



HAMPRESTON CE (VA) FIRST SCHOOL

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To love God and to love one another

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Dear Parents,

It has been great to be back this week and see the children thriving face to face again. Thank you all for your kind words and support.

The children have had a wonderful week, full of activities and fun. This really is a newsletter worth a good read...

Children's Mental Health Week: 7th – 11th February

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week. This year's theme is 'Growing Together'. We need to support our children now, more than ever, to acknowledge that difficult times won't last forever and we can cope with challenges and strive to grow.

We are sending home A 'Growing Together' bingo sheet which we hope you will enjoy exploring as a family. We invite your child to return the Bingo sheet at the end of the week (Friday) so we can discuss how the bingo challenges made us feel. Looking after the mental health of the whole Hampreston school community is paramount to us. If you have any concerns for your own or your child's mental wellbeing, please don't hesitate to contact us. Mrs Richardson is our Senior Mental Health Lead and always ready to listen and signpost extra support if needed, as are any member of our teaching and support team.



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/>

National Storytelling Week

What a fantastic day we had hearing the sticky tales of Ayuda the turtle, who got in to quite a tangle in the sea. Follow up activities included some powerful persuasive speeches in Year 4, a recount of her scary adventure in Year 3, a political debate and letters to parliament in Year 2, fact-finding about ocean pollution in Year 1 and some anti-pollution posters in Reception. The children made us very proud with their passionate views and ideas for protecting our planet. We hope you have enjoyed lots of stories with your children this week, too!

Bug Club

Congratulations to the following people for getting their names on the Bug Club Leaderboard for their reading in the last two weeks! The children are geared up for the next fortnightly Leaderboard announcement on 17th February!

Reception: Sam, Lola, Eddie, Scarlett;

Year 1: Finlay, Elle, Rupert, Cameron, Bam, Eli, Mayble;

Year 2: Jared, Cassia, Amelia, Orla, Bethany;

Year 3: Olivia, William, Emily, Lily, Hunter, Henry, Maisie, Sophie, Abbie, Rosie;

Year 4: Heidi, Isabella G, Harriet, Georgiana, Chloe



ASDA foundation

Transforming Communities, Improving Lives

Voting has closed and I am thrilled to announce that Hampreston won! Thank you to everyone who faithfully voted throughout January and helped to make this bid a success. The money will go towards the new school library project and help to take this project a little further along. Thank you to the PTA for setting this up, too.

Big Me Day

What a fantastic workforce we had at school today as children and adults all embraced the spirit of Big Me Day. We had astronauts and ice cream vendors, pole vaulters and a team of surgeons among countless other jobs and careers. While we were delighted at the ambition and enthusiasm each child showed for reaching their goal, we also took time to think and pray for children around the world who also need support to achieve their dreams. Thank you to all our fantastic parents for assembling some great costumes!



Midday Movers update:



The children smashed our target last week! So much so that we were able to run all the way to London in only 2 lunchtimes!!
Our new target is to run around the UK and I will keep you all updated as we go.
Keep running Hampreston!

Safer Internet Day

Next Tuesday is the annual Safer Internet Day, another opportunity for us to work with the children on the challenges that surround us all about how to stay safe online. This year, the theme is 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online'.

Safer Internet Day is celebrated globally in February each year to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people, and to inspire a national conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically, and creatively.

During the week, the children will have opportunities to work together with their teachers, discussing how they can make the best of the internet and also keep themselves safe online – all delivered in ways suitable for each age group.

In the run up to this week, there are a host of resources to support you as parents online; many of these can be found linked on the school website ([here...](#)). It is a perfect time to take a look yourselves as they all offer great advice and guidance for parents on a whole manner of internet-related topics, from gaming, devices and social media to setting up parental controls on your broadband.

Why not check out <https://www.internetmatters.org> for guides and practical support for families?

Have a wonderful 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
Reception	In English this week, we learnt the story 'Dinosaurs love underpants' which we really enjoyed and found funny. We also learnt the Chinese Zodiac story which explains the animal years. We learnt all about Chinese New Year and especially that red means good luck. In phonics we learnt air and er as well as the double letter sounds bb, mm, tt, rr, gg, pp, ff, tt in words such as letter or carrot.	In maths, we learnt to add two numbers to 10 using practical objects and then the part, part whole model. We have been taking part in several story telling activities as well.
Year 1	In English this week, the children continued with their stories, inspired by the plot of The Gigantic Turnip. The children have been extremely creative and they have loved sharing their stories by reading them aloud. We also enjoyed having storyteller, Bemma, share her book, 'Ayuda's Messy Rescue'. The story led us to research ocean pollution and then create banners for a classroom 'protest'.	In maths this week, we began with some addition and number bonds reinforcement. We discussed different methods for addition and then resumed with 'adding by making 10' from last week. This has continued to be a tricky topic!
Year 2	This week in English the children were inspired by the reading of Ayuda's Messy Rescue. They wrote a book review, describing what they enjoyed about the book and as a class we have been discussing the impact of pollution on the oceans. The children were so motivated that we have written a letter to the Prime Minister about the problem and given some suggestions on how he can help.	In Maths this week we have continued our unit on multiplication and division. We have been looking at how to use array's and how they can help us write repeated addition number sentences, as well as multiplication sentences. We have also started working on our 2, 5 and 10 times tables.
Year 3	In year 3 this week we have written a great story based on the book Ayuda's Messy Rescue, by Bemma Akyeampong. She read the story to the class and we adapted it to be written from the central turtle character's point of view. The story has a great anti-pollution message and the children loved retelling it.	In maths we have continued to learn division of 2-digit numbers by a 1-digit number. This is challenging but the children are becoming more confident with various methods of doing it. The work continues...
Year 4	This week the children have been collating all of their knowledge of poetic features into one amazing list poem. They thought all about their ideal dream holiday (when we don't have to test 12 times to get there and back) and wrote fabulous list poems about this.	In maths the children have been looking at the relationship between tenths and hundredths, which can sometimes be a little tricky. They then went on to look at other fractions and were able to find equivalent fractions by multiplying the denominator and the numerator by the same number.

Diary Dates 2021-2022

Spring Term	
Monday 7 th February	Children's mental Health Week PTA AGM 7pm
Tuesday 8 th February	Internet Safety Day AFC Bournemouth Internet Safety Workshops
Thursday 17th February	PTA Bingo Night
Friday 18 th February	Healthy School Day & Walk2School Morning Half term begins
Half Term	
Monday 28 th February	School Opens
Tuesday 1 st March	Year 4 Pancake race
Thursday 3 rd March	World Book Day
Tuesday 8 th March	Parent Consultations 5-8pm
Wednesday 9 th March	Parent Consultations 3-6pm
Friday 25th March	PTA Mother's Day Sale
Friday 8 th April	Easter Service 1pm Last day of term
Summer Term	
Monday 25 th April	INSET Day
Friday 27 th May	Healthy School Day & Fun Run Half term begins
Half Term	
Tuesday 7 th June	INSET Day
Wednesday 8 th June	School Opens
Thursday 16 th June	Class Portraits
Saturday 25th June	PTA Summer Fete
Friday 17th June	PTA Father's Day Sale
Friday 1 st July	Sports Day
Friday 8th July	PTA Disco
Friday 22 nd July	Leavers Service 2pm Year Ends