



# HAMPRESTON CE (VA) FIRST SCHOOL

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*To love God and to love one another*

**Summer Term 2023  
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Dear Parents,

Can you believe how quickly the year has passed? Looking at the school hall filled to bursting with children all a year grown and ready for their next stages and year group, I am constantly surprised by how subtle the changes are – but when you really pause to take notice, the changes are amazing! Heading into our final week at Hampreston is always a bittersweet time as we celebrate the year gone by and say farewell to those taking the next big step along the road. But it is also a fun week, filled with the hopes of the long summer days ahead.

## Creating a Buzz...

This week, Year 3 and 4 showed us all how amazing they can 'bee' with their brilliant performance of 'A bee Musical'. The children's confidence and talent really shone as they acted, sang and danced their way into our hearts. The children really outdid themselves and the show, with its very important environmental message, was a triumphant success!

Well done to all of the children in key stage 2, you set a new standard for school plays and I know you all had fun in the process. A massive thank you should also go to all the adults involved in helping to put this together, without whom, the show would not be possible.

Here's what our Year 4 performers thought about taking part:

*'Our summer play was a lot of fun to do but there was a lot of work put in behind the scenes such as learning our lines, making our costumes and practising the songs. There is also a lot to learn from our play about bees. If they die out, there would be lots of problems for our world. They are vital for humanity!'* Olivia Aylwin

*'Our summer play was lots of fun to do, although it did also take a lot of work to put together. As well as doing the play we also learnt lots about the importance of bees. My favourite bit was how I got to see everyone smile all the time. It was the best!'* Maisie Coates



## Join the Summer Reading Challenge 2023

The Summer Reading Challenge is back from now until 23rd September. Get ready to join the team!



This year's challenge 'Ready, Set, Read!' is all about games and sports. Join our superstar team and their animal mascots as they use their skills to weave their way through a summer obstacle course.

Developed in collaboration with Youth Sport Trust, the 2023 Summer Reading Challenge celebrates play and participation with games and sports by keeping imaginations moving over the school holiday.

Pop to your local library or join online. Your child will read 6 books and can collect stickers along the way. If they complete the challenge, they will receive a certificate in Collective Worship at school in the autumn term. Visit <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

## Mentally Healthy Children: 25 Creative Challenges

As we head towards the summer break, we know you'll agree that the children need lots of well-earned rest and relaxation. To keep their minds and bodies healthy, we have provided them with a list of fantastic creative challenge ideas and we would like them to choose at least six on the list (that's one for every week of the holidays). Could they highlight the ones they do over the summer and bring the list back to share with their new teacher in September, along with any optional pictures or creations they would like to show.

Encouraging them to be creative and to connect with others (without digital devices) are two of the best things you can do for your child's mental health.

If the sheet goes missing, you can find it in this resource pack:

<https://www.annafreud.org/media/18656/my-self-care-plan-primary.pdf>

## Parent Surveys

Our Parent Survey has now closed and I am very grateful to everybody who took a few minutes to share your thoughts. The results will be shared once we have had a little while to crunch the numbers, but the initial impression is a very positive one, thank you.

Your feedback is really important and the survey has helped us identify a few things we can work on to make Hampreston even better.

## Traffic Matters

One of the areas I would like to highlight from the Parent Survey is the state of the traffic situation in the village, with some respondents commenting that the level of courtesy and adherence to the rules was not good enough.

This week we have been informed of a few issues arising with traffic in the lane. Many of these concerns involve motorists not adhering to our school parking code, not being patient, or behaving in such a way as to not reflect the values of the Hampreston community.

As we head into the last week of the school year, can I please ask that everybody takes responsibility to drive safely in the village, follow the school traffic code and demonstrate the respect and manners we are all trying to teach our children. Traffic issues are in your hands and each person has the opportunity to make it work for everybody.



School Disco Tonight!

☐ Don't forget to pre-order temporary tattoos for your child ☐

<https://friends-of-hampreston-first-school.sumupstore.com/product/summer-disco-temporary-tattoo-x2>

By purchasing this item you are consenting to your child receiving 2 x temporary tattoos (including application with water).

Please complete your order using your child's name to allow us to allocate 2 x temporary tattoos on entry

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As we head into the last week, I hope you all find the chance to recharge a little before the dash to the finish line. Have a great weekend.

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	Dinosaur week! We have been learning the names of different dinosaurs and looking at their different body parts. We used this to make our own pasta dinosaurs, cut and stick dinosaur skeletons, build dinosaurs from our construction equipment and hunted for fossils in the sand pit.	
	In English, we have been reading 'The Everywhere Bear'. We drew and wrote our own adventure for the Everywhere Bear to go on.	In Maths, we have been recapping repeated patterns and solving problems. This has been a great chance to link all of our learning about colours, 2D shapes, 3D shapes and numicon numbers.
Year 1	This week in English Year one have been using the suffix 'ed' to change present tense verbs to the past tense. We have also been looking at the fairy tale of Goldilocks and the Three Bears. We used pictures from the story to retell different parts. We also had a go at retelling the story by acting out different parts to the rest of the class.	In maths we have been revisiting both addition and subtraction number problems with missing numbers. We used cubes, number lines, part whole models and bar models to help us work out the missing numbers. We also looked at balancing number problems, filling in missing numbers to make them the same on each side so as they balance or equal to each other.
Year 2	This week in English the children have been consolidating their knowledge by writing sentences containing common exception words and completing SPaG activities. They have also worked hard on their reading comprehension.	In Maths this week we have completed end of term assessments and reasoning questions. The children have shown how much they have learnt over the term and the year as a whole. They are thinking about how they found their answers and justifying their choices.
Year 3	In English this week, children have created their own synopsis of the 'Bee Musical', ready to advertise on their posters! They have also been writing some effective sentences using lots of brilliant adjectives, similies and onomatopoeia.	This week in maths, year 3 have finished their statistics unit. They have been focussing on their arithmetic practice by making maths board games, ready to share and play with their peers. The 4 and 8 time tables have also been another focus this week!
Year 4	This week has been a rollercoaster for Year 4. They all had a fantastic time at their Middle Schools on transfer day and they loved telling us all about their new classes, teachers and football pitches! All of the children have put in an incredible amount of effort to make our end of year production a real smash hit. We could not be more proud of all their efforts. To top off an already busy week, Year 4 have taken part in a DT week. They have been researching, designing and creating light boxes; drawing on their skills of joining different materials and combining this with their learning about electrical circuits from earlier in the year.	



## Diary Dates 2022-2023

### Summer Term

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July

PTA Disco

Leavers Service 2pm

INSET Day

Year Ends

