



# HAMPRESTON CE (VA) FIRST SCHOOL

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# WELCOME BACK!

Newsletter 1  
Autumn Term 2021

10<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear Parents

## Meet the Teacher afternoon – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September

We are looking forward to seeing you at our Meet the Teacher afternoon next Wednesday after school. It is an informal opportunity for you to pop into school, meet your child's new teacher and for your child to show off their new classroom. Please collect your child as usual, then give the teachers a few minutes to get back to their classrooms before descending on them.

If your child is attending an afterschool club, you are welcome to pop in before collecting your child at the end of the club.

## Healthy Eating

I would like to remind you that all our children in Key Stage 1 (years Reception, 1 and 2) receive a free piece of fruit or a vegetable for their mid-morning snack. We extend this practice of eating fruit, rather than crisps or biscuits, for a mid-morning snack to children in Years 3 and 4. We are very proud of our 'Healthy School Status' and encourage healthy packed lunches. Thank you for your support.

## Nut Allergy

On the subject of meals, please remember that **we are a nut-free school**. We do have a number of children who have extreme nut allergies. Please do not to send snacks or lunch into school that contain any nuts, as contact with these can have severe consequences. Thank you for your understanding.

## Medicines in School

May we remind you that should your child require any medicines administered within the school day by staff, including asthma inhalers; you will need to complete a medical form, email copies can be requested from the school office.

Additionally, please contact the school office to receive a 2021-2022 **renewal** form for continued use of inhalers in school if you have not already done so. All other individual medicines kept in the school office (Calpol/Piriton etc) also require a renewal form before we can carry on administering them. Thank you.

## Drop-off Zone Volunteers Wanted!!

We are very fortunate to have our drop-off zone to make the morning drop-off a little easier. We have always had a number of kind parents willing to don a hi-vis jacket, grab the walkie-talkie and supervise the gate. **We still need a few more people who would be willing to staff the drop-off zone between 8:40 and 8:50.** If you are able to offer any help, please contact the office by email.

## Class Dojo

This year we are moving away from MarvellousMe and replacing this service with Class Dojo. Class Dojo is a brilliant way for you to engage with your child's learning and you will be able to see and celebrate their successes and see some of the things your child has been working on. Letters inviting you to Class Dojo should already have come home and we would ask that every family connects to Class Dojo. It is a fantastic App and will hopefully help you to really feel a part of your child's learning.



## Staff News

This week, the children have been able to meet their new teachers and teaching assistants. It has been great to welcome some new faces; Miss Snewin has got right into the swing of Hampreston life after being a student teacher here and Mrs Bebbington has been thoroughly welcomed by staff and children alike. I would like to add my thanks and appreciation to all of the staff, new and familiar, for the huge effort they have put into making the start of the year so successful!

We are also thrilled to once again be doing our part to grow this wonderful profession in partnership with the Castleman Learning Network and welcome Miss Hepburn:

I am Miss Hepburn and I will be working in year four as a trainee teacher. I will be at Hampreston until Christmas and will return for the summer term. I have been a teaching assistant for four and a half years while I was completing my degree. I am looking forward to my next adventure training as a teacher and working at Hampreston.



## Contacting Staff

You should soon receive a welcome letter from your child's class teacher with details about reading books and PE days etc. As we return to some of our old routines, we want to ensure that you have every opportunity to communicate with your child's teacher. If you wish to contact them, the addresses are:

[n.humphrys@hampreston.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:n.humphrys@hampreston.dorset.sch.uk) (Reception)  
[year1@hamprestonfirstschool.com](mailto:year1@hamprestonfirstschool.com)  
[year2@hamprestonfirstschool.com](mailto:year2@hamprestonfirstschool.com)  
[year3@hamprestonfirstschool.com](mailto:year3@hamprestonfirstschool.com)  
[year4@hamprestonfirstschool.com](mailto:year4@hamprestonfirstschool.com)

These emails can be used for day-to-day communication with class teachers and we hope you will find them useful. However, please be aware that staff will be unable to respond promptly during the course of the school day and will not monitor emails during lessons. Furthermore, staff deserve to be able to switch off from school in the evenings and I would ask you to be considerate when emailing – emails late in the evening or early in the morning may not receive a prompt response!

If your email is urgent, please also copy in the office – [office@hampreston.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:office@hampreston.dorset.sch.uk). Only matters relating to your child should be discussed with teachers.

Over the coming days, we will also be reminding you of login details for other online services we use including Bug Club, Seesaw and our new link system Class Dojo. We intend to continue using these services and hope they will support you and your child's learning.

## Hampreston All Saints – Welcome Back Afternoon

To celebrate their re-opening (and amazing new heating system), our very own Hampreston All Saint's Church are having an open day this Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September. Refreshments are available and it should be a great opportunity to visit our wonderful church. On a practical note, the church has limited toilet facilities, so be sure to do the toilet-run with the children before heading out.

