



HAMPRESTON CE (VA) FIRST SCHOOL

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To love God and to love one another

Newsletter 7

Autumn Term 2021

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Dear Parents

Walk to School

It was brilliant to see everyone at our first Walk to School morning in over a year! The children thoroughly loved the chance to walk through the fields to school with their friends and teachers and it was a lovely way to start the morning. As always, my thanks to those parents who helped with lunchboxes or as walkers – and to Haskins staff for giving up their time to get in early and help to make the traffic arrangements so easy.

Year 4 trip to Stonehenge

Year 4 had the most amazing time at Stonehenge this week. Although a little windy, the weather held and the sun even peeked out while we were up at the stones! The visitor team were brilliant and taught us all about how the stones were moved; how Stonehenge fits into the wider landscape; the artefacts found around Stonehenge and all about the stones themselves. One child described the trip to the stones as 'magical', so I think that it is safe to say that we can't wait to go again next year!

Dorset Fire & Rescue Visit

On Thursday Jon Sweet visited the school. He is an experienced ex-policeman who works for Dorset Fire and Rescue. He delivered an assembly and visited each class over the course of the day to spread the message of fire safety. He is a very charismatic and engaging teacher and the children listened with close attention to his message. He pointed out that people at home do not do fire drills, so suggested that every family should talk over suitable exit routes from the house in the event of a fire. He also pointed out that smoke alarms should be tested regularly, suggesting "Testing Tuesdays" as a good aide memoir. As firework night is approaching it was a timely message, delivered effectively.

Year 2 Adventures

Year 2 have been learning about Kampong Ayer in Brunei and have been lucky to go on an adventure! They have travelled to Bandar Seri Begawan and spent the day in the rainforest making rainmakers and finding out more about the animals that live there. The children have had a fantastic day and were very impressed by Captain Williams and his flying of the airplane!



Parents Wanted - EYFS

In Reception Class next half term, we are spending all of November on the topic of People who Help Us. If you or a family member are a Vet, Doctor/Nurse, Dentist, Builder, Fire fighter or Police Officer and could come into school to tell us all about your/their vocation please could you contact Miss Humphrys via her email at; n.humphrys@hampreston.dorset.sch.uk - Many thanks in advance.

Volunteers

We are always hugely grateful to volunteers who are willing to give their time to help the children. We would like to say a heartfelt thank you to Mrs Jones who has been coming in to school for several years voluntarily to read with children and to help on school visits. We definitely think she deserves a rest now! A big thank you also to the parents who have kindly helped on school visits so far this year.



We would love some occasional help keeping the garden courtyard tidy at the very front of school. The Friends did such a good job giving it a makeover last summer and we would like to maintain it.

We would also love reading volunteers - if you are a parent, carer or grandparent who would enjoy coming in to share a favourite children's story or poetry with a class for just 15 minutes, please contact your child's teacher via the year group email address to arrange a suitable time. Having a variety of different adults reading to them for enjoyment gives such a positive to children.

Parent Consultations – change of dates

Due to issues with the online booking service, we will be moving our parent consultations back by one week after half term. This will allow Mrs Pitchforth and Mrs Bentley to ensure that the bookings run smoothly. In addition, as we are once again holding these consultations remotely, we will revert to the arrangements we had previously, spreading the consultations across three evenings, rather than just two.

Please check the diary below for the changed dates and look out for booking information to follow after the half term break. I offer my apologies for any inconvenience caused.

School Uniform

After half term we revert to our winter uniform rules. As such, red polo shirts and summer dresses can be packed away until the warmer weather returns in the spring. As an additional reminder, please ensure that school fleeces are an additional item of clothing for colder days, not an alternative to jumpers or cardigans.

Finally, please ensure the children do not wear jewellery of any sort in school – other than analogue watches – and that children with pierced ears should not wear earrings at school. Where ears are recently pierced, ears should be taped for safety until the holes are 'fixed'. Thank you.

I hope you all have a chance to relax and unwind during this half term break. The children certainly need the rest and I trust there will be lots of fun family time to come. Have a wonderful and safe half term break.

