



# HAMPRESTON CE (VA) FIRST SCHOOL

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*To love God and to love one another*

**Spring Term 2023  
Newsletter 20**

**10th February 2023**

Dear Parents,

Each week, as I write the newsletter, I often have the chance to look back over previous newsletters. This week, I was staggered to realise that this is the first 'end of spring half term' newsletter since 2020. What with lockdowns and last year's closure due to the storms, this week has been the first 'normal' week for a very long time.

## Walk To School

With that in mind, it was amazing to once again have our spring term Walk to School this morning. The cold, frosty start made for some pink cheeks and runny noses, but the children all loved taking part. It is always wonderful to see the older children looking after their younger friends on the walk.

A huge thank you to Mrs Waters, Mrs Vincent and Mrs Cable for donning a high-vis jacket and helping to bolster the ranks of adults this morning. As always, we owe a massive thank you to Marc and his wonderful team at Haskins for going the extra mile, getting in early and helping to make the start of our Walk to School morning so well organised – they always make us feel so welcome!



## Home – School Agreement – URGENT PLEA

There are still many home-school agreements yet to be completed.

If you haven't already completed the 2022-23 Home-School Agreement please click [here](#) or follow the QR code.

Many thanks.



## Internet Safety Week

**Safer  
Internet  
Day 2023**



Our Safer Internet Day 2023 - **'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online'** - took place this week and each class has worked carefully, thinking about staying safe online and discussing what to do if they are worried about something they see or experience online.

At Hampreston, we are keen to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for our children, helping them develop the skills to use technology responsibly, respectfully, critically, and creatively.



With half term upon us, why not refresh your own knowledge on e-safety? There are a host of resources to support you as parents online; many of these can be found linked on the school website ([here...](#)).





## Children's Mental Health Week: 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> February

This Year's Children's Mental Health week has taken place and children across the school have been thinking about keeping connected. Each class has thought about different ways to keep our minds healthy, with a range of activities to support this.



Why not consider how you can also support your child's mental health at home? Useful tips can be found at <https://www.mind.org.uk/workplace/mental-health-at-work/taking-care-of-yourself/five-ways-to-wellbeing/>.

Five excellent ways to start an adult conversation about mental health are on this site: <https://www.time-to-change.org.uk/>

## Pancake Race

Our traditional pancake race will take place on the first Tuesday (21<sup>st</sup> February) after half term. All our Year 4 children will take part running along the Church Drive and tossing their pancake on the way. Please be thinking ahead in terms of parking **so that we can keep the church drive clear of vehicles on the day.**

As in previous years, the magnificent trophy will be presented to the winner so why not start getting some practice in before the big event?

Each Year 4 child will need to bring in **a pan and a pancake** on the day. After the race, some of our mid-day supervisors have kindly offered to cook pancakes for the whole school with the assistance of Year 4 children

## Parking Matters

Back in the autumn term, I shared the concerns of our neighbours about the number of parents parking on the yellow zig-zags outside school. Unfortunately this request has gone unheeded by some and I must once again remind parents that **parking and waiting on the yellow zig-zags immediately outside school is strictly prohibited at all times.**

According to the highway code:



Keep entrance clear of stationary vehicles, even if picking up or setting down children

**Please DO NOT park on the zig-zags at any time.**

Similarly, please do not turn on, park or block driveways unless you have been given explicit permission by the residents. We want to be a community known for the respect of every member of the school and your help and understanding is greatly appreciated.

## Drop Off Zone

A huge thank you to our amazing parent volunteers who brave the elements to cover our Drop-Off zone each morning. Sadly, despite repeated requests, we have not had anybody come forwards and volunteer for Wednesday or Thursday mornings between 8:40 and 8:50. While we have been able to offer some cover with staff up until now, we are no longer able to do so.

**Therefore, after half term, the Drop-Off gates WILL NOT be open on Wednesday or Thursday mornings.**

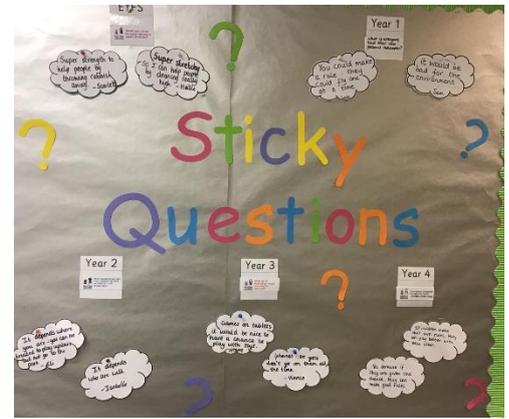
Parents are advised to plan their journeys accordingly as this will have implications on parking arrangements on those days.

