



# HAMPRESTON CE (VA) FIRST SCHOOL

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*To love God and to love one another*

Autumn Term 2022 - Newsletter 6

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Dear Parents

It is always a proud moment when two cars are needed to transport the many kind donations to the Ferndown Food Bank and it was my privilege to see all your generous gifts leave school today on their way to supporting families in dire need. Thank you for your help – I am looking forward to continuing our support of the Foodbank as we head towards Christmas and I know you will all be as wonderful then.

## St Michael's Fun Run

After a break over several years, the annual St Michael's Fun Run took place on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October and a faithful-few from Hampreston took up the challenge – and excelled themselves, representing Hampreston brilliantly.



Hampreston took 3 medals across the boys and girls individual runs as Riley and Corder finished 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the combined Year 3/4 boys individual race and Emily finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the combined Year 3/4 girls individual race! The children absolutely did Hampreston proud, taking 1<sup>st</sup> place in both the boys and girls team events for Year 3/4 combined. Emily, Sophie & Neave's combined finishing places taking gold for the girls and Riley, Corder & Riley's combined finishing places taking gold for the boys.



A huge congratulations to everyone who took part and particularly our medallists! Thank you also to the parents who supported and Mrs Riddler for helping with the 'match report'!

## Traffic reminder

Following reports of parents parking and waiting on the yellow zig-zags immediately outside school, I am prompted to remind parents that this is strictly prohibited at all times. According to the highway code:



Keep entrance clear of stationary vehicles, even if picking up or setting down children

Please DO NOT park on the zig-zags at any time. Similarly, please do not turn on, park or block driveways unless you have been given explicit permission by the residents. We want to be a community known for the respect of every member of the school and your help and understanding is greatly appreciated.

## Year 4 Play Leader Training

On Monday our Bronze Sports Ambassadors went to Ferndown Upper School where they took part in a number of training workshops. These included communication, STEP training, organisation and what it takes to be a good sports leader.



They worked with children from other local schools to develop their skills and knowledge and to develop a plan to bring back to school on how to engage others in sports and activities at lunchtimes. They all came up with brilliant ideas and are really keen to get started.



Over the next half term they will be putting their plans into practise by organising and leading activities on given lunchtimes for different year groups and giving them the opportunity to take part in various games and activities.



### Walk to school

Next week is our first Walk to School morning for this academic year and we are grateful to our friends at Haskins who will once again be helping to host and manage the parking arrangements to give the children a safe start to the day. The Haskins team will marshal traffic to allow parents to arrive no earlier than 8:25am and still allowing plenty of time to set down. The children will have a safe bay to wait in before we set off back to school at approximately 8:40am. School staff will be present from 8:25am onwards and parents are reminded that children are their own responsibility until this time.

Children will walk back to school along the High Mead Farm track and should arrive in wellies and suitable clothing. Younger children are invited to wear waterproof trousers if you prefer and all children will need to change into school shoes and uniform once back at school. We are hoping children will be able to carry as much of their own belongings as possible, but in the past we have often had a small number of volunteers ready to shuttle lunch boxes or shoes back to school. Mr Lubbock will help to coordinate this, but if you are able to help, please let the office know. Thank you.

### Urgent Help Needed - Drop-off Zone Volunteers Wanted!!

As we have been unable to find help for the Wednesday morning Drop Off Zone, we may be unable to open this gate on Wednesdays after half term. I urge anyone willing and able to help us with this matter so that the access and traffic arrangements continue to work successfully. Please let us know if you can help.

### Midday Supervisor Vacancy

We are advertising for a midday supervisor position within the school. This is a key role for us and we would welcome anyone keen to be involved in the life of the school to apply. Details can be found on the school website and on the [DorsetForYou](#) website. For more details, why not give the office a call? If you know of anyone who may be interested, please put them in touch. Thanks.

### 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:

R - Archie  
Y1 - Zahara  
Y2 - Elle  
Y3 - Sophie  
Y4 - Rosie

Who will it be next week?

### Live Author Webinar – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October

As part of the Dorchester Literary Festival, children in EYFS and Key Stage 1 will join award winning author and illustrator, Eileen Browne for some lively fun next week. There will be story reading plus music and movement for everyone to join in. Eileen wrote the hugely popular Handa books (Handa's Surprise, Handa's Hen and Handa's Noisy Night) as well as a host of other titles. The children will see how picture books are printed; what they look like before they are cut and bound and they will find out where Handa lives.



### Summer Reading Challenge

Sadly, the summer feels a long way behind us. Some of you have been asking about the summer reading challenge certificates which were promised by the local libraries for those who took part in the Gadgeteers book challenge. The libraries have apologised for the delay; they had a large quantity of certificates to administer but they have assured me they are on their way!