Activities start from 1pm and there are a number of great activities including bell ringing demonstrations, children's activities including a treasure hunt and crafts, refreshments and more. There is even rumour High Mead's brilliant 'Petting Zoo'! Why not pop along and take the chance to revisit our very special local church?

## School Admissions – September 2022

It is that time of year already. Even though we have just started this year, if you have a child in year 4 or a child due to start school in September 2022, it is time to consider you applications. Letters will be sent to our year 4 families and more information is available on the [Dorset Council website](#).

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## Parent Governor Election

The constitution of our governing body includes two parent governors: we currently have one parent governor – Mrs Fookes - and we have one vacancy, which needs to be filled. The Clerk to the Governors has already been contacted by three parents who would like to be considered. Before she organises the election ballot, however, she would like to know if there are any other parents and carers of registered pupils wishing 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](mailto:d.trickett@hampreston.dorset.sch.uk)) by 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021.

At the beginning of October, 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.

## Diary Dates

It is refreshing to be able to put some things in the diary at last. Each newsletter contains an updated diary dates list, so please remember to check there regularly. Obviously, with a little uncertainty ahead, all of these activities and events are subject to whatever the changing coronavirus restrictions may or may not throw at us.

NB. For all Year 4 parents please note that the date for commencement of swimming lessons is Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September.

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	This week in Reception Class, we have enjoyed getting to meet and know the children and parents. They have all had a lot of fun and settled into class really quickly. We are looking forward to next week when the children stay for longer sessions and get to have their packed lunches altogether.	
Year 1	This week in Year 1, we read <i>The Rainbow Fish</i> together. The children showed an excellent understanding of the story; they were able to explain that the rainbow fish felt happier and made friends with others when he shared his scales.	In maths this week, we have been counting together forwards and backwards. The children have made their own foam number number-lines. The children have also impressed me with their number formation this week. What a brilliant start!
Year 2	The children have settled back in beautifully and are loving being back with their friends. We have been imagining what we would do if we stayed in the school overnight. The children have come up with some creative ideas and I look forward to finding out more about their adventures!	In maths we have made a great start. We have been re-visiting some year 1 work and the children have impressed me with the knowledge and skills they have retained. We will be continuing to develop these skills next week.
Year 3	Year 3 have got the new term off to a flying start. Early in the week Mrs Richardson introduced KS2 routines and started some work all about a "favourite teacher"... what would they be like? Later in the week with Mr Lloyd children wrote some descriptions, taking care to present their work neatly. We also took a 66 word spelling assessment, which was a marathon!	In maths year 3 have worked on place value, reminding themselves of 2-digit numbers and beginning to look at 3-digits. The children have visibly grown since year 2; mentally, physically and emotionally! We look forward to a great year!
Year 4	The children have settled back into school life without missing a step. We have had a great week getting to know each other and thinking about how to start this new school year in the most positive way possible. The children have learned about how our brain works and the kind of things that we can do to make it even stronger.	In maths we have been recapping place value this week. The children have got stuck in with partitioning numbers to 1,00; representing them in different ways; ordering them on a number line and showing 100,10 and 1 more or less than a given number.

## Diary Dates 2021-2022

Autumn Term	
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	Meet the Teacher 3-4pm
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 4 swimming starts
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	Year 3 visit to Leeson House
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	National Fitness Day activities with JSC
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Reception Phonics Workshop 2-3pm
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Fraser Portraits – individual photographs
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	McMillan Coffee Morning (tbc)
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	Harvest Festival Service – 9:30am
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 4 & 4 visit to Weymouth
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 4 trip to Stonehenge
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Healthy School Day & Walk2School Morning Half term begins
Half Term	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	School Opens
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Parent Consultations 5-8pm
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Parent Consultations 3-6pm
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Day
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need Day
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Year 4 trip to Dudsbury Camp
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	'No Pens' Wednesday
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Enterprise Week
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Enterprise Afternoon 2:30pm
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Carols by Candlelight
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS/KS1 Nativity
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS/KS1 Nativity
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christingle Service 1pm Last day of term
Spring Term	
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Proposed – INSET DAY
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Big Me Day
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Internet Safety Day
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	Healthy School Day & Walk2School Morning Half term begins
Half Term	
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	School Opens
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Year 4 Pancake race
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	World Book Day
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Consultations 5-8pm
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Consultations 3-6pm
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Service 1pm Last day of term
Summer Term	
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Proposed INSET Day
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Healthy School Day & Fun Run Half term begins
Half Term	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	School Opens
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Class Portraits
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Sports Day
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Leavers Service 2pm Year Ends

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