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



## Sticky Questions

The deep thinking of your children has made our hearts sing this week! They contribute to the Sticky Questions class discussion with so much more confidence and clarity when they have had a chance to talk through their thoughts with you at home, so thank you for showing such an interest and encouraging your child to practise their oracy and reasoning skills first. We hope you can zoom in and enjoy some of their responses on our display!



## Badminton Bonanza!!

Last week a group of year 4 children had the fantastic opportunity to take part in a Badminton Bonanza Festival at Corfe Hills School. They were introduced to the sport by the sports leaders and got to try out their skills taking part in lots of different drills, skill and games.



## Local Matters

A proposed reduction in speed limit on Ringwood Road, Christchurch Road and Ham Lane is now open to public consultation. This would see the speed limit reduced to 30mph and improve the safety of roads near to and around the school.

I am aware that this has been an issue for many years and this is a rare opportunity to make your views known. While the proposed changes do not extend as far as the Stapehill/Hampreston crossing, I feel this could be our chance as a parent community to make our thoughts known.

To share your views and support, click [here](#).

Scroll down to **A348 Ringwood Road, Ferndown, B3073 Ham Lane, Ferndown and B3073 Christchurch Road, Ferndown – 30mph speed limit** – and click 'Start Now'

The Traffic Regulation Order Reference is A348, B3037 02/02/2023 and the 'road name' is A348, B3037 Longham 30mph

If you wish to register your support or comments, please note that the deadline for comments is 24<sup>th</sup> February.



AGM

The date for this years' AGM is Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February at 6pm – please save the date.

Smarties Challenge

Smarties will be sent home today in book bags ready for your children to enjoy and return after half term filled with their earnings from helping with jobs and chores.

World Book Day Costumes

Please don't forget to have a clear out of any dressing up / costumes you may no longer want or need and donate them to the school during the first week back after half term. This will enable us to set up a Costume Sale to help with those all important dressing up ideas for World Book Day.

Reading Challenge

In anticipation of World Book Day we are putting together a sponsored reading challenge that will be ready for when the children return after half term. Watch this space!

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The weeks seem intent on rushing past and we are already halfway through the year! As we head into the half term break, I hope you all have a wonderful week. Keep safe everybody!

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	This week we have focused on the theme of 'love' and chose somebody special to send a handmade/handwritten card to.	
	In English we continued reading 'how to catch a star', we looked at how a story is made up of a beginning, middle and end by sorting pictures of the story.	This week in maths we looked at everyday objects and made predictions on if they would sink or float.
Year 1	This week in English year 1 have been retelling and adapting the story of 'Bear' by Mick Inkpen. They have been writing lots of different ideas for if a bear suddenly appeared in their house and what adventures and mischief they might get up to together.	In maths this week we started to look at number bonds to 20. We applied what we already know about our number bonds to 10 to help us solve additions to 20.
Year 2	This week in English we have completed an independent writing activity. The children were asked to describe an Antarctic scene, they all worked really hard on their capital letters, full stops and using expanded noun phrases. It is lovely to see how their writing has progressed.	In Maths this week we have continued our multiplication and division unit. We have been adding equal groups, introduced to the multiplication symbol and solving multiplication problems. We have also used arrays to help us make equal groups. The children have worked really hard on their reasoning questions and are making progress in solving them.
Year 3	This week the children have wowed me with their big write describing a beautiful spring picture from the story 'Winter's Child.' We have also looked at e-safety and mental health this week. The children created their own digital footprint reflecting on the websites and online programmes they use and wrote about different types of feelings.	The children have loved learning about perimeter this week. They went outside for one lesson with a trundle wheel and metre sticks, having great fun measuring outside perimeters. Year 3 are becoming more confident with reasoning and problem solving.
Year 4	This week has been a great one in Year 4. The children have been looking closely at different list poems and using lots of different poetic techniques to create their own. They have looked at word classes, kennings and writing poems for a specific purpose. Their poems about what they did last week are truly something to behold!	In maths this week the children have been finishing their perimeter topic. They have used their understanding of perimeter to help them to calculate missing sides in a rectilinear shape and have learnt how to calculate the perimeter of regular and irregular polygons.



## Diary Dates 2022-2023

### Spring Term

Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	School Opens PTA AGM 6pm
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Parent Consultations 5pm – 8pm
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Parent Consultations 3.30pm – 6.30pm
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	World Book Day
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Book Fair Week
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Enterprise Week
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Year 4 Solar Farm Visit
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Enterprise Afternoon
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Easter Service 1pm Last day of term

### Summer Term

Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	INSET Day
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4 Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra Life Education 'Bus' Visit – SCARF Day
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Life Education 'Bus' Visit – SCARF Day
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Healthy School Day & Fun Run Half term begins

### Half Term

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	School Opens
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Class Portraits
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Leavers Service 2pm</b>
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<b>INSET Day</b> <b>Year Ends</b>

