



HAMPRESTON CE (VA) FIRST SCHOOL

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To love God and to love one another

Newsletter 01

Summer Term 2022

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I trust you had a lovely Easter break and were able to spend some time with family and friends. The children have certainly come back into school with renewed energy and enthusiasm and we are all looking forward to a busy and exciting term.

Uniform

With the warmer weather, it is lovely to see children wearing their summer uniforms. However, we have seen some instances where children are not quite adhering to the uniform rules and I wanted to take a moment to remind you of the rules set out in our Parent Handbook 2021-22.

Children should wear:

- grey trousers, grey skirts or pinafore dresses,
- white shirts, polo shirts or blouses,
- plain red sweaters or cardigans
- all children to wear safe, sensible black shoes,
- [Optional] school fleeces are also available and are outerwear only, perfect for colder days when a coat is not needed.

Our Summer Uniform (allowed from the Easter holiday, until October half term) includes:

- smart grey shorts
- red and white checked summer dresses

Hair bands should also be **red, white or grey only**. Long hair must be tied back to ensure it is off the face. Patterns or tramlines shaved into close-cropped hair are not allowed.

P.E. kit includes:

- black shorts
- red t-shirt
- trainers
- optional cold weather PE kit (beneficial for colder weather):
 - red sweatshirts
 - black jogging trousers

(T-shirts and sweatshirts with the school logo are acceptable and are available from The School Shop).

Please note that all P.E. kit must be free from logos/branding and should be plain.

Please also note that hoodies are not permitted in place of PE sweatshirts as we have seen an increasing number of these appearing in recent months.

Jewellery

Alongside our uniform guidance, I wanted to remind parents that jewellery such as bracelets and necklaces are not to be worn at school. Watches may be worn and must be analogue only. However, it is recommended that they are most suitable in Key Stage 2 (Year 3 and 4). 'SMART' watches and pedometers are not permitted.

Earrings must not be worn in school. If you are considering allowing your child to have piercings, it is helpful for this to take place during a school holiday in order that the piercing can be 'fixed' before the child's return to school. Where this is not possible, they must be taped until the hole is 'fixed', after which time earrings must be removed while your child is in school.



Parking Matters

Thank you for your patience with traffic this week as the local farmers have been busy in the village with their heavy machinery, particularly where they have coned off the area immediately adjacent to the school to allow access to wide vehicles. These spaces should be available once again next week. Can I please encourage you to be considerate when parking, even during more challenging times such as this occur, and ensure that no accesses are blocked.

New Starter's Evening

We will be hosting our first New Starters Information Evening on Tuesday 10th May from 6:45pm. This is open to parents who have children joining us in September 2022 and is a great way for us to welcome new families into the Hampreston community.

Parent Reps

In pre-pandemic days we had established a wonderful bunch of parent reps in each class who met with me several times during the year to hear and share feedback. This was always very helpful for me as it provided me the opportunity to share and discuss future plans for the school. It also provided nominated contacts within each class to help liaise and organise class-wide communication.

As we re-establish our normal routines, I would once again like to put this group together in preparation for the new academic year. My hope is to find a small group of volunteers to take this on next half term, ready to hit the ground running in September. With the long weekend upon us, why not spend a little time considering whether this is something that you would be interested in? More information will be available next week for those who would like to find out more.

Weekly Presentation Prizes

At Hampreston, we want every single child to be proud of the way they present their work in their books. This week we were most impressed with the excellent effort made by the following children:

Reception Eleanor
Year 1 Elle
Year 2 Jared
Year 3 Maisie
Year 4 Tommy

Who will it be next week?

Staff News

Many of you will be aware that Mr Lloyd has had a period of absence due to ill health during the recent months. Sadly, this has become a more long-term concern for Mr Lloyd and he continues to be unwell. I am sorry to tell you that unfortunately he has made the decision to retire and will be leaving us at half term.

We are extremely sad to see him go and will miss all that he has brought to the school over the past five years. I know you will join me in wishing him well as he takes a step back from work, along with good health and happiness for his retirement.

On a practical note, Year 3 will be well covered for the remainder of this term by Mrs Richardson and Miss Welch, both of whom have been working with the class consistently.

I hope you all have a lovely bank holiday weekend. See you on Tuesday.

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 in English, we have learnt the story of Farmer Duck, we have written lists of all the jobs the farmer duck had to do and then a letter of complaint to the lazy farmer for making the duck work too hard.	In maths, we have been learning to add by counting on using a number line and also to find all the number facts about the number 5. In Let's Explore we have played with the farm, role played in the farm shop, painted farm pictures, made playdough farm animals which we labelled, challenged ourselves to get the ducks from one side of the water tray without pushing them without using our hands.
Year 1	In English, Year 1 have read Superworm by Julia Donaldson. The children have come up with all sorts of different uses for Superworm and we have worked on planning a story, where heroic Superworm saves the day. Year 1 also begun writing a 'seed diary' to document the progress of the tomato seeds that they have sown this week.	In maths, we have begun studying equal groups, as an introduction to multiplication. The children are beginning to describe groupings using correct mathematical language, for example, 'there are 3 equal groups of 5'. We will progress with this next week.
Year 2	This week in English the children have been walking with dinosaurs! Linking to our Mary Anning topic in History, the children have worked really hard to imagine they lived in dinosaur times and have written some excellent descriptions of the environment. We have focused on presentation and it is very clear the children have tried really hard to work on their handwriting.	In maths this week we have continued our unit on shape started before the Easter holidays. This week we have been looking at sorting 2D shapes and recognising patterns before moving on to counting edges and faces on 3D shapes.
Year 3	We have loved the first chapter of our new novel The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett. We inferred how Mary must be feeling after leaving India to live at her uncle's strange house in Yorkshire. The children wrote diaries as if they were Mary, portraying her thoughts and feelings. Our SPaG focus has been learning to use the present perfect verb tense, e.g the simple past tense is: <i>I ate my breakfast</i> . The present perfect tense is: <i>I have eaten my breakfast</i> . This week we will learn further homophones and try hard to use the correct ones in our writing.	In maths we have spent time revising some previous concepts such as perimeter, addition and subtraction. We have now begun a new unit on fractions. The children should be able to tell you what a numerator and a denominator is and that fractions are equal parts of a whole.
Year 4	It has been a fantastic week back with the children and they have been in fine form! We have started our new topic of Egyptians by looking at the pyramids and how they were constructed. The children planned, drafted and improved their own set of instructions for how to build a pyramid.	In maths the children have been looking again at decimals. We started by recapping what a decimal is and how they can be made using tenths and hundredths, applying this knowledge to numbers that are greater than 1. The children then used this knowledge to write decimals in different ways and compare them using <, > and = symbols.

Diary Dates 2021-2022

Summer Term

Monday 2 nd May	May Bank Holiday
Tuesday 10 th May	New Starters Information Evening @ 6:45pm
Thursday 17 th May	Year 4 Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra Event
Friday 20 th May	Year 3 Ancient Technology Centre Visit
Thursday 26 th May	Life Education 'Bus' Visit
Friday 27 th May	School Jubilee Celebration
	Half term begins

Half Term

Monday 6 th June	Queens Jubilee Bank Holiday
Tuesday 7 th June	INSET Day
Wednesday 8 th June	School Opens
Thursday 16 th June	Class Portraits
Friday 17 th June	PTA Father's Day Sale
Friday 24 th June	Sports Day
Saturday 25 th June	PTA Summer Fete
Friday 1 st July	Transition Morning
Friday 8 th July	PTA Disco
Friday 22 nd July	Leavers Service 2pm
	Year Ends