



HAMPRESTON CE (VA) FIRST SCHOOL

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To love God and to love one another

**Summer Term 2023
Newsletter 07**

9th June 2023

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to this – perhaps the busiest and most exciting part of the school year. It has been great to see the children return from a half term of glorious weather, ready to get to grips with the last leg of this academic year. There are lots of exciting events coming up and we are looking forward to them.

Year 2 – Blashford Lakes



Year 2 had a wonderful time at Blashford Lakes this week. We went pond dipping and found lots of efts and pond snails. We went on a mini-beast hunt, sorted them into categories and the children had a go at tree bashing! Finally, we had a great time river dipping and found bullhead fish and more newts. The children behaved brilliantly and asked lots of interesting questions. There were many soggy socks and wet trousers for the journey back to school but the children had a great trip!

Sickness Policy

At Hampreston, we are passionate about attendance. We believe that children should have good attendance of at least 95% in order to make the very best start to their education and to build solid foundations for their futures. Many of you will have noticed our increased prompting and support for children whose attendance is lower than we expect and I hope the regular reminders of your child's attendance is helpful to you.

Where attendance is concerned, we acknowledge that it is a very delicate balance since we actively promote good attendance, but also understand that some parents may feel additional pressure to send children into school. As a rule of thumb, if your child is unwell, they should remain at home. However, there have been many occasions where children are being kept at home because they are a little tired, or feeling 'under the weather'. In some – rightly, not all – of these situations, the children probably could have attended school.

However, we are vigilant with sickness and diarrhoea. If a child is sick, they must remain at home for 48 hours for the protection of the rest of the school community. Hampreston, like all schools, is a close community where sickness bugs can spread rapidly given the right circumstances. We make no exceptions with sickness, and ask that families are mindful not to attempt to diagnose reasons for the sickness – we simply do not want to have other children or members of staff put at risk.

Finally, might I also ask for a little polite courtesy from you all when dealing with members of staff when they contact home and ask for a child to be collected. We do follow national policy on sickness so it is simply not acceptable to verbally abuse members of staff for carrying out their responsibilities in keeping children safe. Staff will always go the extra mile to care for poorly children and should not be subject to sarcastic, abusive or threatening behaviour in doing so.

Thank you for your understanding.



Years 1 and 2 Mini-Marathon

On Thursday a selection of Year 1 and Year 2 children took part in a Mini Marathon Festival at Ferndown Middle School. The children had to work together as a team to complete a total of 10 miles! All children completed 4 laps of the marathon circuit, cheered on by their team mates and supporters. They showed brilliant team work and aspiration completing the 10 miles with some super speedy running.



It's Sticky Questions week!

We would love you to enjoy a high-quality discussion at home about this week's philosophical topic.

Funding to support young musicians

Dorset Music Service is working in partnership with the local charity Changing Key Dorset to help support young musicians facing challenging circumstances with the cost of their musical activities.

Changing Key Dorset welcomes applications for funding from any young musician educated across Dorset, including the wider BCP area. The funding can be used to support a variety of musical activities from both private and public providers. Funding awards are for up to £300 and last for three consecutive academic terms.

Applications are made online and can be made throughout the year:

Autumn Term 2023 closing dates – Round 1 **Tuesday 4th July 2023** & Round 2 **Friday 15th September 2023**
Visit www.changingkeydorset.co.uk for more information.



PTA News

Summer Fayre - 24th June 11am - 3pm.

Thank you to everyone who contributed today to the bottle tombola. That stall is going to be overflowing so hopefully everyone will get a chance to win!

We are still in desperate need of volunteers to help out on the day. There are lots of jobs from setting up to running a stall and packing down. If you can offer your time and assistance, please either let a committee member know or the office. The more volunteers we have the more stalls we can have! Thank you in advance.



Summer Raffle

Tickets for this will be going home in book bags early next week and the draw will take place at the Summer Fayre on 24th June. The top prize is £100 in cash with lots of other prizes coming in. Please sell as many as you can as the money raised will benefit the school. In the hope that you need more tickets, these are available from the school office!

Fathers and Superheroes Day Sale - Friday 16th June

This will run much like the mother's day sale but for fathers and superheroes. This will take place during school hours and will enable your child to choose and purchase a small wrapped gift to take home ready to give on the special day. Gifts are priced at £2 each. If you wish for your child to take part, then please send them to school with £2 in an envelope clearly marked with their name. These will be kept by the teachers until the day of the sale, when they will be handed back to your child so they can make their own surprise purchase! Thank you in advance for your help in supporting our school.

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
EYFS	Save our oceans! This week we have been exploring the oceans, learning how many there are, what lives inside them and how we need to protect them from pollution. All of this was building towards our very exciting school trip to Bournemouth Oceanarium today. The children had a blast identifying all the different marine life and sharing their knowledge with others.	
	In English, we have been exploring the text 'Not Now Bernard' and using it to inspire our own monsters. We have been drawing pictures of monsters with different shapes, colouring and sizes and using adjectives to describe them.	In Maths, we have been doubling. We have sung our doubling song and have played lots of doubling games which have also helped develop our turn taking skills as well as practising winning and losing. We have also used paint to create our own butterfly doubles!
Year 1	This week in English we have been focusing on our phonics, in particular spotting the split diagraphs a-e, e-e, i-e, o-e and u-e. We have read lots of real and alien words with these diagraphs in and practised spelling some of these words too. We also played 'text detectives' and tried to spot any split diagraphs in our reading books and in other material that we have read this week.	In Maths this week year 1 have been counting forwards and backwards from 50-100. We first counted in ones, then in tens, this then helped us to partition any given number between 0-100 into tens and ones.
Year 2	This week in English the children have written a recount of our trip to Blashford Lakes. The children have worked really hard to include all the detail of pond dipping, mini beast hunting and finding fish in the river. The children have also written instructions for how to pond dip and find the best creatures.	In Maths this week we have started our new statistics unit. We have looked at tally charts, tables, block diagrams and pictograms. The children have really impressed me with how much they have remembered from our ICT units on using tally charts and pictograms to represent data.
Year 3	This week in English, year 3 have been exploring books from the same author. We have focussed on Quentin Blake. The children have really enjoyed sharing, talking and reading a range of his books. They have written letters to Quentin Blake, reflecting on the things they like about his stories and asking him 2 questions. We will be posting these and hopefully he will receive them. The children are very excited about this.	This week in maths, we have started an angles unit. The children loved making their right-angle monster munchers and we used the school grounds and the classroom to find right angles. To challenge the children more, they then had to find acute, obtuse and right angles within the school setting.
Year 4	The children have made an excellent start back after half term. We have had a fantastic geography week looking in detail at Florida. We have looked at the climate, comparing it to our own; learnt about the Kennedy Space Centre and why it is in Florida; looked at how Floridians prepare for hurricanes and how wildlife can be safeguarded and preserved in Florida.	Next week the children will be completing their multiplication table check, so in preparation we have been completing lots of times table activities in our maths lessons. The children have been focussing on increasing their fluency and being able to recall any multiplication or division as quickly as possible. The children would all benefit from as much practice as possible over the weekend!



Diary Dates 2022-2023

Summer Term

Friday 9 th June	Reception trip to Oceanarium
Saturday 24 th June	Summer Fayre
Thursday 29 th June	Year 3 Science workshops at Paulton's Park
Friday 30 th June	Sports Day
Thursday 20 th July	Leavers Service 2pm
Friday 21 st July	INSET Day
	Year Ends

