



HAMPRESTON CE (VA) FIRST SCHOOL

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To love God and to love one another

Newsletter 02

Summer Term 2022

6th May 2022

Dear Parents,

I hope you have had a great week and enjoyed the extra day off on Monday – I think we are all in for a shock as we finally get back to normal 5-day weeks next week!

PTA Events

We are so lucky to have such a wonderful and active PTA at Hampreston. They have been busy as always, planning events and activities for the community and I would warmly encourage you to join us at these events:

Quiz Night – Friday 20th May

The quiz night is a fantastic event and has long been a staple in the school calendar. Mr McNally and I will be hosting the quiz on a night of fun, fish and chips and maybe something fizzy to get the brain cells firing. Tickets will be on sale next week for a mere £10 including a fish and chip supper. Why not get together a great team and see whether you can take home the bragging rights this year?

Old Uniform

Before Easter, the PTA put out a plea for any old uniform which can be magically transformed into bunting. With a total donation of one summer dress, they are keen for any other donations to help make the current bunting look a little less sad. If you have any old bits of uniform – jumpers, cardigans or polo shirts – that won't make it through another wearing, please let the PTA know.

Summer Fair Stalls

As we start thinking about the warmer days to come, the Summer Fair is fast approaching. If you are a business owner (or know of any) who would like to buy a pitch for a stall on the day, please contact the PTA who will be able to give you all the information you need.

Sports Day

Those eagle-eyed amongst you will have noticed the change of date for our Sports Day last week, bringing it forwards a week to Friday 24th June. Our reserve remains Friday 8th July.

New Starters Evening

We will be hosting our first New Starters Information Evening on Tuesday 10th May from 6:45pm. This is open to parents who have children joining us in September 2022 and is a great way for us to welcome new families into the Hampreston community.

The Big Battery Hunt

Do you have lots of old batteries lying around at home? We need your help to collect as many batteries as we can by 10th June for the UK's Big Battery Hunt. We want to do our part to help to recycle batteries instead of sending them to landfill and we could be in with a chance of winning some great prizes for our school too.

From Monday, every class will have their own recycling box so have a good hunt around at home and bring them all in! Why not get the rest of the family involved too? Every battery that we recycle is one less that will end up in landfill. The school council will be helping to count up the final tally of the batteries after half term. Let's get recycling!



Weekly Presentation Prizes

At Hampreston, we want every single child to be proud of the way they present their work in their books. This week we were most impressed with the excellent effort made by the following children:

Reception Sophia
Year 1 Lorenzo
Year 2 Amelia
Year 4 Dexter

Who will it be next week?

Parking

Despite a gentle reminder last week, I continue to hear of parents not being considerate when driving in the lane or when parking. We work hard to foster great relationships with our local community and they are usually a very understanding bunch. However, this is still a narrow lane with a working farm at the far end. As such, please remember not to block access to homes or fields and not to turn on resident's driveways. I would also encourage anyone visiting the school during the day, or those who arrive a little earlier for drop off and collection, to use the church lane for parking in the first instance. Thanks for your understanding.

Jubilee Party

Finally, on a positive note, we will be holding a Jubilee Party on our last day of the half term, Friday 27th May. This will be in place of our usual Fun Run and will be a way of celebrating Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Staff are still concocting the final arrangements for the afternoon, but 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' – is it 'scone-like-stone' or 'scone-like-gone', 'jam-then cream' or 'cream-then-jam'. Naturally, I will give you the right answer on the day!!

Whatever you are up to this weekend, I hope you all have a happy and safe one.

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
Reception	In English this week, we have been practising all of the phase 3 sounds in longer words. We have learnt new phase 4 tricky words and also read the story of What the Ladybird heard which we have used to base our writing on.	In maths, we have been learning to count back on a number line to subtract both practically and by drawing too. In let's explore it has been ladybird and minibeast themed learning through play and the children have really enjoyed bug hunting and much more!
Year 1	This week in English, we have used our fantastic Superworm story plans to begin writing a story. The children have worked extremely hard and they are becoming much better at writing in full sentences that make sense! Throughout the week, the children have been encouraged to go back and check their work for mistakes; a skill we will continue to work on.	In maths, we have studied arrays. We have learnt that an array is an arrangement of complete rows and columns; rows go across and columns go from top to bottom. Some children have even been able to derive repeated addition number sentences from arrays. For example, the repeated addition for an array with 3 arrays and 5 columns could be $5 + 5 + 5 = 15$ or $3 + 3 + 3 + 3 + 3 = 15$.
Year 2	This week in English we have looked in detail at the day Mary Anning found the Ichthyosaur. The children have thought carefully about what happened on that day and how Mary may have felt when she discovered the skull. The children have written a diary entry from that day putting themselves in Mary's shoes.	In Maths this week we have completed our unit on shape and started looking at fractions. So far the children have recognised equal and unequal shapes before going to on to recognise and find half. The children have picked up the concepts really quickly and I have been impressed with their continued enthusiasm during a busy week.
Year 3	Year 3 have learnt persuasive techniques this week and used them to write a powerful formal letter to Mr Craven, persuading him not to destroy the Secret Garden. Our spelling focus will be on words spelt with the letter 'y' that makes the sound 'i' (e.g. pyramid).	The children are loving fractions and now understand what tenths are. They can also add parts to make a whole. We finished the week with an investigation about ice cream flavours which required them to find a way of working systematically.
Year 4	This week the children have been learning about the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb by Howard Carter. They have conducted their own research into this event and have been looking at the features of newspapers in preparation of writing their very own newspaper article detailing the incredible find.	In maths we have been looking at decimals. The children have shown that they can recognise the tenths and hundredths in a decimal and use this knowledge to order them (in both ascending and descending order) and also to round them to the nearest whole number. They have also applied this knowledge to real world problems by working together to solve tricky reasoning questions.

Diary Dates 2021-2022

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Tuesday 10 th May	New Starters Information Evening @ 6:45pm
Tuesday 17 th May	Year 4 Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra Event
Friday 20 th May	Year 3 Ancient Technology Centre Visit
Thursday 26 th May	Life Education 'Bus' Visit
Friday 27 th May	School Jubilee Celebration
	Half term begins

Half Term

Monday 6 th June	Queens Jubilee Bank Holiday
Tuesday 7 th June	INSET Day
Wednesday 8 th June	School Opens
Thursday 16 th June	Class Portraits
Friday 17 th June	PTA Father's Day Sale
Friday 24 th June	Sports Day
Saturday 25 th June	PTA Summer Fete
Friday 1 st July	Transition Morning
Friday 8 th July	PTA Disco
Friday 22 nd July	Leavers Service 2pm
	Year Ends