



HAMPRESTON CE (VA) FIRST SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

Mental Health Day – 10th October

Years 2 and 3 had the pleasure of a visit from AFC Bournemouth representatives this week. The two club ambassadors were promoting positive mental health and ways to look after our wellbeing. The children were captivated by the energetic and informative sessions, learning lots about how sleep, water intake, exercise and food choices can affect our mental wellbeing. Some interesting discussions took place around the importance of accepting and talking about our feelings. We would like to thank the AFC Bournemouth representatives for an extremely valuable and enriching experience.

Supporting positive mental health is vital for everyone and the wonderful people at Mind have put together a great resource to support us as adults and remind us that talking about our feelings is key. They share [five key ways to wellbeing](#), which are:

- Connect
- Be active
- Take notice
- Learn
- Give

Being a parent isn't always easy, which is why YoungMinds have a whole section dedicated to supporting you as parents, with a practical 'Parents Survival Guide' on how to support your child and to also look after yourself. Why not take a look [here](#)?

East Dorset Fun Run – Wednesday 20th October

In a return to more normality, next week is the long-awaited East Dorset Fun Run at St Michael's Middle School. Year 3, 4 and 5 children are invited to enter the **EAST DORSET FUN RUN** either as an individual runner or as part of a team. Teams need 3 runners of the same gender from the same school. The fun run will be approximately 1km. Year 3 and 4 will compete together, with Year 5 competing in a separate race. Please arrive at 3.45pm at St Michaels on Wednesday 20th October, for races to start at 4pm.

To enter just go to the link <https://forms.gle/vP92yoazk8CGQ5BS9>

In the past, Hampreston has had a brilliant turn out and some of the staff and I will be there to cheer our children on. Why not encourage your child to take part and register them for the event?

Parent Consultations

Our first parent consultation of the year will take place after half term. Following the success of last year's virtual meetings, and considering the continuing coronavirus situation, we felt it would be best to host these online via Zoom once again this term. Next week you will receive information on how to book an appointment, including details on how the evenings will run. All being well, we hope to resume face to face consultations in the spring.



Litter Pick!



The KS2 children had lots of fun during our trip to Weymouth and Chesil beach last week. However, it wasn't just about visiting our author at the Pavilion, we also did a litter pick at Chesil beach and collected an amazing 4kg of rubbish. The children loved doing their part to help to make our coast a safer and cleaner place.

Walk to School

Next week is our first Walk to School morning in almost two years and we are hopeful that this can still go ahead. However, we are still waiting for final confirmation of details from our friends at Haskins and will look to confirm arrangements early next week.

In the meantime, you might consider whether you are able to help us on Friday morning. Historically we have had the help of some wonderful parent volunteers who have helped to shuttle the packed lunches to school. If you are able to play taxi for some lunchboxes, please get in touch. Thank you.

Harvest Donations

The school council helped to sort through and organise all of your very kind harvest donations. Mr Lubbock then bagged them up and we took them down to the Wimborne Food Bank today. The people at the food bank were overwhelmed by your generosity and so were we. Thank you all for your support!



Nut-Free School

May I remind all parents to check carefully, the contents of packed lunches. Hampreston is a strictly nut-free school. For the safety of a number of our staff and children, please do not send your child in with any items which contain nuts, being particularly mindful of those 'hidden' nuts in products e.g. Nutella, chocolate spreads etc. Always check the ingredients and if in doubt, please leave it at home. Thanks.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Mr. T. Williams".

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 |
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| Reception | This week, we have been learning all about Autumn and leaves in our English work. We have read the story we are going on a leaf hunt as our stimulus for lots of our activities. The children have also learnt the phonemes; g, o, c, k, and ck this week. We have been word building both orally and as written words. | In maths, we have met Butterfly Three who has been teaching us how to write the number three this week using her wing! We have also carried on with our number work to 5 and have extended this to looking at it in relation to fewer, more or equal/the same as. The children have used leaves, conkers, sticks, acorns and even a mini pumpkin to do this practically. We have also started to learn to subitize with numbers to 5 you can see one of the songs we've used for this at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PSIA-u_ABmU |
| Year 1 | In literacy this week, we looked at texts containing rhyme, including <i>When a Dragon Comes to Stay</i> by Caryl Hart, and a variety of poems. The children have come up with some fantastic rhymes of their own. This week, we have reviewed our phonics learning so far; the children have retained their learning very well. | The children have done well to grasp the concept of commutativity in addition; they were able to suggest that if $6 + 5$ is equal to 11, then $5 + 6$ must be equal to 11. We have introduced the idea of finding a missing number in an addition sentence, where the total is given. This was a challenge, but the children are fantastic at using their resources to support them. |
| Year 2 | This week in English we have been researching fire safety, the children have had some brilliant ideas about how to keep us safe and what to do in an emergency. We have been looking at fact sheets and writing our own facts about how to stay safe. | In Maths we have been looking at comparing number sentences and reminding ourselves about the 'greater than' and 'less than' symbols. The children have been continuing to use their fact families to solve problems. |
| Year 3 | In year 3 this week we have been working on using adventurous vocabulary in our writing about "The Rock Elf". We are also focusing on basic sentence formation and presentation of handwriting. Reading continues to be a vital and essential activity! | In maths we are moving forward in our understanding of adding and subtracting from 3-digit numbers, and we are getting faster in our recall of 3x and 4x multiplication tables. There is still lots to do! |
| Year 4 | This week we have been planning and writing our own version of <i>Stone Age Boy</i> . We thought carefully about how to use fronted adverbials to make our writing interesting and then used these in our own version of the story. We wrote our stories as if we had come from the Stone Age to 2021 and described all of the interesting things that we would see. | Our maths work this week has focused on Negative numbers and addition. We looked at how to use negative numbers, finding the difference between them and ordering them. We also have begun to recap and expand our knowledge of using column addition with up to 4-digit numbers. |

Diary Dates 2021-2022

| Autumn Term | |
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| Tuesday 19 th October | Year 4 trip to Stonehenge |
| Friday 22 nd October | Healthy School Day & Walk2School Morning Half term begins |
| Half Term | |
| Monday 1 st November | School Opens |
| Tuesday 2 nd November | Parent Consultations 5-8pm |
| Wednesday 3 rd November | Parent Consultations 3-6pm |
| Friday 5 th November | Friends Mufti-Day |
| Thursday 11 th November | Remembrance Day |
| 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 |

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