



# HAMPRESTON CE (VA) FIRST SCHOOL

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*To love God and to love one another*

**Autumn Term 2023 - Newsletter 8**

**3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023**

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the second leg of our autumn term, in which your children have already achieved so much with their positive and determined approach to their new learning. A big thank you for your cooperation yesterday when the weather decided to play up. While we are pleased that Storm Ciara did not cause too much disruption, we are very grateful for your cooperation with our precautions to keep us all safe.

## Seasonal Weather

This week has brought with it some very changeable weather. As autumn really kicks into gear, please ensure your child has warm and waterproof clothing each day. We do aim to give children as much fresh air as possible at break and lunch times, even if it is damp outside. You can help your child get that dose of healthy outside air by ensuring they all have named coats with them each day.

## Parent Consultations

We are once again looking forward to welcoming you to our Parent Consultations next Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November from 5pm - 8pm, and Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November from 3:30 – 6:30pm.

Please remember that consultations are limited to ten minutes and we would be grateful if you would make alternative arrangements for your children, so these can run as smoothly as possible. This is a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress and we look forward to seeing you there.

## Remembrance Day

As part of the act of remembrance, we will be having a special Remembrance Day Collective Worship in school at 11:00am on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November, marking the armistice and paying our respects. We invite those children who have them to wear a poppy. We will also welcome a special member of staff who will play the Last Post for us all.

## Anti-Bullying Week – Odd Socks Day!

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023 is Odd Socks Day! This is a national day that takes place at the start of Anti-Bullying week, showing that we are all unique and united. Therefore, we would like to invite your child to wear odd socks to school on this day, in addition to their school uniform, in support of Anti-Bullying week. We look forward to seeing all your odd and unique socks, the brighter, and crazier the better!

## Parking Matters

Sadly, 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.



## 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.

## Parent Governor Election

As notified in Newsletter 6, the Clerk received two nominations for the parent governor vacancy. However, before a ballot could be held, one of the two candidates decided to withdraw. Therefore, as there was only one candidate, that person is elected automatically. Your new parent governor is Mr Tom Hallam. Mr Hallam has two children at Hampreston School - one in Year 3 and one in Reception. He is Deputy Principal at Kinston Maurward College and also a qualified teacher. The governors are pleased to welcome Mr Hallam to the governing board.

## 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](mailto:PTA@hamprestonfirstschool.com)

## From the desk of Mr Williams

Dear friends,

It has been so wonderful to return to school this week and the welcome I have received from children, parents and staff alike has been truly heart-warming. I have missed you all and am thrilled to once again be back, working with some of the very best people around – you!! The kindness and understanding I have seen over the past few weeks has been remarkable and I am truly grateful to be a part of this wonderful community.

I would like to thank Mrs Richardson and the entire staff team, who have really pulled together to make sure that Hampreston continues to be a wonderful place filled with love and learning. Their efforts are a testament to how much they too love this place and the children who make it.

On a practical note, during the next few weeks, Mrs Richardson will be performing a stunning 'double-act' as I get caught up and deal with anything outstanding. This might mean any queries or issues will be dealt with by either of us and we appreciate your understanding.

Finally, I would like to thank you as parents for your boundless enthusiasm and support for Mrs Richardson and the staff. You are fantastic as always!

Now to roll up my sleeves and get stuck in...

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Have a great weekend.

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	It has been bonfire night week! We have been using cardboard tubes to create firework paintings, used PVA glue to join wooden lollipop sticks to card to make explosions and learning all about the gunpowder plot.	
	In English, we have been focussing on writing CVC (consonant / vowel / consonant) words, identifying each sound in turn using our fingers. We have learnt new digraphs including /ff/, /ll/, and /ss/. We have been reading and writing these in words.	In Maths, we have been focussing on the numbers 1, 2 & 3, learning to subitise the numbers, as well as think about their composition. We have been using the language one more and one less and reading and writing the numerals.
Year 1	We started to look at a new book in English this week called Jack and the Flum Flum Tree. The children had to remember what Jack's Granny had packed in his survival pack and make a list of all the items. They then had to think about what they would take if they were travelling to the Isle of Blowyenose.	In Maths we have been working hard on finding different number bonds within 10. We have been using various practical methods to build the additions and have tried to use a systematic approach using double sided counters to ensure we found all the different bonds.
Year 2	This week in English we have started to research The Great Fire of London. We have learnt how and why the fire happened and why it would not happen now. The children have enjoyed discussing the differences between 1666 and now. We have started to write a diary imagining we were children at the time and how we would feel. They have made a brilliant start, focusing on the use of adjectives and past tense.	In Maths this week we have continued our addition and subtraction unit. We have been partitioning numbers to help us count to the next ten and add across a 10. We have also added three 1 digit numbers and consolidated our bonds to 20. The children are working really hard to persevere with a very tricky topic.
Year 3	This week the children have been using conjunctions to write an extended piece of writing about Bonfire Night. They started off with describing the build-up, moving on to the main event including some onomatopoeia and then the finale. I was really impressed with the focus and perseverance they put into this piece of writing. Great job Year 3!	Consolidating their knowledge of column addition and subtraction, the children have had to think about how to add and subtract a 2-digit number from a 3-digit number and the importance of place value. Towards the end of the week, the children worked out answers using estimation to the nearest 10 or 100. With the use of a number line, the children grasped this well.
Year 4	In our English lessons this week, we have been exploring the poetry of Roger McGough and Moira Andrews. This had provided the children with an invaluable opportunity to delve into the world of poetry and develop their critical thinking skills. We have focussed on analysing the features of the poems and encouraged the children to create their own interesting similes and use powerful verbs.	In our Maths lessons, we have been revisiting some of the tricky concepts covered last half term. One of the key areas we focussed on is adding and subtracting 4-digit numbers with exchanges. This has enabled children to reinforce their understanding of place value and develop their mental calculation strategies. We have also been revising the use of rounding to estimate answers and using the inverse function to check an answer, both of which have helped the children gain confidence in using their mathematical thinking skills.



## Diary Dates 2023-2024

### Autumn Term

Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Fireworks Event
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent Consultations 5-8pm
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
Tuesday 5 <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
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers Service 2pm
	Year Ends for students
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	INSET DAY
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	INSET DAY

