



HAMPRESTON CE (VA) FIRST SCHOOL

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To love God and to love one another

Newsletter 8

Spring Term 2022

4th March 2022

Dear Parents,

I trust you have all had a good half term break and are feeling as full of life as the children have been this week. It has been an exciting week for all and I know the children have thoroughly enjoyed the various activities they have been involved in this week.

Pancake Race

Tuesday was Pancake Day and it was so much fun. Everybody came to watch, even the parents. Of course there could only be one winner. This year the winner was Daniel Duncan.

We celebrate Shrove Tuesday to remind us that Easter is on the way.

We also helped make pancakes for the whole school! This represents service which is one of our school values.

By Jude Trevor, Year 4

World Book Day – 3rd March

It was utterly fantastic to celebrate 25 years of World Book Day yesterday. The children all looked fantastic and your efforts to help and support them with costumes of all sorts is hugely appreciated. We had characters from so many wonderful books represented including a Jolly Postman, Beowulf, Mr Grumpy (not Mr Williams), the Queen of Hearts and (if you can find him) Where's Wally.

As always, World Book Day was also an opportunity to celebrate a love of books that we at Hampreston all value greatly. The children were able to share favourite stories and read together and the Year 4 children were even able to help me with some amazing designs for the perfect school library.



Parent Consultations

We are looking forward to finally welcoming you to our Parent Consultations – in person - next Tuesday 8th March from 3 – 6pm, and Wednesday 9th March from 5pm - 8:00pm.

Please remember that consultations are ten minutes long and we would be grateful if you would make alternative arrangements for your children so these can run as smoothly as possible. This is a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress and we look forward to seeing you there.

Spot the Difference...



You may have noticed that the staff car park is looking much more open and brighter since half term. If you have been wondering what was missing, I can put you out of your misery. On the Friday before half term, when the wind was at its worst, the large oak tree on the corner of the car park came crashing down. As you can see from the picture, I was very glad that we made the decision to close. I hope that your gardens, roofs and trampolines all fared a little better.



Author Visit

On Monday 7th March we are lucky enough to have Mrs Lynda Stewart, who some of you may remember from her time with us as a teacher. Since then, she has become a published author and has developed an adorable range of books about her beloved guinea pigs! She will be coming in to read to the children on Monday 7th March and is offering the chance to buy her popular books after school. A reminder will follow.

Ukraine Aid

A huge thank you to everyone who has contributed so quickly to the Ukraine aid organised by some of our wonderful parents. I know that these donations have already begun their journey to help meet the needs of displaced families in Ukraine.



PTA Smarties Challenge

Today the PTA will once again issue their 'Smarties' challenge to children across the school – albeit slightly later than planned thanks to storm Eunice!

Each child has been given a tube of Smarties (or a delicious fruity alternative) as a gift from the PTA. However, the children now need to get busy at home, doing jobs and tasks, perhaps tidying their rooms, laying the table for dinner or even washing the dog – all to earn a little extra pocket money. This can then be saved in the Smarties tube and returned to school on Friday 11th March.

While many people decide to give up things for Lent, why not encourage your child to 'do' instead – perhaps this could be the first part of their Lent 'doing'...?

Pip-date



Many of you have been asking about Pippin and wondering how he is getting along. Today he is 8 months old and, as you can see from the picture, is doing brilliantly. He has completed his first two training courses as a puppy and we are now awaiting a place on the next available course for therapy training. Sadly, as with many things, these courses have been postponed or delayed over recent months, meaning there is now something of a wait until a place becomes available.

In the meantime, you can still keep your eyes peeled to spot him on his daily walks. If you do spot him, be sure to say hello and maybe even grab a photo for a future newsletter...



Have a brilliant 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	This week has been extremely busy but very much enjoyed by the children. In English, we read the story Mr Wolfs pancakes and based our week's work and activities on this and Shrove Tuesday. The children have written shopping lists for Mr Wolf and recipe instructions for how to make a pancake. They have played the three little pig board game, matching pairs, built houses for the characters and much more.	In maths, we have been learning the number bonds first to 5 and then to 10. We made a brick wall and practised our own version of 10 green bottles to help us with this. We also subitised to 8 using our pancake theme and counted lots as we tossed our (felt) pancakes and compared how many with a friend.
Year 1	This week in English, we read We All Went on Safari by Laurie Krebs and other African books. We started by undertaking some background research about Africa. The children then wrote some fantastic clues for me to guess the African animal they were describing. Next week, we will be writing our own counting book.	In maths, we have advanced by studying numbers to 50. The children were able to spot the missing number when I removed a number from our hundred square. We then revisited tens and ones for numbers to 50. The children applied their knowledge very well.
Year 2	This week in English the children have been learning about past tense verbs. We have been writing our holiday news and the children worked really hard to incorporate these into their writing. On World Book Day they had great fun sharing books and designing alternative front covers for their favourite books.	In Maths this week we have been working on dividing by 5's and 10's and using bar models to group numbers. The children initially found the topic quite tricky but have worked hard using concrete resources to help secure their knowledge.
Year 3	In English the children have been excited to begin the study of Cressida Cowell's marvellous book "How to train your dragon". They have written letters and read several chapters already. On world book day we had great fun researching authors and reading together. We thought about the magic of imagination and had a lovely day! In year 3 we love reading!	In year 3 we have begun to look at statistics, starting with the interpretation of pictograms. We have linked this to times tables recall and will continue with this next week.
Year 4	This week was a little different in year 4. We started our sustainability topic by making and eating delicious brownies that were made using CRICKETS! Although it sounds gross, crickets are actually very sustainable and nutritious. We designed persuasive adverts for our brownies and wrote some very persuasive speeches to tell people about the benefits of eating insects.	In maths the children have been amazing, they have remembered how to convert improper fractions into mixed numbers and have used this knowledge to solve additions and subtractions using fractions.

Diary Dates 2021-2022

Spring Term

Tuesday 8 th March	Parent Consultations 3-6pm
Wednesday 9 th March	Parent Consultations 5-8pm
Friday 11 th March	PTA Bingo Night
Friday 25 th 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 25 th June	PTA Summer Fete
Friday 17 th June	PTA Father's Day Sale
Friday 1 st July	Sports Day
Friday 8 th July	PTA Disco
Friday 22 nd July	Leavers Service 2pm
	Year Ends