



HAMPRESTON CE (VA) FIRST SCHOOL

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To love God and to love one another

Autumn Term 2023 - Newsletter 10

17th November 2023

Dear Parents,

It's been another fun filled week at school, despite the relentless rain! Thank you so much for your generous support with our Children in Need Fundraiser today, which was a huge hit with all the children and raised a pleasing total of £220.54 for this crucial charity.

Challenging ourselves for Children In Need



The children have had a 'spotacular' day challenging themselves to have a go at all the challenges on offer!

They overcame their nerves to navigate through the dark adventure cave with helmets and torches. They were challenged to build the tallest tower using only paper and sticky tape, and had to try and build the longest bridge out of Lego without it collapsing. They took part in a scrap heap challenge to make a working model from various resources and they used their crafty cutting, sticking and drawing skills to create a class Pudsey.

Thank you for supporting this event and helping to raise money for this great cause.



Engines off please!

Just a reminder that according to the Highway Code, drivers must not leave a parked vehicle unattended with the engine running or leave a vehicle engine running unnecessarily while the vehicle is stationary on a public road. Thank you for your cooperation.

Children's Sleep Issues

We would like to let you know about a wonderful free support service that can help parents and children to learn more about their sleep and develop better bedtime routines. Sleep is essential to brain function and by helping children to sleep better, we can help them to succeed in school. We know how stressful it can be for the whole family if there are ongoing sleep issues. For the helpline number, please see the attached flyer.

Young Writers Creative Writing Competition

Following the success of last year's writing competition, Hampreston are once again partaking in the Young Writers Creative Writing Competition. This is your child's chance to showcase their amazing writing abilities by writing a short story of only 100 words, which will then be published in a book! It is free to enter, and entry forms can be taken from your child's class teacher. From all the entries nationally, schools with the best entries will be chosen to win the Young Writers' Award of Excellence and a £100 National Book Token. The top 10 entries will also receive a creative writing goody bag each! Entries must be returned to school no later than Monday 11th December.

For more information, visit the Young Writer's Website: <https://www.youngwriters.co.uk/competitions> or speak to your child's class teacher. Happy Writing!

Coping with Challenging Behaviour – Parent Support Workshop



Don't forget to let us know if you can join us on **Tuesday 21st November at 2pm- 3pm** in the school hall, when our Mental Health In Schools team will be running a parent workshop to support parents who are interested in improving relationships with their child and managing and preventing those escalated or extreme behaviours that we all experience from time to time at home. RSVP on: <https://forms.office.com/e/LtXtXsbT3q>

Home School Agreement

If you have not already done so, please could you read and sign your home / school agreement and send it back to school. If you've mislaid yours and need a new copy, no problem – just pop into the office!

Vacancy

We are very sad to be saying farewell to Mr Lubbock at Christmas as he embarks on some exciting plans for his retirement. We will be wishing him well properly in a few weeks, but for now, if you or someone you know might be interested in the caretaker vacancy, please enquire at the office for more information.

Newspapers

If anybody would like to donate old newspapers we would be very grateful to receive them at school please as our stocks have run out.

PTA News

AGM

Our AGM will take place on **22nd November 2023** in the school hall at **5.30pm**. If you are interested in being involved with the PTA and/or would like to take on a formal role on the committee please email pta@hamprestonfirstschool.com with your interest or chat with a committee member. It will be a short and informal meeting. We look forward to seeing you there.

Christmas Cards

Thank you to those who have already ordered Christmas cards and other Christmas keepsakes at the best available commission rate. If you missed it, then there will be another opportunity to purchase through the Class Fundraising online ordering system between 17th November and 24th November.

