



# HAMPRESTON CE (VA) FIRST SCHOOL

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*To love God and to love one another*

**Summer Term 2023**

**Newsletter 01**

**21<sup>st</sup> April 2023**

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I hope that you had a wonderful Easter break and managed to find time to spend with friends and family. The children have all come back to school raring to go and ready for their final term of the year; for our year 4 children, their last at Hampreston.

## **King's Coronation PARTY – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May**

The teachers and I are looking forward to hosting a special celebration afternoon for families on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May in honour of His Majesty's Coronation.

While staff are still nailing down the final arrangements for the afternoon, we would invite you to put that afternoon in the diary because we are hoping you will be able to join us for the latter part of the afternoon.

More information will be with you soon, but in the meantime, you might want to brush up on your 'scone etiquette' once again – is it 'scone-like-stone' or 'scone-like-gone', 'jam-then cream' or 'cream-then-jam'.

For those who missed it last year, I will give you the right answer on the day!!

## **Industrial Action**

As you will be aware, there are two planned days of industrial action for teachers who are part of the NEU expected on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

Once again, we are working with colleagues to determine the impact this will have at Hampreston should this industrial action go ahead. Where possible, we will notify all parents and carers of arrangements for next Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April as early as we can.

## **Parking Matters**

Thank you for your patience with traffic this week as the local farmers have been busy at work in the village with their heavy machinery. You may have seen the issues we face when vehicles park in such a way as to block the narrower parts of the lane and we will be placing barriers adjacent to the farm cottages next week to remind motorists.



We work very hard to support our local farmers and foster good relationships within our community. Sadly, there continue to be a small minority of drivers who park irresponsibly, blocking access into or along the lane, or block access to fields. As you saw this morning, Hampreston is home to a very much living and working farm and access to fields must be available AT ALL TIMES.

I have heard from Josh, our farmer, that before Easter, there were several vehicles parked blocking access to fields. While they understand the challenges we face as a small village, they have a very important job to do and we need to ensure that they are able to do so. Mr Trehane and Josh have always been very gracious in giving the school access to some of their site for activities such as the Fun Run and Firework Festival and I would hate any member of our community to be the reason why this kindness would not be able to continue in the future.

I must insist that all motorists be considerate when parking, even during more challenging times such as this occur, and ensure that no accesses are blocked. Thank you for your understanding.



## Uniform

With the warmer weather, it is lovely to see children wearing their summer uniforms. However, we have seen some instances where children are not quite adhering to the uniform rules and I wanted to take a moment to remind you of the summer uniform dress code, set out in our Parent Handbook 2022-23.

Children should wear:

- grey trousers, grey skirts or pinafore dresses,
- white shirts, polo shirts or blouses,
- plain red sweaters or cardigans
- all children to wear safe, sensible black shoes,
- [Optional] school fleeces are also available and are outerwear only, perfect for colder days when a coat is not needed.

Our Summer Uniform (allowed from the Easter holiday, until October half term) includes:

- smart grey shorts
- red and white checked summer dresses

Hair bands should also be **red, white or grey only**. Long hair must be tied back to ensure it is off the face. Patterns or tramlines shaved into close-cropped hair are not allowed.

P.E. kit includes:

- black shorts
- red t-shirt
- trainers
- optional cold weather PE kit (beneficial for colder weather):
  - red sweatshirts
  - black jogging trousers

(T-shirts and sweatshirts with the school logo are acceptable and are available from The School Shop).

Please note that all P.E. kit must be free from logos/branding and should be plain.

Please also note that hoodies are not permitted in place of PE sweatshirts as we have seen an increasing number of these appearing in recent months.

## Jewellery

Alongside our uniform guidance, I wanted to remind parents that jewellery such as bracelets and necklaces are not to be worn at school. Watches may be worn and must be analogue only. However, it is recommended that they are most suitable in Key Stage 2 (Year 3 and 4). 'SMART' watches and pedometers are not permitted.

Earrings must not be worn in school. If you are considering allowing your child to have piercings, it is helpful for this to take place during a school holiday in order that the piercing can be 'fixed' before the child's return to school. Where this is not possible, they must be taped until the hole is 'fixed', after which time earrings must be removed while your child is in school.

## New Starter's Evening

We will be hosting our 2023-24 New Starters Information Evening soon. This is open to parents who have children joining us in September 2023 and is a great way for us to welcome new families into the Hampreston community. Mrs Noyle and I will be in contact with our new starters next week and look forward to meeting faces 'old' and new...

## Stick Questions

Sticky Questions are back today!

Please support your child's language and communication development by engaging in some philosophical conversation about the sticker they are wearing home.



## Live Band



We were treated to a live performance on Tuesday from the Christian group: *Kingdom's Calling*. The band got us all up on our feet and the children thoroughly enjoyed joining in with the singing, dancing and actions. We would like to say a big thank you to the all the band members for sharing their love of God and for giving us so much fun.



