



HAMPRESTON CE (VA) FIRST SCHOOL

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To love God and to love one another

Newsletter 11

Summer Term 2022

15th July 2022

Dear Parents,

It has been a glorious week and the children have coped brilliantly with the heat and tiredness which the end of the school year brings. Even though we are close to the end, the teachers have been continuing to keep the children learning all the way to the end and I know there is more fun to come.

Go For Gold

It was a privilege to see the key stage 2 children perform in this year's summer production, 'Go for Gold'! Having a live audience for the first time since 2019 was brilliant and I am sure you will agree, well worth the wait. The children were all truly brilliant and I know you will share my congratulations to them all on a wonderful show.

Go for Gold was our brilliant play this year and the scenery really made it come to life (thank you Mrs Waters!). The actors really expressed everything they said and it was just a wonderful play to take part in! By Heidi Y4

A message from Mr McNally:

I would like to say a huge thank you to all the children, staff and parents that made our KS2 summer production such a success. Go for Gold was a fantastic play and the children had the best time putting it together over the last few weeks. It took lots of hard work and dedication from all involved but I think it was definitely worth it! Go for Gold was a play about doing your best and having fun, something I think all the children exemplified during the performances. Well done everyone!

Reports

Your child's annual school report has been sent home with them today and should be found in their book bags. We hope you enjoy reading about your child's progress for the year. Should you wish to discuss anything relating to the report, please contact the class teacher to arrange a convenient time.

Books back to school by Friday 15th July please!

We would like to request that over the weekend you hunt high and low at home for any school books that may accidentally not have been returned. We want to start the new year afresh with full sets of guided reading books in Key Stage 1, books that your child has brought home for pleasure or Key Stage 2 library books.

We understand accidents can happen, so please don't worry but we would always be grateful if you could communicate if a book cannot be returned through loss or damage so other children do not miss out. Currently, there are still quite a few books outstanding, some of which are relatively new. Replacing stock annually is a very costly process and we would appreciate your help in locating and returning all school books please.

We will not be sending any books home after Friday 15th July so we can audit our stock, but of course, you always have Bug Club and your local library to choose from.



Final Week

Next week will be another fun-filled week of learning and perhaps some alternative, creative activities too. It is a chance to reflect on the school year and wish our leavers well. During the week, teachers will be preparing to send home your child's books. We will retain some back through until October half term, after which time, they can be returned to the children. Teachers will contact you with their specific arrangements, but I would imagine that a good, sturdy carrier bag might be needed.

Sunglasses

It has been noted that several children have been wearing sunglasses to school during the recent sunny spell. Whilst not strictly against the 'rules', we are finding it challenging keeping up with the many pairs. Our preference for sun protection is most definitely a cap or wide-brimmed sunhat. We understand that some children may need to wear sunglasses in specific circumstances, but kindly ask that you consider whether sunglasses are the right option for your child. Thank you for your understanding.

September School Hours 2022/23

Finally, thank you to everybody who completed our 2022/23 School Opening Hours survey. In order to move to a 32.5-hour week, Hampreston needs to add an additional five minutes per day to the timetable. From the feedback we received, the preferred option was for this to be at the end of the day, rather than the beginning. **Therefore, from September 2022, our school day will run from 8:40am – 3:10pm.**

Thank you for helping us in this matter and we trust that this will not cause undue challenges for those parents travelling between multiple schools and settings.

Celebrating Children...

Lewis Carter will be racing at the British National BMX Championship being held in Bournemouth this August Bank Holiday at Iford. He has been racing all over the south region this year in order to qualify and, as a result, he will be competing against approximately 80 other boys in his age group from all over the UK.

Lewis's club is one of the largest in the south and has an excellent coaching team, teaching boys and girls from the age of 5 to 65! If you would like to find out more about BMXing and the Bournemouth BMX Club then you can follow this link: <https://www.bournemouthbmx.co.uk/>

With just one more week to go, I hope you find the time this weekend to keep cool, enjoy time with friends and family and take a little rest before the last week of the year. Have a wonderful weekend – follow Baz Luhrmann's advice and don't forget the sunscreen.

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
Reception	<p>In Reception Class this week, we have been learning the story of the Princess and the frog. We have read a few different versions and written our own potions to turn a Prince into a frog.</p> <p>In Let's Explore, we have played with water at every opportunity to help us keep cool during these very hot days... The children also have had the opportunity to choose their own art and creative work focus this week too.</p>	<p>In maths, we have been thinking about time. We have sequenced our days using morning, afternoon and evening and used first, then and later to describe other sequences.</p>
Year 1	<p>In English this week, each Year 1 child wrote a letter to a child in Reception class, explaining what Year 1 is like. They enjoyed reflecting on the year, producing some lovely, reassuring letters. We have also reviewed all of our phonics knowledge from this year and even enjoyed going on a 'word hunt' outdoors, where the children applied their knowledge.</p>	<p>In maths, we have covered our final topic; place value to 100. We have practised identifying how many tens and ones are in a given number and sequenced numbers out of order. The children have completed maths assessments and we will spend next week reviewing less secure topics.</p>
Year 2	<p>This week in English we have investigated the problems caused by pollution in 'The undersea cleaning spree' The children have been thinking about how the different characters feel about the situation and how they would describe each character.</p>	<p>In Maths we have continued our unit on weights and measures. We have measured mass in kg, compared volumes and measured volume in ml. The children have persevered in what is a tricky topic at a difficult point in the school year.</p>
Year 3	<p>Year 3 write some lovely Haiku poems about seasons this week. We also enjoyed Michael Rosen's poem 'Don't' and we created our own versions by changing the verbs.</p>	<p>We have been measuring mass this week. The children know the units kg and g and can read different types of scales. We are now comparing mass using <i>greater than</i> and <i>less than</i>. We have also been problem solving using magic squares.</p>
Year 4	<p>This week, the children have been cooling off after a busy few days of performing by learning about the Commonwealth games. This year, the games will be taking place in Birmingham and we have learnt all about the history of the games, the countries that take part, the athletes themselves and even had a go at creating our own sport that could be in a future games!</p>	

Diary Dates 2021-2022

Summer Term

Friday 22nd July

Leavers Service 1:30pm
Year Ends

Term Dates for Academic Year 2022/2023

Autumn Term 2022

First Day Monday 5th September 2022
Half term Monday 24th October – Friday 28th October 2022
Last Day Friday 16th December 2022

Spring Term 2023

First Day Tuesday 3rd January 2023
Half term Monday 13th February – Friday 17th February 2023
Last Day Friday 31st March 2023

Summer Term 2023

First Day Monday 17th April 2023
Half Term Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June 2023
Last Day Friday 21st July 2023

In addition, the school will be **closed** on the following dates for staff training:

Thursday 1st September 2022

Friday 2nd September 2022

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Monday 1st May 2023 – Bank Holiday