As always, we are sincerely grateful for your ongoing support and kindness. Enjoy a wonderful weekend.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing 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
EYFS	<p>In Reception this week, it has been nursery rhyme week! We have been singing and performing a whole host of nursery rhymes and linking them to our English learning. We also loved participating in all the Children In Need challenges and discussed the importance of helping those less fortunate.</p> <p>In Phonics this week, we learnt the sounds /qu/, /ch/, /z/ and the plural /s/ and have practised reading and writing these in CVC words. We have been exploring rhyme and used the book 'Oi Frog!' to identify rhyming words. Finally, we have been working on our sequencing skills by sequencing the events on different nursery rhymes and the Christmas Story.</p>	<p>Maths this week has revolved around the numbers '4' and '5'. As well as learning to write the numerals, we have been subitising pictures with 4 or 5 amounts and looking at the composition of both numbers. We have recapped our positional language too.</p>
Year 1	<p>This week in English we have been look at non-fiction texts about animals. Children have been reading a variety of different books and then writing their own mini fact file about an animal.</p>	<p>In Maths, we have looked at word problems and had a go at packing out the key information we needed to put into a number sentence so we could solve the problem. We also had a go at finding a missing part using a part-whole model to help us complete a number sentence.</p>
Year 2	<p>This week in English we have read the poem 'Bernard' by Shirley Hughes, we discussed the features of poetry and how the styles can be very different. The children then went on to write their own poem about a friend or family member, focusing on structure and vocabulary. The children had the opportunity to publish their poems and were, rightly, so proud of their work.</p>	<p>In Maths this week we have continued our addition and subtraction unit. We have found 10 more and 10 less and added and subtracted 10s. We have spent time using the concrete resources to consolidate our knowledge of exchanging to help us add two 2 digit numbers across a 10.</p>
Year 3	<p>English - Reflecting on anti-bullying week, year 3 have focused on an animation called 'The Present ' from the Literacy Shed. Their writing involved putting themselves into the shoes of a boy who needed to accept himself for who he was after receiving a puppy with 3 legs. The children showed so much empathy and understanding of the emotions and the thoughts the boy might have had. I was very impressed with their recount writing. Well done year 3.</p>	<p>Maths - The children have moved onto sharing and grouping this week. They have used a mixture of concrete and pictorial prompts to consolidate the difference between grouping and sharing. The children have ended the week with multiplying by 3 and practicing their times tables on TT Rock stars.</p>
Year 4	<p>This week in English, our focus has been on exploring Jeannie Baker's poem 'the window.' Through this rich piece of poetry, the children have been developing their understanding of poetic features such as similes, dramatic verbs, adverbials, metaphors, alliteration, and expanded noun phrases. By incorporating these elements into their own writing, they have been able to create their own unique poems.</p>	<p>In Maths, we have been focusing on the application of times table knowledge, with a specific emphasis on the 3s, 6s, and 9s. The children have been working hard to solidify their understanding of these multiplication tables, applying their knowledge to solve real-world problems. It is essential that children have a strong command of times tables as they form the foundation for more complex mathematical concepts. To support their learning at home, we encourage daily practice of times tables using TTRockstars or other fun strategies.</p>



Diary Dates 2023-2024

Autumn Term

Friday 17 th November	Children in Need
Tuesday 21 st November	Parent Support Workshop 2pm
Tuesday 5 th December	KS2 Carols by Candlelight
Monday 11 th December	EYFS/KS1 Nativity
Tuesday 12 th December	EYFS/KS1 Nativity
Thursday 14 th December	Christmas Party Afternoon
Friday 15 th December	Christingle Service 1.30pm
	Last day of term

Spring Term

Tuesday 2 nd January	INSET DAY
Friday 2 nd February	Big Me Day
Tuesday 6 th February	Internet Safety Day
Friday 9 th February	Healthy School Day & Walk-2-School Morning
	Half term begins

Half Term

Monday 19 th February	School Opens
Tuesday 20 th February	Pancake Race (Year 4)
Tuesday 27 th February	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 28 th February	Parent Consultations
Thursday 28 th March	Easter Service 1pm
	Last day of term

Summer Term

Monday 15 th April	School Opens
Friday 24 th May	Half term begins

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Monday 3 rd June	School Opens
Friday 21 st June	Sports Day
Friday 19 th July	Leavers Service 2pm
	Year Ends for students
Monday 22 nd July	INSET DAY
Tuesday 23 rd July	INSET DAY

