



# HAMPRESTON CE (VA) FIRST SCHOOL

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*To love God and to love one another*

**Summer Term 2023  
Newsletter 06**

**26<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

Dear Parents,

What a few weeks it has been. If you are anything like me, you are wondering where the half term has gone. It seems like only yesterday we were returning from an Easter break and already we are coming in to the last part of the school year.

## Year 3 Ancient Technology Centre



Year 3 had a fantastic trip to the Ancient Technology Centre last Friday! The children sat in a Viking longhouse around a fire and took part in natural dyeing, blacksmithing and making cob bricks. We were extremely fortunate with the beautiful sunny weather that made the activities outside even more enjoyable. Year 3 were a credit to Hampreston and I am very proud of them!



## JSC – Healthy School Day

A massive well done to all the children for taking part in today's brilliant Healthy School activities, led by Ackie and Ross. There were a host of different activities for the children to try and challenge themselves with, all whilst enjoying the amazing sunshine of the day.



## Year 4 Transition to Middle School

Please see the following messages from middle schools and act where necessary:

'If your child is transferring to Emmanuel Middle School in September you should have received an email from Applicaa (please check your junk mailbox) which provides you with a link to complete your child's admission forms online. Thank you to those parents who have already completed the forms, it is most appreciated. Please could we ask that all admission forms are completed and submitted to Applicaa by no later than Friday 9th June.

Many thanks for your assistance. Emmanuel Office Team'

'We have just emailed our information pack to all the children we are expecting to start with us in September. These have been sent to the email address of the person who applied for their place. We'd be grateful if you could contact our office on 01202 876556 or by email if it is not received so we can check contact details. Many thanks, Ferndown Middle School'

## Staff News

As we end this half term, I am pleased to announce that we will be seeing a new face in the school office after half term as Mr Jamie Plowman joins the team. Mr Plowman will be taking on the Finance Officer role and I know that you will all make him feel welcome as he begins to figure out what Hampreston is all about and what a wonderful community we are!

## PTA News

### Freeze Pop Fridays

Thank you for your support with this weekly event.

### Mufti Day - Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June

We are asking for bottle donations for the tombola at the Summer Fayre in exchange for mufti clothes.

### Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June - Summer Fayre (11am – 3pm)

Save the date and keep your fingers crossed for the weather!

If you are able to volunteer to help on the day please get in touch or send an email - [pta@hamprestonfirstschool.com](mailto:pta@hamprestonfirstschool.com)

The success and size of this event depends on volunteers so please, if you can spare any time on this day it would be greatly appreciated.

Also if you own or work for a business that is in a position to donate a raffle prize or sponsor this event please get in touch with us. Big or small, every donation counts and helps to raise money for our school.

If you are an upcoming band or musician and would like a platform to show off your talent, then we would love to have you play at the summer fayre - just let us know!

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I can't quite believe how lovely the weather is today – I really hope it holds over the half term break. Whatever you are doing, have a fantastic break and we will see you on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June.

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	The Seasons! We have been exploring Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter and discussing the weather and what activities we do in each season. Check out our amazing collaborative art on our seasons display board.	
	In English, we have been writing seasons poems and learning to read the -ed suffix.	In Maths, we have been using 2D shapes to build other 2D shapes, e.g. a square made out of triangles. We have continued our learning of addition by learning to count on from a given number.
Year 1	English in Year 1 this week has had a phonics focus. The children have been practising using lots of alternate sounds and particularly trying to spot split diagraphs in real and alien words. This has also helped with the phonics quizzes we have been doing this week.	In maths we have been building on our knowledge of halves and splitting shapes and objects into quarters. We now know that objects must be split into 4 equal parts when splitting into quarters, but it can be done in lots of different ways depending on the shape. We have looked at a quarter of a number by sharing it equally across 4 groups.
Year 2	This week in English the children have worked hard on using a range of conjunctions in their writing. We completed an independent write at the beginning of the week and the children impressed me with their sentence structure and use of adjectives. On Tuesday we went on a nature walk around school, the children then wrote a detailed recount of what they saw. They worked hard to ensure they were writing in the past tense and including a range of conjunctions to join their ideas.	In Maths this week we have finished our time unit. The children have worked hard to find the time to 5 minutes, investigate how many hours in a day and minutes in an hour. The children have worked incredibly hard to grasp a difficult subject.
Year 3	This week, Year 3 have written an independent 1 <sup>st</sup> person recount of the fantastic Ancient Technology Centre trip. They have had to include, fronted adverbials, adjectives and paragraphs and I am very impressed so far! We have also been practising using homophones correctly and possessive apostrophes.	This week, Year 3 have finished the time unit. I am really proud of all the children for persevering with this tricky concept. Well done Year 3! The children have also really enjoyed the practical tasks of estimating and then accurately timing tasks taken - having a concept of time. After the half term break, we will be starting a unit on shape.
Year 4	In Maths we have done lots of work on time, comparing digital and analogue times and using this knowledge to answer some quite tricky problems. It would be great for the children to continue to explore how to use time and money over the half term so that they really consolidate this learning and apply it in real life settings.	In our English writing this week the children have been focussing on building the most interesting sentences possible and filling their writing with suspense. They have written from the point of view of an Egyptian tomb explorer and created a diary entry that ends in a cliff hanger to really entice the reader and make them want to read on.



## Diary Dates 2022-2023

### Summer Term

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May Healthy School Day & Fun Run  
Half term begins

### Half Term

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June School Opens  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June Year 2 Blashford Lakes  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June Reception trip to Oceanarium  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June Class Portraits  
Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June Summer Fayre  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June Year 3 Science workshops at Paulton's 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

