



HAMPRESTON CE (VA) FIRST SCHOOL

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To love God and to love one another

Autumn Term 2023 - Newsletter 4

29th September 2023

Dear Parents,

We see September draw to a close with another week full of fun and great achievements from every single child. The children looked very 'on point' in their mufti clothes and we are so proud that, despite the excitement, they continued to move around the school as respectfully as ever and engage in their learning with their usual great attitude.

Year 3 visit to Leeson House

Year 3 had a fabulous day of learning to support their rocks and fossils topic at Leeson House on Thursday. They impressed us with their stamina on the long walk through the countryside. At Keats Quarry, they walked among real, 150 million year old dinosaur footprints! The children enjoyed seeing how many of them could fit into just one footprint. They then headed to the learning centre for a fantastic geology workshop where they used all their rocks and fossils knowledge in some great hands - on activities.



Phonics and Reading information

Thank you to those of you who came to the Phonics information evening on Tuesday. If you missed it, we would urge you to take a look at the slides on the website following this link:

[Click on the 'Phonics Workshop Info.' Button](#)

We also strongly encourage you to visit <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/> so you know how we teach your child to read and what you can do to support them at home.

Home School Agreement

If you have not already done so, please could you read and sign your home / school agreement and send it back to school. If you've mislaid yours and need a new copy, no problem – just pop into the office! These are a really important part of our relationship with you all and they do make a big difference to your child's education.



Play trail not to be used before or after school

Although it is tempting for children to enjoy the large play trail at the top of the field while waiting before school, or during or after a club, please could we ask you **not** to allow **any** child (including younger or older siblings) to use it. We cannot be responsible for children's safety on this play equipment whilst looking after those who are taking part in a club and even if you have collected your child, we want to eliminate any risk of accident at that time of day.

Also, a gentle reminder that all children and adults should be waiting on the lower playground before school opens. Many thanks for your understanding.

Duggie Dug Dug



This time next week, your child will hopefully be coming home to you bubbling with excitement about a special, science-based Praise assembly we have booked, led by the brilliant Duggie Dug Dug! It promises to be explosive...in more ways than one. If your child enjoys it and would like to go to Dug's Bubble Party on Saturday 8th October at 2.30pm in St Mary's Church, Ferndown, please scan the code to get your free tickets:

Harvest Thankgiving Gifts – Ferndown Community Larder

From Monday 9th October, we will be collecting for Ferndown Community Larder in preparation for our Harvest Festival Service on Friday 13th October.

A reminder of suitable items will be sent in next week's newsletter.

School Admissions – September 2024

Don't forget, if you have a child in Year 4 or a child due to start school in September 2024, it is time to consider your applications. Letters have been sent to our Year 4 families and more information is available on the [Dorset Council website](#).

Office E-mail Problems

We are still experiencing problems sending e-mails to Gmail and Googlemail addresses. Please bear with us whilst we are trying to rectify this. If any e-mails can also be distributed within the parent groups via other means please could you do so in order that nothing gets missed. Many thanks.

Parent Governor Election

The constitution of our governing body includes two parent governors: we currently have one parent governor – Mrs Bird - and we have one vacancy, which needs to be filled.

Would any parent or carer of pupils registered at the School wish to put their name forward for this role?

All parents and carers are eligible to stand for election, except

- Persons liable to be detained under the Mental Health Act 1983
- Undischarged bankrupts
- Persons recently convicted of a serious offence
- Persons disqualified under the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986
- Persons subject to disqualification as a Charity Trustee
- Persons whose employment is prohibited or restricted
- Persons disqualified from being proprietors of independent schools
- Persons on the DfES List 99 (this is a list of people banned from working with children)

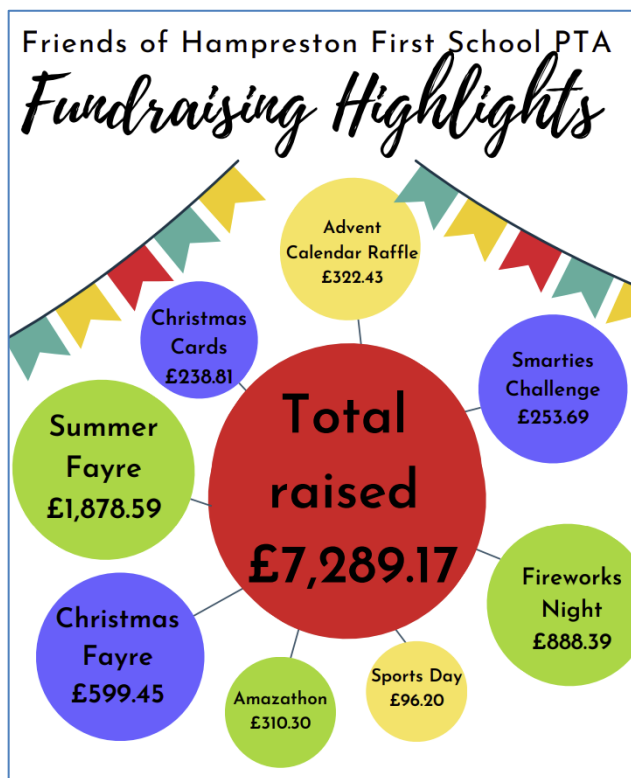


If you would like to put your name forward or would like more information about what being a parent governor entails, please email the Clerk, Deborah Trickett (d.trickett@hampreston.dorset.sch.uk) by 13th October 2023.

