



# HAMPRESTON CE (VA) FIRST SCHOOL

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*To love God and to love one another*

Autumn Term 2023 - Newsletter 2

15<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents,

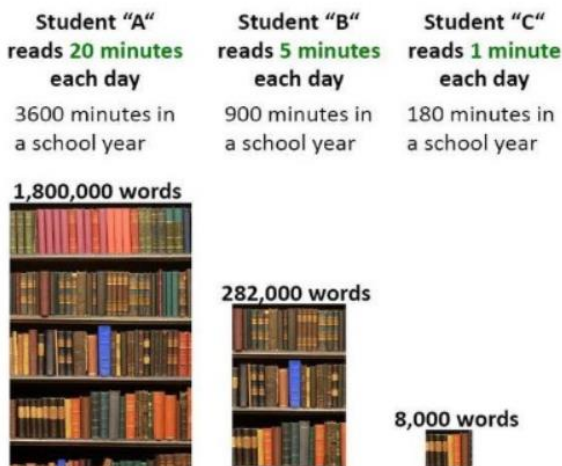
It was lovely to see so many of you at this week's Meet the Teacher evening and to watch how proudly the children showed you their new classrooms. The children have settled into school life incredibly well and there has been a lovely mix of smiles and hard work this week.

## Daily Reading at Home

We know how busy family life is, but extensive research shows that if parents commit to hearing their child read aloud daily for a minimum of 10 minutes, it improves their life chances greatly. This is also true for reading aloud to your child:

*"The act of daily reading matters. Children who are read to daily can hear up to a million more words a year than their peers who are **not** read to by their parents or caregivers."* Alex Quigley, 2020.

### Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?



A child who is not in the habit of reading is likely to begin falling behind more and more rapidly as the complexity of their curricular reading material increases year upon year. There is a huge impact on children's understanding of spoken vocabulary and concepts which impacts them over time.

Please do check you know the expectations for home reading which have been communicated to you by your child's class teacher this week. We truly value your support in this matter.

## Phonics and Reading Information Evening

Speaking of reading, we are holding an information event for all parents whose child has just started in EYFS as well as any parents in Years 1 or 2 who would like to come along, perhaps for a refresher on how we 'do' reading and phonics at Hampreston. We hope to see you all in the hall on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 6.00pm for roughly an hour.

## Harvest Service

We hope you have made a note of the date for our Harvest Service which will be held in All Saints Church, Hampreston on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 9.15am. More details will follow but it would be lovely if you could join us for what is always a beautiful service of thanksgiving, led earnestly by our children.

## Fraser Portraits

Fraser Portraits will be coming into school to take photographs of all the children on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> 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.



### Medicines in School

May we remind you that should your child require any medicines administered within the school day by staff, including asthma inhalers; you will need to complete a medical form.

All individual medicines kept in the school office (Calpol/Piriton etc) also require a renewal form before we can carry on administering them. Thank you.

### School Admissions – September 2023

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 2023, it is time to consider your applications. Letters will be sent to our year 4 families and more information is available on the [Dorset Council website](#).

### Nut Allergy

Please remember that **we are a nut-free school**. We do have a number of children who have extreme nut allergies. Please do not to send snacks or lunch into school that contain any nuts, as contact with these can have severe consequences. Thank you for your understanding.

### Celebrating 150 Years of Hampreston School

We look forward to seeing you next Friday at 2.15pm if the weather allows us to get together and celebrate our 150 year old school. Until then, I hope you all have an enjoyable weekend.

Yours sincerely,

*Mrs E Richardson*

**Deputy Head teacher**

**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	Reception have had a fantastic first week. We have been learning all about Marvellous Me and talking about our appearance, our hobbies and what makes us unique. We have been exploring inside and outside and building friendships with the new children in our class. We have been learning the school routines and rules and now we can't wait to join the class full time next week!	
Year 1	Wow! The first two weeks have flown by. It has been lovely to get to know all the children more and help them settle into the new routines of Year 1. In English we have been reading the book 'You Choose' and the children have been discussing what they would choose from each page. They have chosen their favourite foods, clothes, transport, house and pets. They have also worked really hard to construct and write sentences about their families and their favourite foods.	We have already covered lots of different maths topics in such a short time! We have been counting objects, grouping objects, counting forwards and backwards to 10, counting on from a given number and also learning how to read and write the word form of each number.
Year 2	This week in English the children have been working hard on their sentence structure. With the support of our 'Mighty Writer' scheme we have been planning and structuring descriptive sentences. The children have worked really hard to ensure they are using capital letters and the correct punctuation. They have included adjectives and tried to make their descriptions as interesting as possible.	In Maths this week we have been focusing on our place value topic. We have counted in 10s, used place value charts and recognised 10s and 1s. We have partitioned numbers to 100 and written them in words. The children have consolidated their knowledge from year 1 and made a great start to our Maths unit.
Year 3	Year 3 have wowed me in English this week with their brilliant imaginations when creating their ideal teacher. They had to use adjectives, verbs and nouns and I was very impressed with what they came up with. We have also been revisiting accurate sentences using full stops and capital letters, putting all of this into practice when writing their ideal teacher description. They have all worked incredibly hard. Well done year 3!	We have been looking at place value this week, identifying the 100s, 10s and 1s in a 3-digit number. We have revisited the use of a part-whole model and the children have been partitioning 3-digit numbers in a variety of ways. They have particularly enjoyed having the maths manipulatives out this week and physically building and partitioning numbers using base 10, place value arrow cards and dienes.
Year 4	Our focus in English has been on instruction writing. One of the texts that we have explored is the delightful book, 'How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth' by Michelle Robinson and Kate Hindley. Through this engaging story, our students have been learning about the features of instructions and how to use prepositions correctly to improve their writing.	In Maths, our focus has been on representing and partitioning numbers to 10,000 in different ways. We have been working on developing the children's understanding of place value and numeracy skills, helping them to form a solid foundation for further mathematical concepts. Through various activities and manipulatives, we have encouraged our students to understand that numbers can be represented and partitioned in different ways

## Diary Dates 2023-2024

Autumn Term	
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 4 swimming starts
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	Fraser Portraits – Individual Photographs
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	150 <sup>th</sup> Celebration (2pm)
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	EYFS/KS1 Phonics Workshop 6:30pm
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 3 to Leeson House
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Festival Service – 9:30am
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Flu Immunisations
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 4 trip to Stonehenge
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Healthy School Day & Walk-2-School Morning
	Half term begins
Half Term	
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	School Opens
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Fireworks Event
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent Consultations 6-8pm
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent Consultations 3.30-6.30pm
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying Week
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need
Wednesday 6 <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
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Leavers Service 2pm
	Year Ends