



HAMPRESTON CE VA FIRST SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

What a scorcher of a week! The children have had a brilliant last week and are now all thoroughly ready for a long rest. Here are the last few news items of this year.

Year 1 trip to High Mead Farm



Last week Year 1 walked down to High Mead Farm for the day. We took part in a fantastic variety of activities. The children were fascinated by the animals there were lots of friendly pigs, beautiful goats and some tentative alpacas. The children were allowed to carefully stroke lots of different animals and even feed a few. We were surprised to learn that chickens enjoy cucumbers! Year 1 loved making ice lollies for the pigs; this involved cutting up a colourful range of fruit and vegetables, the veg was combined with water and popped in the freezer for the pigs to enjoy later.



Not only did we have fun with the animals, but we were also treated to some exciting plant-based experiences.

The children were allowed to dig for potatoes, with a little help from the adults, we dug loads! The children picked ripe tomatoes, furthermore each child planted a French bean as well as a pea. The farm trip really enriched our knowledge; the farm staff allowed us to realise that dried out peas can be planted to grow more peas! We were so pleased to have postponed our trip after having a magnificent day in the sun.



Drop Off Zone – September helpers needed!

We have only had one volunteer to help with the Drop-Off zone in September. I know it might seem like a long way off, but September will be here before we know it. It would be extremely helpful to have a list of helpers as soon as possible please. That way, all being well, we can get straight back into routine when school reopens on Monday 6th September. The office staff would be delighted to hear from you by email. Thank you.

Summer Works

During the summer break, we will be having some eagerly anticipated renovation work completed at Hampreston. Firstly, we have a full refit and refurbishment to the toilets and cloakroom area which will have a massive impact for the children as we return to our 'normal' entrance routines in September. We will also be having some internal restructuring in EYFS and Year 1 and I am excited to see this particular area of the school adapting and changing to suit our wonderful children.

If the opportunity arises, I will share the progress of these projects throughout the summer, so keep an eye on the school website!



Staff News

Today, as we bid farewell to our year 4s, to Mrs Al-Masri and Mrs Wainwright, we are also saying goodbye to Mrs Plummer who is leaving to take up a new role at Wimborne First School. Mrs Plummer has been a wonderful part of the school team and we are very sad that she is leaving. We wish her the very best and know she will be wonderful in her new role.

This week we were thrilled to be able to welcome Mrs Bebbington as a new Teaching Assistant on the staff team. Mrs Bebbington will join the amazing EYFS staff and has a wonderful wealth of experience and knowledge. I know you will make her feel thoroughly welcomed in September and we are all excited for her to join us.

Challenging Behaviour Information Sessions

Action for Children Dorset are running some free challenging behaviour sessions later on this year. Please see the link below to find out more information and to book your place.

[Challenging behaviour information sessions | Action for Children](#)

White Rose Hub Maths Resources

This summer, Morrisons have teamed up with White Rose Hub to produce some fantastic maths booklets which you can do with your children over the summer break. They are completely free and can be collected at any Morrisons store from Monday 26th July.

For more information please follow this link: <https://whiterosemaths.com/morrisons/>

Hampreston 'Festival on the Field'

Finally, a huge thank you to the Hampreston Friends' army of helpers who helped to organise such a wonderful school disco yesterday. It was amazing to see the children having such a fun time together, celebrating the end of the school year. The weather was perfect and there was a true 'festival' feeling in the air. I know the children thoroughly enjoyed it – and even the adults were getting their groove on! Thank you all.

There has never been a year like this one...

How do you sum up the past academic year without the word 'unprecedented'? Through restrictions, national lockdowns, bubble closures and lashings of antibac – that we are all still standing is a testament to the perseverance and dedication of you, the wonderful parents, and to the fantastic staff at Hampreston.

Can I wish you all a brilliant, safe and restful summer break. I hope you all have an opportunity to enjoy the heady summer days with friends and family.

See you in September for more exciting times and maybe even a few surprises! Have a wonderful summer!

Yours sincerely,



Mr. T. Williams
Headteacher

Diary Dates 2020-2021

Term Dates for Academic Year 2021-2022

Autumn Term 2021

First Day	Monday 6th September 2021
Half term	Monday 25th October - Friday 29th October 2021
Last Day	Friday 17th December 2021

Spring Term 2022

First Day	Tuesday 4th January 2022
Half term	Monday 21st February – Friday 25th February 2022
Last Day	Friday 8th April 2022

Summer Term 2022

First Day	Monday 25th April 2022
Half Term	Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June 2022
Last Day	Friday 22nd July 2022

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

Thursday 2nd September 2021

Friday 3rd September 2021

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Monday 2nd May 2022 – Bank Holiday

Thursday 2nd – 5th June 2022 – Queen's Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday (coincides with half-term)