### PTA News

#### Amazon Smile

Did you know that you can turn some of your Amazon shopping into donations to the Hampreston Friends Association (PTA)? By visiting [smile.amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk) rather than their main 'www' page, you can register to have Amazon donate 0.5% of every purchase to the PTA. The donation comes directly from Amazon's pockets and

doesn't change the price you pay. It is easy to set up and once running, does not need you to do anything other than shop! Why not register this weekend and start helping the Friends fundraising efforts?

#### Christmas Cards

Your child's design and order form has come home in their book bag. Please ensure that you order by 19 October 2022!

#### Fireworks

Tickets are now live for our fireworks event on 11 November 2022. These can be purchased online using the QR code or by visiting [www.peoplesfundraising.com/event/hampreston-first-school-fireworks-event](http://www.peoplesfundraising.com/event/hampreston-first-school-fireworks-event) Please show your support by purchasing early!

#### Pizza Competition

Kits will be sent out today - so good luck to all those who have entered. Please do not forget to email a photograph of your finished pizza to [pta@hamprestonfirstschool.com](mailto:pta@hamprestonfirstschool.com) no later than 9am on Monday 17 October 2022.

#### Autumn Crafternoons

These will take place next week and will take place on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. We are really looking forward to creating some lovely autumn themed crafts. If you are booked to attend, please bring a bag with your child's name on. We will meet outside the school office in the playground and make our way to the atrium for 3.15pm.

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Have a fantastic 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.

	<b>English</b>	<b>Mathematics</b>
EYFS	Well done Reception on another amazing week. Our weekly theme was: People who Help Us. In light of this, we made lots of 'thank you' cards to key workers and 'STOP' signs for lollipop helpers. In phonics, we recapped a lot of our recently learned sounds and were introduced to /c/k/ck/e/. Great literacy work Reception.	In our third week of White Rose Maths, we were looking at making patterns, identifying any mistakes in patterns and re-creating our own patterns with various resources (leaves,sticks,stones,conkers). You were all fantastic mathematicians this week, and we can't wait to start next week's topic of 'Representing 1'!
Year 1	This week the children have been on a bear hunt. They learned author, Michael Rosen's actions to help them remember the order of the story. They then drew pictures of each part and practised writing captions on a white board, carefully sounding out the words. They then used their best hand writing to write their captions next to each of their pictures.	This week the children have been learning how to make and use a number line to count forwards and backwards within 10. They created their own number lines on the playground and completed challenges finding and jumping to given numbers. They built number lines out of bricks and classroom objects and used counters to jump along them.
Year 2	This week in English we have been investigating fire safety. We have discussed what to do if there is a fire, how we keep ourselves safe and how firefighters help us. We have looked at fact files and how they are presented. The children have done a great job choosing the most important bits of information and presenting them neatly.	In Maths this week we have continued to count in 3's. We have started a new unit looking at number bonds to 10 and fact families. The children also completed an end of unit assessment and really impressed me with how well they understood new concepts.
Year 3	This week, we have been looking at the story 'The Rock Elf'. This is a really lovely story that the children have engaged with well. They have had the chance to re-write the story using their own amazing vocabulary and synonyms!	A tricky concept this week. The children have worked so hard with adding 10s across 100, meaning they have to exchange. We have used concrete resources and our place value grids. The children have also been challenging themselves with how many number bonds they can do up to 100 in 1 minute!
Year 4	This week in English, we have been planning and writing our own version of Stone Age Boy. We thought carefully about how to use fronted adverbials to make our writing interesting and then used these in our own version of the story. We wrote our stories as if we had come from the Stone Age to 2022 and described all of the interesting things that we would see.	In maths we have finished looking at adding two different 4-digit numbers. We looked at how to exchange correctly and also used our knowledge of addition to solve missing number problems and reason. We have begun to use the column method to solve subtractions using 4-digit numbers. The children have thought carefully about when they might need to exchange and how to do this.

## Diary Dates 2022-2023

Autumn Term	
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 4 trip to Stonehenge
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Healthy School Day & Walk-2-School Morning Half term begins
Half Term	
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	School Opens
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent Consultations 3.30-6.30pm
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent Consultations 5-8pm
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Day <a href="#">PTA Fireworks Event</a>
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying Week – Odd Socks Day
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Year 4 Dudson Camp No Pens Wednesday
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Enterprise Week
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu Immunisations
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Enterprise Afternoon 2:30pm
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Carols by Candlelight
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS/KS1 Nativity
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS/KS1 Nativity
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Party Afternoon
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christingle Service 1pm Last day of term
Spring Term	
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Proposed – INSET DAY
Friday 3 <sup>th</sup> February	Big Me Day (tbc)
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Internet Safety Day
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Healthy School Day & Walk-2-School Morning Half term begins
Half Term	
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	School Opens
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Easter Service 1pm Last day of term
Summer Term	
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Proposed INSET Day
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Healthy School Day & Fun Run Half term begins
Half Term	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	School Opens
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Class Portraits
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Leavers Service 2pm Year Ends