After this deadline, the Clerk will organise a ballot and will invite all nominees to submit a brief factual statement about themselves for circulation with the ballot paper to everyone entitled to vote. If only one nominee comes forward, that parent will be automatically elected without the need for a vote.

PTA News

Details of our fundraising during the last academic year and what it was used for:



Thank you all so much for your continued support.
Wishing you a wonderful weekend!

Yours sincerely,

E Richardson

Mrs E. Richardson
Deputy 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	This week is Pirate week! The children have been working hard to become one crew and learn each other's names. We have made pirate hats, built pirate ships and even found some buried treasure! We have also been practising our name writing; a key skill we are keen to learn before half term.	
	In Phonics, we have learnt the sounds /i / /n/ /m/ /d/ and have practised our oral blending. We have challenged ourselves to identify the initial sounds in different words and blend three sounds together to read CVC words. In drawing club, we have been designing our own pirate crew and giving each of them names.	In Maths, we have been finding matching pairs. We have helped Mrs Noyle find matching pairs of socks in the laundry basket and have described the colours and patterns of each match. We then sorted buttons according to different categories including shape, colour and the number of holes it has.
Year 1	In English, we have continued to use the story of The Tiger Who Came to Tea to help us form sentences about what the Tiger ate and drank at Sophie's house. The children used the Mighty Writer board to help them develop their sentences and hold them in their heads before writing them, using the conjunction 'and' to join their two phrases together.	In maths this week Year 1 were introduced to Chris Croc. Chris Croc helps us to remember how we compare numbers using the greater than, less than symbols and equal to symbols. Chris Croc is always hungry and always opens his jaws wide to chomp the number that is greater. We then started to develop sentences to compare numbers using our year 1 vocabulary, greater, less and equal to.
Year 2	This week in English we have read 'The Tin Forest' by Helen Ward. The children loved the story of how the old man dreamed of a forest and how he grew one out of old, discarded materials. We have been working very hard on our sentence structure and the correct use of full stops. The children were challenged to extend their sentences and did an excellent job.	In Maths this week we have continued our place value topic. We have been using 'greater than' and 'less than' to compare objects and numbers. We have also ordered numbers from smallest to largest and largest to smallest.
Year 3	Our class novel at the moment is a lovely book called 'The Hedgehog'. The children have all engaged really well with the story, reading together and predicting and summarising events throughout the chapters. This week, the children have written diary entries from Max the Hedgehog's point of view. Not only have they amazed me with their understanding of diary features, but the vocabulary used has been amazing! Well done year 3!	Year 3 have finished their place value unit, which I have been very impressed with and have started their new unit of addition and subtraction this week, starting off with revisiting their learning from year 2 looking at number bonds within 10. We have been practising the 3 x tables and revisiting 2s and 5s. The children are showing real enthusiasm towards TT Rockstars which they practice on Tuesdays and Thursday mornings.
Year 4	In English, we have been enjoyed the story of "Stone Age Boy." This text has allowed our students to explore their imagination and develop their writing skills. The children have been able to improve their writing by creating a diary entry and speech from the point of view of the characters.	In Maths, we have been focusing on two key areas - Roman numerals and rounding 4-digit numbers. They have learned the rules for constructing and interpreting Roman numerals, both in isolation and within larger numbers. We have also explored the concept of rounding 4-digit numbers to different place values - 10, 100, and 1,000. By applying their knowledge of place value and number sense, the children have selected the appropriate digit to make an accurate and informed estimate.



Diary Dates 2023-2024

Autumn Term	
Friday 13 th October	Harvest Festival Service – 9:30am
Tuesday 17 th October	Flu Immunisations
Wednesday 18 th October	Year 4 trip to Stonehenge
Friday 20 th October	Healthy School Day & Walk-2-School Morning
	Half term begins
Half Term	
Monday 30 th October	School Opens
Friday 3 rd November	Fireworks Event
Tuesday 7 th November	Parent Consultations 6-8pm
Wednesday 8 th November	Parent Consultations 3.30-6.30pm
Monday 13 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Friday 17 th November	Children in Need
Wednesday 6 th December	KS2 Carols by Candlelight
Tuesday 12 th December	EYFS/KS1 Nativity
Thursday 14 th December	Christmas Party Afternoon
Friday 15 th December	Christingle Service 1.30pm
	Last day of term
Spring Term	
Tuesday 2 nd January	INSET DAY
Friday 2 nd February	Big Me Day
Tuesday 6 th February	Internet Safety Day
Friday 9 th February	Healthy School Day & Walk-2-School Morning
	Half term begins
Half Term	
Monday 19 th February	School Opens
Tuesday 20 th February	Pancake Race (Year 4)
Tuesday 27 th February	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 28 th February	Parent Consultations
Thursday 28 th March	Easter Service 1pm
	Last day of term
Summer Term	
Monday 15 th April	School Opens
Friday 24 th May	Half term begins
Half Term	
Monday 3 rd June	School Opens
Friday 21 st June	Sports Day
Tuesday 23 rd July	Leavers Service 2pm
	Year Ends

