



HAMPRESTON CE (VA) FIRST SCHOOL

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Newsletter 2

Autumn Term 2021

17th September 2021

Dear Parents

Meet the Teacher afternoon – Wednesday 15th September

It was lovely to see so many of you at our Meet the Teacher evening on Wednesday and I trust you were able to chat to staff and have a good look at our newly refurbished building. I'm sure you will agree that the school looks fantastic!

Fraser Portraits

Fraser Portraits will be coming into school to take photographs of all the children on Thursday 23rd September. The children wear school uniform as usual and, in addition to the individual picture, children with a sibling in school will automatically have a joint photo.

It is possible for pre-school siblings to be photographed at the start of the day, but we cannot accommodate older children who have moved on to other schools. The photographer plans to start taking pictures of children with pre-school siblings between 8.30am and 9am in the School Hall, on a first come first served basis.

Macmillan Coffee 'Morning' – Friday 24th September

Next Friday our wonderful Hampreston Friends are kindly offering to host our Macmillan Coffee 'Morning' in order to support a charity which is so close to our hearts at Hampreston. We all know someone whose lives have been impacted by cancer and the work Macmillan do to support families is utterly vital.

Our Macmillan Coffee Morning will take place next Friday afternoon and you are invited to join us in the school hall from 2pm, when you will be able to enjoy a cup of tea or coffee, a slice of cake and hopefully some wonderful company. All refreshments will be served on a donation basis and we would love you to give generously – all money received will go directly to Macmillan cancer Support.

If you would like to get baking and donate a cake, it would be very gratefully received. This can be sent in with your child on Friday morning, or given directly to the office during the day. If you are not able to come along on the day or, like me, you aren't much of a baker, but would still like to make a contribution, we will have collection buckets available at the end of the school day.

My thanks to the Friend's Association for helping by taking this on next week – we all look forward to seeing you there!

Drop-off Zone Volunteers Wanted!!

Thank you to those wonderful people who have offered to give up just a little of their time once a week to brave the elements and staff the Drop-Off Zone each morning. We are still looking for helpers to take on either a Monday or Friday morning and would love to have every day filled. If you could possibly help, please contact the office.

On the subject of the Drop-Off Zone, parents are reminded that the Drop-Off Zone only opens once our parent helper is present. They will be wearing a high-viz tabard and will have a school radio with them. Under no circumstances should any child be left alone, either in the Drop-Off Zone or along the path until the parent helper is on duty. Please help us to keep our children safe, thank you.



School Admissions – September 2022

It is that time of year already. Even though we have just started this year, if you have a child in year 4 or a child due to start school in September 2022, it is time to consider you applications. Letters will be sent to our year 4 families and more information is available on the [Dorset Council website](#).

Hampreston Friends Association

Following the first Friend's meeting of the year, I am thrilled to be able to add some events to the school year once again. Returning for this year are our Christmas Fair, Spring Quiz Night and Donut Days, along with some new events to come. Please put the dates in your diaries and help to support the brilliant work the Friend's do to raise funds for our amazing school.

Parent Governor Election

The constitution of our governing body includes two parent governors: we currently have one parent governor – Mrs Fookes - and we have one vacancy, which needs to be filled. The Clerk to the Governors has already been contacted by three parents who would like to be considered. Before she organises the election ballot, however, she would like to know if there are any other parents and carers of registered pupils wishing to put their name forward for this role.

All parents and carers are eligible to stand for election, except

- Persons liable to be detained under the Mental Health Act 1983
- Undischarged bankrupts
- Persons recently convicted of a serious offence
- Persons disqualified under the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986
- Persons subject to disqualification as a Charity Trustee
- Persons whose employment is prohibited or restricted
- Persons disqualified from being proprietors of independent schools
- Persons on the DfES List 99 (this is a list of people banned from working with children)

If you would like to put your name forward or would like more information about what being a parent governor entails, please email the Clerk, Deborah Trickett (d.trickett@hampreston.dorset.sch.uk) by 1st October 2021.

At the beginning of October, the Clerk will organise a ballot and will invite all nominees to submit a brief factual statement about themselves for circulation with the ballot paper to everyone entitled to vote.

Have a wonderful weekend everybody.

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 |
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| Reception | This week in Reception Class, we have been very busy indeed. The children have all met each other and enjoyed staying for lunch. They have learnt the story of Elmer and made Elmer elephants for our display in class as well as exploring lots more activities in the classroom and outdoor area. We are really looking forward to next week when the children will be in school full time. | |
| Year 1 | In literacy this week, we have read <i>Peace at Last</i> by Jill Murphy. We enjoyed story-mapping <i>Peace at Last</i> together; the children came up with some great pictures to help us recite the story. We have also begun our new phonics lessons this week! The children have impressed me with their recollection of the sounds they learnt in Reception. | In maths, we have continued our work on counting. The children have been able to fill in the gaps on a number track from highest to lowest. Year 1 could also tell me one more and one less than a given number 1-10. We have also been looking at how to read and write numbers in words, which was a challenge! Well done Year 1. |
| Year 2 | This week in English we have completed a marathon spelling test! The children have impressed me with their motivation to complete it. We have also started reading <i>The Snail and The Whale</i> , with the view to retelling the story from the Whale's point of view next week. | In Maths we have been working very hard counting and representing numbers to 100. The children have done really well recognising the tens and ones in numbers and using different equipment to represent them. |
| Year 3 | In literacy we have studied " <i>The Hodgeheg</i> ", by Dick King-Smith. Our writing is really starting to improve! We have read a lot this week and brought tricky spellings home. | This week in year 3 we have continued our work on hundreds, tens and ones. We are learning how to decide on greater than and less than. We have also started to practise times tables! |
| Year 4 | It has been a fantastic week of writing in Year 4. We have been looking at our book ' <i>How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth</i> ' and using this to research mammoths and look closely at the features of instructions, comparing them to other instruction texts. We have also designed our very own 'Mammoth Cleaning Kit' complete with instructions containing prepositions. | In maths we have focused on place value again this week. We have represented and partitioned numbers up to 1,000 and beyond; rounded 3-digit numbers to the nearest 10 and 100 and also counted in steps of 1,000. |

Diary Dates 2021-2022

| Autumn Term | |
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| Monday 20 th September | Year 4 swimming starts |
| Tuesday 21 st September | Year 3 visit to Leeson House |
| Wednesday 22 nd September | National Fitness Day activities with JSC |
| Thursday 23 rd September | Phonics Workshop 2-3pm |
| Thursday 23 rd September | Fraser Portraits – individual photographs |
| Friday 24th September | Macmillan Coffee Morning 2-3pm |
| Friday 1 st October | Harvest Festival Service – 9:30am |
| Wednesday 6 th October | Year 3 & 4 visit to Weymouth |
| Friday 15 th October | Friend's Donut Day |
| 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 |
| Friday 12 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 |
| 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 4 th January | Proposed – INSET DAY |
| 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 6 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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