We have used songs, flash cards, games and active learning with cubes to help us remember.
Year 2	This week in English we have been reading 'The Snail and The Whale' by Julia Donaldson. We have illustrated story maps and retold the story. The children have been focusing on their presentation, capital letters and full stops.	In Maths we have been writing numbers to 100 in words. We have also partitioned numbers to 100 into 10s's and 1's and moved on to partitioning numbers flexibly. The children have worked hard to understand how the equipment can support them navigate a tricky concept.
Year 3	In English this week, we have done a mixture of hot seating where the children pretended to be Miss Trunchbull. They really enjoyed this! We have also been focusing on diary entries and expanded noun phrases. I have been very impressed with some of the fantastic vocabulary the children have thought of.	This week, we have been looking at place value again, but focusing on number lines to 1000. There were some tricky concepts here, but all the children have shown such perseverance and resilience with this. Well done Year 3!
Year 4	This week the children have been planning, drafting, editing and writing their own set of instructions for how to wash a prehistoric creature based on <i>How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth</i> . They have practised the very tricky skill of looking back over their own work, comparing it to success criteria and making improvements where they are able to.	In maths, we have been looking more closely at numbers to 10,000. The children have organised these on number lines with differing intervals, used the number lines to make estimations (trickier than it sounds) and have used their extensive knowledge of place value to compare and order 4-digit numbers.

Diary Dates 2022-2023

Autumn Term	
Monday 26 th September	Year 4 swimming starts
Thursday 29 th September	Year 3 to Leeson House
Friday 30 th September	The Black Belt Academy class activities Macmillan Coffee Afternoon (PTA)
Friday 7 th October	Harvest Festival Service – 9:30am
Tuesday 18 th October	Year 4 trip to Stonehenge
Friday 21 st October	Healthy School Day & Walk-2-School Morning Half term begins
Half Term	
Monday 31 st October	School Opens
Tuesday 8 th November	Parent Consultations 3-6pm
Wednesday 9 th November	Parent Consultations 5-8pm
Friday 11 th November	Remembrance Day PTA Fireworks Event
Monday 14 th November	Anti-Bullying Week – Odd Socks Day
Friday 18 th November	Children in Need
Wednesday 23 rd November	Year 4 Dudson Camp No Pens Wednesday
Monday 28 th November	Enterprise Week
Tuesday 29 th November	Flu Immunisations
Friday 2 nd December	Enterprise Afternoon 2:30pm
Tuesday 6 th December	KS2 Carols by Candlelight
Monday 12 th December	EYFS/KS1 Nativity
Tuesday 13 th December	EYFS/KS1 Nativity
Thursday 15 th December	Christmas Party Afternoon
Friday 17 th December	Christingle Service 1pm Last day of term
Spring Term	
Tuesday 3 rd January	Proposed – INSET DAY
Friday 3 th February	Big Me Day (tbc)
Tuesday 7 th February	Internet Safety Day
Friday 10 th February	Healthy School Day & Walk-2-School Morning Half term begins
Half Term	
Monday 20 th February	School Opens
Friday 31 st March	Easter Service 1pm Last day of term
Summer Term	
Monday 17 th April	Proposed INSET 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
Friday 21 st July	Leavers Service 2pm Year Ends