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>This week in English, we learnt the story of Don't hog the hedge. We used this to learn all about Hedgehogs and we now know lots of facts and information including what hibernation and nocturnal means. We followed instructions to make individual hedgehog bread rolls and have made clay hedgehogs as well.</p> <p>In our phonics work, we have learnt the sounds e, u, r, h and b this week too so we have practised writing these and even made paper helicopters which we enjoyed flying in the hall.</p>	<p>In maths, we have problem solved using 4 cubes, pegged prickles on the hedgehog according to its number and used positional language to programme the hedgehog bot around the forest map.</p>
Year 1	<p>In literacy this week, we read <i>We're Going on a Bear Hunt</i> by Michael Rosen. Many of the children were already familiar with the words and they loved joining in. We started by recapping 'adjectives', and identifying them in the text. The children have now begun to produce their own books, mimicking the format of our main text, e.g. "We're going on a swordfish hunt, we're going to catch a speedy one...". We watched <i>We're Going on a Bear Hunt</i> this afternoon as a special treat!</p>	<p>This week in maths, we have been working on subtraction. The children have used counters, the crossing out method as well as the counting back method. Some children have been able to notice the relationship between adding and subtracting, for example how $7 - 4 = 3$ and $4 + 3 = 7$. Year 1 have made a fantastic start to maths and all their learning this half term. Well done!</p>
Year 2	<p>This week in English we have been re-capping what we have learnt so far this term and the children have been great at recalling how we use punctuation and when it is appropriate to use a comma. The children have really enjoyed a visit from the Fire Service this week and wowed him with what they remembered about fire safety from their fact sheets last week.</p>	<p>In Maths we have been looking at finding related facts using our fact family knowledge, finding number bonds to 100 and using the column method to count ones. The children have impressed me with how quickly they are picking up the new concepts.</p>
Year 3	<p>In year 3 this week we have been looking at poetry. The children loved hearing poetry, performing poems and learning to write their own. We have worked on homophones in spelling.</p>	<p>In maths we are continuing to look at column methods of addition and subtraction, as well as becoming quicker with our recall of times table facts. The children have worked hard this half term and deserve their break!</p>
Year 4	<p>This week we had a very successful trip to Stonehenge! We all had so much fun exploring the stones and learning from the brilliant volunteers there. We have come back from Stonehenge and used our knowledge of the Stone Age to write persuasive leaflets. They are amazing.</p>	<p>In maths we have finished looking at adding two different 4-digit numbers. We looked at how to exchange correctly and also used our knowledge of addition to solve missing number problems and reason.</p>

Diary Dates 2021-2022

Autumn Term	
Monday 1 st November	School Opens
Friday 5 th November	Friends Mufti-Day
Tuesday 9th November	Parent Consultations 3:30-5:30pm
Wednesday 10th November	Parent Consultations 4:30-6:30pm
Thursday 11th November	Remembrance Day
	Parent Consultations 5:30-7:30pm
Wednesday 17 th November	AFC Bournemouth Road Safety Workshops
Thursday 18 th November	AFC Bournemouth Citizenship Workshops
Friday 19 th November	Children in Need Day
Monday 22 nd November	Year 4 trip to Dudsbury Camp
Wednesday 24 th November	'No Pens' Wednesday
Friday 26 th November	Friend's Mufti-Day
	Friend's Christmas Wreath Workshop
Monday 29 th November	Enterprise Week
Tuesday 30 th November	Flu Immunisations
Friday 3 rd December	Enterprise Afternoon 2:30pm
Saturday 4 th December	Friend's Christmas Fair 11am-3pm
Tuesday 7 th December	KS2 Carols by Candlelight
Monday 13 th December	EYFS/KS1 Nativity
Tuesday 14 th December	EYFS/KS1 Nativity
Friday 17 th December	Christingle Service 1pm
	Last day of term
Spring Term	
Tuesday 4th January	INSET DAY
Wednesday 5 th January	School Opens
Friday 4 th February	Big Me Day
Tuesday 8 th February	Internet Safety Day
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 8 th April	Easter Service 1pm
	Last day of term
Summer Term	
Monday 25 th April	Proposed INSET Day
Friday 27 th May	Healthy School Day & Fun Run
	Half term begins
Half Term	
Monday 6th June	School Closed for Queen's Jubilee Bank Holiday
Tuesday 7 th June	School Opens
Thursday 16 th June	Class Portraits
Friday 1 st July	Sports Day
Friday 22 nd July	Leavers Service 2pm
	Year Ends