There is nothing better than the gift of live music, and as always, if you play to performance standard and would like to share your music with our children, please get in touch. We are also on the look out for parents with a musical ear to help run some of our lunchtime music clubs. We currently have a set of handbells which are crying out to be played regularly and Mrs Richardson has started a Boom Whackers club which she would love some support with! If you would like to help with a choir or singing club, that would also be great. To volunteer, please contact Mrs Richardson on [sen@hampreston.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:sen@hampreston.dorset.sch.uk).

## Amazathon

All children that took part in the Amazathon Reading Challenge should have received their book this week.

## PTA News

### Coronation Bunting Competition

Entry forms have gone out in book bags. We are asking the children to design a bunting triangle to celebrate the King's Coronation. There will be a winner from each year group who will receive their design made into bunting which will also be used to decorate the school. Entry is £1.

### Quiz

Tickets are now on sale for the quiz evening. We look forward to seeing you on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April. Teams of 6 or we can make up teams on the night.

We are proud to say we've raised **£310** via Expect Amazing's **AMAZATHON**. This has helped us add new books to the library worth **£425** through their part funded prices.

Expect Amazing has also given books worth **£327** to all participants who have successfully completed the challenges.

**Well done everyone!!**

I truly love the summer term. There is always such a buzz in the air and an enthusiasm that only grows with the warm, sunny weather. There are lots of exciting activities planned during the course of the term and I know that the teachers will be finding new ways to make it the children's best one yet!

I hope the sun keeps shining this weekend, have a great one 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.

	English	Mathematics
EYFS	<p>This week we have been celebrating planet Earth! We learnt about the 7 continents and created our own globes. We have been learning how to mix primary colours to make secondary colours and all about the different parts of a plant. We have loved the sunny weather, baking up delicious mud cakes in our mud kitchen, practising our subitising by playing 10 pin bowling and using cotton buds to paint our beautiful blossom tree which is just starting to flower.</p> <p>A wizard visited us in English this week and read us a poem by Ian McMillan; '10 things found in a wizard's pocket'. We then thought up our own magical items about what might be inside a wizard's pocket. We turned these imaginative ideas into our own list poems.</p>	<p>In Maths, we have been learning about numbers greater than 10. We focussed on the 'teen' numbers (11-20) and what these look like using our 10 frames and numicon pieces. We can even count up to 30!</p>
Year 1	<p>In English this week Year 1 have been looking at the structure of a story and breaking down into the beginning, middle and end. They have then used this structure to recreate their own version of the story.</p> <p>They first drew pictures of each part as a plan and then wrote section by section trying add as much detail and interesting vocabulary as they could.</p>	<p>In maths this week we have been measuring objects both inside and outside of the classroom. We first compared the size of objects using mathematical vocabulary such as, short, shorter, shortest and long, longer, longest. We then measured objects using non-standard units of measurement such as our hands, cubes and pencils, we remembered not to leave any gaps between the items we were using. We then learned how to carefully line up a ruler against an object, always starting at the '0' so we could measure objects using centimetres.</p>
Year 2	<p>This week in English we have been working very hard on our handwriting – making sure our ascenders and descenders are tall on our long letters. We have written our Easter holiday news and started planning a description of what it would be like to walk with the dinosaurs. The children have come back enthusiastic and ready to tackle the final full term of year 2.</p>	<p>In Maths this week we have started our unit on fractions. We have practised finding the parts and whole and recognised equal and unequal groups. We have found and recognised half of a shape and a number.</p>
Year 3	<p>This week in English, we have started the novel 'The Secret Garden.' The children have put themselves in the role of Mary Lennox and came up with some fantastic emotive language. The children have then used this to write a diary entry. They have really wowed me with the range of emotive words.</p>	<p>We have been carrying on with Fractions this week but focusing on adding and subtracting fractions. The children, I'm sure will be able to tell you the rule we cannot break when it comes to denominators!!! I have been really impressed with their focus and knowledge of this unit.</p>
Year 4	<p>The children have returned from Easter with a renewed focus and passion for their learning! In English this week, the children have been looking at writing sets of instructions. They have researched and written a set of instructions for how to build a pyramid, including possible pitfalls to avoid in the process.</p>	<p>In maths the children have been finishing off their first topic on decimals. They have looked more closely at hundredths using place value charts and other practical resources, and they have used their knowledge of division to divide 2-digit numbers by 100 (some children even challenged themselves to divide 3-digit numbers too!).</p>



## Diary Dates 2022-2023

Summer Term	
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	PTA Quiz Night
Monday 1st May	Bank Holiday
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>King's Coronation Party</b>
Monday 8th May	Bank Holiday
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4 Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra
	Life Education 'Bus' Visit – SCARF Day
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Life Education 'Bus' Visit – SCARF Day
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 3 to Ancient Technology Centre
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
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 Science workshops at Paultons Park
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers Service 2pm
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	INSET Day
	Year Ends

