



# HAMPRESTON CE (VA) FIRST SCHOOL

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*To love God and to love one another*

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Dear Parents,

This week we have thoroughly enjoyed welcoming you into the school to discuss how your child has settled in to their learning. It is always a joy to hear children touring their parents around their school proudly, and we would like to thank you for keeping that connection strong and working closely together with us to make your child's life at school the very best experience. Parent consultations are not the only opportunity for discussion; we wholeheartedly believe in an open-door approach throughout the year which means that you can come to us at any time with questions or concerns via your child's year group email address, by telephone or by making an appointment for a meeting.

## Fireworks

Many thanks to those of you who supported the very successful PTA fireworks event last Friday evening. This is what Neave, Jasmine and Max thought of it:

"What an amazing night we had on Friday at the fireworks. There was lots of fun and laughter. We enjoyed the rides and especially the spinning teacups. There was lots of yummy food to eat like hotdogs. At the end of the night, there were twirls, swirls and bursts of colour. The fireworks whistled like the wind. They were spectacular. We had the best night!"



Huge thanks in particular to Nicky Preston and Nadia Morris (and families) who worked tirelessly to ensure the event went ahead smoothly.

## Remembrance Day

A beautiful service was held at school today to remember those who lost their lives in war. We gathered in the hall to reflect on the sacrifices made by service people now and in the past. The children listened and participated with the greatest of respect, sung with enormous passion and understood how poppies represent hope and peace in times of chaos. Thank you to Mrs Bentley for her trumpet recital of The Last Post and Reveille which moved us all greatly as we reflected in silence.

## Remembrance Day, continued.....

"We are in Year 4 and we went to Hampreston Church today to respect the people who died in wars. We placed poppy crosses on their graves as a sign of respect and remembrance. When we saw their graves, we couldn't believe how young they were when they lost their lives in the wars. We wrote poems about poppies remembrance to help us to think about on the people who have died in wars and our hope for the future." **By Cassie, Joel, Orla and Sammy**



## Anti-Bullying Week – Odd Socks Day!

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023** is Odd Socks Day! This is a national day that takes place at the start of Anti-Bullying week, showing that we are all unique and united. Therefore, we would like to invite your child to wear odd socks to school on this day, in addition to their school uniform, in support of Anti-Bullying week. No donations are necessary. We look forward to seeing all your odd and unique socks, the brighter and crazier, the better!



## Challenge Yourself for Children in Need!

Please see the separate letter explaining the fabulous multi-curricular challenges the teachers have planned for **next Friday's Children in Need day (17<sup>th</sup> November)**. Children will come into school wearing mufti that is suitable for physical activity in exchange for a donation to this hugely worthwhile charity.

## Coping with Challenging Behaviour – Parent Support Workshop



A date for your diaries: on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 2pm- 3pm** in the school hall, 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. Please just pop along an hour earlier than the usual pick up time and have a coffee in the hall; the session will be finished in time for you to pick up your child. To help us with numbers of chairs, please could you RSVP on: <https://forms.office.com/e/LtXtXsbT3q>

## Kindness and cooperation on the lane

We understand that dropping and parking is not always easy, but we would like to encourage you to pull together as a parent community with flexibility and patience, especially when using the drop off zone. A reminder that if you use the drop off zone, you should stop and drop as close as possible to the exit gate as you can, to enable other vehicles to queue up behind you. Please model the courtesy we all expect from the children when in discussion with other road users as unpleasant disputes can feel quite unsettling for all, including the children. It is important that we all drive carefully and respectfully. Thanks for your understanding.

## 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!

## Midday Supervisor Vacancy

We are advertising for a midday supervisor position within the school. Details can be found on the school website and on the [DorsetForYou](https://www.dorsetforyou.com) website. For more details, why not give the school office a call.

## PTA News

### Fireworks

Wow what a turn out! Thank you to everyone who attended this event and to the volunteers (especially the staff) who made it possible. We raised over £1000.

### AGM

Our AGM will take place on **22 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](mailto: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 17 November and 24 November.

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

Yours sincerely,  
*E Richardson*

**Mrs E. Richardson (Deputy 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	In Reception, we have been learning all about Diwali; the festival of light! We have been moulding clay divas, decorating hands with henna patterns and creating fireworks art. We have also been discussing Remembrance day and learning about the significance of the poppy. We have loved making our own poppy badges to wear and followed step-by-step instructions to learn how to draw a poppy independently.	
	In Phonics, we have learnt the sounds /v/, /w/ /x/ and /y/ and have been reading and writing them in CVC words. We have been inspired by Oliver Jeffer's book 'Stuck' to draw our own trees full of ridiculous things in Mrs Noyle's drawing club.	In Maths, we have been learning about circles and triangles. We have been focussing on using the maths vocabulary of corners and edges, identifying triangles and circles in the environment and drawing or tracing the shapes to make our own artwork inspired by Kandinsky.
Year 1	This week in English we have been writing postcards to Jack on the Isle of Blowyenose to tell him what we like doing at school. The children worked hard to remember capital letters, full stops and finger spaces. They also tried to use the conjunction 'and' to join two ideas together in one sentence.	In maths we have been working on addition. We have played lots of practical addition games such as throwing bean bags into hoops and adding up our scores, collecting different colour cones and adding the two colours together, building towers out of different coloured bricks and adding the colours together. We then practised writing these into number sentences and solving some addition word problems.
Year 2	This week in English we continued our diaries from the Great Fire of London. The children have worked really hard to produce an amazing piece of work. They have been careful to use the correct past tense verb and have challenged themselves to use commas to separate their adjectives. The children have been really engaged in the topic and I am very proud of them.	In Maths this week we have continued our addition and subtraction unit. We have used concrete resources to partition numbers to support our addition and subtraction. The children can recognise multiples of 10 and understood how we can use this knowledge to make the process more efficient.
Year 3	In English we have been looking at our class novel: 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark'. The children have focussed on prepositions and adverbs to write about Plop the Owl. The children were able to put themselves into the shoes of Plop and really think about where he might fly and how he is getting ready to fly from his nest. I was impressed with the brilliant language used in their writing this week.	In Maths we have moved onto our unit of multiplication and division, the children have started off with consolidating previous knowledge of equal groups and arrays. The children were able to create their own arrays when given an amount and spot when an array couldn't be created with a certain number. We will continue to consolidate knowledge of multiples of 2, 5 and 10 next week.
Year 4	In English lessons, our focus has continued on poetry. Our goal is to expose the children to different aspects of poetry and nurture their creativity in this area. We have discussed the use of well-chosen verbs and adverbial phrases, explored the power of similes, and created unique poems centred around using poetic imagery to describe colours.	In Maths, we are currently exploring the concept of area. This involves counting squares, comparing areas, and solving reasoning problems related to area calculations. Throughout the week, the children have developed a good understanding of how to measure and calculate areas, a skill that will benefit them in various real-life situations.



## Diary Dates 2023-2024

### Autumn Term

Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying Week (Odd Socks Day)
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Parent Support Workshop 2pm
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Carols by Candlelight
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS/KS1 Nativity
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Party Afternoon
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christingle Service 1.30pm
	Last day of term

### Spring Term

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

### Half Term

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

### Summer Term

Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	School Opens
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Half term begins

### Half Term

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

