



# HAMPRESTON CE (VA) FIRST SCHOOL

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*To love God and to love one another*

## Newsletter 06

Summer Term 2022

10<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Dear Parents,

I hope you have all had a brilliant rest over the long half term and that those of you heading off to warmer climes were not affected by the travel disruption. Hopefully you all found a way to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and had a great time in the process.

### Summer Fayre Preparations

Planning for the stalls at this year's summer fayre is well under way and will include a pre-loved book stall, teddy tombola, bottle tombola and a cake stall. The PTA are asking for donations to make these stalls a success. What better time than over the half term break to have a clear out of unwanted books and teddy bears. Perhaps you have a baking flair and want to start planning what cakes to make for the cake stall! Donations of these items will be co-ordinated by the PTA.

Books and Teddy Bears (in good clean condition) will be accepted at morning drop offs from 13 June 2022. There will be a PTA Mufti Day on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2022 in exchange for a donation towards the bottle tombola. Donations for the cake sale can be made either on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June or on the morning of the Fayre (25<sup>th</sup> June)

In addition, we are still looking for volunteers to help set up on the day of the Fayre and also run stalls. If you are able to give some of your time to contribute towards either of these, then please make yourself known to a PTA committee member or email [pta@hamprestonfirstschool.com](mailto:pta@hamprestonfirstschool.com). Without the help and support of volunteers, events such as this are extremely difficult to run. Maybe a rota could be set up within year groups to share the running of a stall?

Whatever way you are able to contribute, it is always very much appreciated and does make a difference to the success of our events in raising money for the benefit of the school

### Year 2 visit to Blashford Lakes

This week year 2 visited the nature reserve at Blashford Lakes. We enjoyed pond dipping – trying to avoid the ‘troll snot!!’ river dipping where we found fish, river shrimp and got very wet feet! We were then able to go on a walk to the bird hides where we were lucky (and quiet enough!) to see robins, sparrows, great tits as well as squirrels and a vole. The children had an amazing time and asked some very interesting questions. They loved their first school trip on a coach and their behaviour was outstanding, I am very proud of them all!



## Forerunner

Forerunner have asked us to mention the following to our school community:

*We are offering a 5 day a week job with no nights, in beautiful Dorset. If you are interested in a role with clear hours, a family environment, a no pressure kitchen with straightforward work - then we have exactly that.*

*We do 2,500 to 3,000 meals per day. There are three dishes each day and the menu varies three times per year. Our daily processes are simple and clearcut. It is large scale contract catering in a modern commercial kitchen using 4 x 20 Grid Rationals, large bratt pans and 2 roll in chillers.*

*Your role is to prepare the food in bulk each day with another chef and to supervise the catering assistants you are working with. We run an alternating two shift cycle of Mon to Fri and Sun to Thurs swapping every half term - about six weeks. Mon to Fri is 6:30 to 2:30. Sun is 6:30 to 2:30 and Mon to Thurs is 8:00 to 4:00. You will be home every afternoon.*

*We are looking for someone who is very much a team person. We do not need any creative prima donnas; just someone who knows how to work solidly and pull their weight in a team. We are assuming you will have kitchen experience if you apply and will need to be able to demonstrate your experience and qualifications. It doesn't matter if you haven't done bulk catering like this before, we are much more interested in finding the right person to fit with us.*

*Please email us your details to [meals@hotmealsonwheels.com](mailto:meals@hotmealsonwheels.com)*

## Staff News

Now that we are past the half term break, many of you will be anticipating news about staffing in September, particularly regarding class teachers. Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to Miss Humphrys at the end of this term as she leaves the school for new adventures. Miss Humphrys has been at the school for five years and has been such a wonderful part of the school team. I know that she will be missed and that you will join me in wishing her every success for the future.

Also leaving us at the end of the year is Miss Stratman who will be joining a new school in September. Although she has only been with us for a few years, Miss Stratman has proved herself to be a wonderful and caring teacher. Her artistic skills are legendary and I know that she will be deeply missed by staff and children alike. It has been wonderful to see her develop as a teacher and I know she will be a real asset to her new school.

Saying farewell to teachers is always a sad moment, but also an opportunity for us to welcome new faces to the Hampreston community. I am pleased to tell you that we will have several new teachers joining us in September. Firstly we will be welcoming Miss Emilie Craddock to the school. Miss Craddock is an Early Years specialist teacher and will naturally take on the role as EYFS teacher in September. We will also welcome Mrs Rhiannon Richards to the school. Mrs Richards joins us from Parley and brings a host of skills and care to Hampreston.

While I can confirm Miss Craddock's appointment to EYFS for September, as she will soon begin taking on the essential transition work that takes place for our new starters, I am not yet able to confirm other teachers just yet. There are a few pieces of the puzzle left to fit together and I appreciate your patience – I am already quite excited about September and look forward to sharing this with you as soon as possible.

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I hope you have a wonderful 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	<p>Over the last few days in Reception Class, we have launched our new Fairy Land Castles topic and even had Dragor the friendly Dragon deliver us as slightly scorched letter. It asked us to help him save Fairy Land by learning lots of fairy and castle stories so we have started straight away.</p> <p>In English, we are hearing individual readers and have revisited the trigraphs ear, air and igh which lots of the children were finding trickier to remember.</p>	<p>In maths, the children have been superstars and quickly learnt how to work out if a number is odd or even to 10!</p>
Year 1	<p>This week in English, Year 1 have been studying different types of texts, including haiku poems. They have enjoyed learning what a syllable is by clapping the number of syllables in their names. The children then wrote haiku poems to describe different animals.</p>	<p>In maths, the children have continued to halve numbers. They have also learnt to quarter shapes and amounts. Meanwhile, I have been busy completing phonics jobs with the children. Thank you for working hard at home to support them.</p>
Year 2	<p>This week Year 2 have been writing independent recounts of their half term activities and our trip to Blashford Lakes. The children have been careful to ensure they are writing in the correct tense and are extending their sentences using conjunctions to make their writing more engaging.</p>	<p>In Maths we have been we have been looking at finding <math>\frac{3}{4}</math> and spending some time consolidating their knowledge of time and reasoning questions.</p>
Year 3	<p>Year 3 have had a wonderful start back and are very excited to be writing a letter to their own favourite author! We are hoping to get some responses from famous authors, although we know that they are very busy people....</p> <p>The spelling focus for the week ahead will be revising <u>vowel digraphs</u>.</p>	<p>In maths we are beginning a new unit on time. This week we have learnt how many months and days are in the year and how to count forward or back in weeks on a calendar. Please do practise these essential skills with your child at home and start helping them use clocks if they aren't already familiar.</p>
Year 4	<p>Year 4 have gotten back into the swing of learning this half term and have really hit the ground running. We have had a geography week this week, learning all about Florida in America, its climate, animal and human populations, attractions and have even looked closely at what to do in the event of a hurricane!</p>	<p>In maths we have been getting back into the swing of things by recapping our previous learning about solving money word problems, with some of them involving multiple steps. We have also been practicing our times tables every day in preparation for our multiplication checks next week. Any extra work that you can do at home this weekend would be a huge help too!</p>

## Diary Dates 2021-2022

### Summer Term

Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Class Portraits
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	PTA Father's Day Sale
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	PTA Summer Fete
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Transition Morning
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	PTA Disco
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Leavers Service 2pm
	Year Ends