



# HAMPRESTON CE (VA) FIRST SCHOOL

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*To love God and to love one another*

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Dear Parents,

## Harvest

What a wonderful Harvest Service with so many contributions from our whole school community today.



Particular thanks to the kind parents who run gardening club for helping children harvest the crops they have been nurturing throughout the year and creating a beautiful display of fresh produce to be proud of!



Thank you for your very generous donations to the Foodbank which will be much needed as we head towards colder weather.

Together we raised £106 for Jaiden's family in Indonesia which I know they will be thrilled with.

## Respectful parking

Please do not park anywhere that may affect large farm vehicles moving in and out of fields and entrances, including on narrower parts of the lane where they may struggle to pass.

We also rely on parents not parking in front of resident's driveways, to enable us to do our jobs of educating children at school and not spending excessive time dealing with complaints from people who have been blocked in. Thank you.

## Year 4 Play Leader Training

On Monday our Bronze Sports Ambassadors went to Ferndown Upper School where they took part in a number of training workshops. These included communication, STEP training, organisation and what it takes to be a good sports leader.



They worked with children from other local schools to develop their skills and knowledge and to develop a plan to bring back to school on how to engage others in sports and activities at lunchtimes. They all came up with brilliant ideas and are really keen to get started.

Over the next half term they will be putting their plans into practise by organising and leading activities on given lunchtimes for different year groups and giving them the opportunity to take part in various games and activities.



## Immunisations



Just a reminder that the flu immunisations (nasal spray) will be administered on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October.

We have also been advised that Measles cases are rising across the country. Nine out of ten unvaccinated children can catch measles from an infected classmate and the disease can cause some quite serious complications. Therefore, if your child is not yet vaccinated, or you are not sure, please contact your GP.

## Healthy School Day/Walk to school – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October

Next Friday is our Healthy School Day and our first Walk to School morning for this academic year. We are grateful to our friends at Haskins who will once again be helping to host and manage the parking arrangements to give the children a safe start to the day. The Haskins team will marshall traffic to allow parents to arrive no earlier than **8:25am** and still allowing plenty of time to set down. The children will have a safe bay to wait in before we set off back to school at approximately 8:40am. School staff will be present from 8:25am onwards and parents are reminded that children are their own responsibility until this time.

Children will walk back to school along the High Mead Farm track and should arrive in wellies or suitable footwear and mufti PE kits, with a change of shoes packed in book bags or rucksacks. Younger children are invited to wear waterproof trousers if you prefer and all children will need to change into clean/dry shoes once back at school. We are hoping children will be able to carry as many of their own belongings as possible, and the older children are keen to help little ones if needed.

Children are invited to wear sports clothes to school as they will be taking part in fitness sessions throughout the day led by Ackie from JSC. In return we are asking for a small donation of £1 to help Ackie reach his fundraising target when he runs the London Marathon in April next year for 'Children with Cancer UK'. Ackie's fundraising page can be found [here](#) for any additional contributions.

## Supporting children's mental health

This Tuesday was World Mental Health Day. The theme for 2023 is 'Mental health is a universal human right'. As you may be aware, we are lucky to be supported by a dedicated Mental Health Support Team for schools, provided by the NHS. They work closely with us to intervene early on if there are signs a child may be struggling. Often, meetings are arranged at school where advice and strategies are shared by the team with parents. If you feel your child could benefit from this service, please let me know. My email address is [sen@hamprestonfirstschool.com](mailto:sen@hamprestonfirstschool.com)

Being able to engage in healthy discussion about our own and everyone else's mental wellbeing is vital for our children to see. There are some excellent ideas and resources on this page:

<https://www.nhs.uk/every-mind-matters/supporting-others/childrens-mental-health/>

## Road Safety Competition

Your child has been asked to design a safety sticker to prevent motorists from speeding (see last week's newsletter).

The winning design will be made into a real car window sticker by the road safety charity, Brake, plus you can win a £50 Halfords voucher. Entries can be on A4 / A3, portrait or landscape, digital or by hand but must be bright and bold. Please bring all entries back to school no later than **Friday 20th October**.

## 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!



## Nut free school

Please may I remind you not to pack anything for your child's lunch or snack that contains any type of nut. We have children with severe allergies at the school who we must keep safe. Products such as snack bars can contain nuts so please check the packaging. We do not allow any chocolate spread so that we can rule the risk of hazelnuts out. Thank you for your understanding.

## SEN

We use some of these strategies for children in school who may need help to re-regulate their bodies and minds. Some children, whether they have additional needs or not, really benefit from the sensory input that can be gained from these types of activities and it is known to make a difference to their listening and learning ability.

We hope you find this helpful.

For more information about our SEND (Special Educational Needs or Disability) offer at Hampreston, please visit the [website](#).



## Parent Elections

The closing date for receipt of applications for the vacant parent governor role closes today. The clerk has received two nominations, so there will be a ballot for parents to vote on their preferred candidate. Voting instructions will be circulated to all parents/carers next week.

## 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](#).

## PTA News

### **PTA members needed!**

We may just have secured our two vacancies for the chair and treasurer, but.....they will need your help and support! If you are looking for a way to get more involved in the life of your child's school and would like to find out more, please contact: [PTA@hamprestonfirstschool.com](mailto:PTA@hamprestonfirstschool.com)

If you would like to volunteer at the fireworks event, please let one of the committee members know or send an email to [pta@hamprestonfirstschool.com](mailto:pta@hamprestonfirstschool.com)

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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	<p>This week, we have been learning about the season of Autumn. We have been creating tissue paper autumn trees, printing with autumn leaves, and decorating autumn leaves. We have loved learning our Harvest songs and hope you enjoyed our Makaton actions at the Harvest service.</p>	
	<p>In English, we have been working on our letter formation and identifying initial sounds of words. We have learnt the sounds /ck, /e/, /u/ and /r/.</p>	<p>In Maths, we have been using autumn treasures to create repeated patterns. Lots of children have been challenging themselves to make patterns with coloured pegs and loose parts in exploring time.</p>
Year 1	<p>This week in English year 1 have been retelling the story of 'We're going on a Bear Hunt' and remembering all the parts in order. We have been writing each sentence using capital letters at the beginning, finger spaces and full stops at the end. We said each line out loud before writing to make sure we didn't miss any words out or forget any parts.</p>	<p>In maths this week year 1 were introduced to Part-Whole models. We started by using practical resources, counting up cubes to make the whole number and then splitting it into 2 parts. We then used our bodies to do the inverse. A group of children answered a yes or no question and stood in a corresponding hoop. Once we counted how many children were in each part, they then went to stand in the whole so we could count up how many there were altogether.</p>
Year 2	<p>This week in English we have been writing non – chronological reports. We have thought about what kind of information we find in reports and researched fire safety. The children then decided on the most important facts and organised them in a fact file. They worked really hard to structure their writing appropriately and came up with some very interesting facts!</p>	<p>In Maths this week we have started our addition and subtraction unit. We have consolidated our bonds to 10 and then used them to help us write fact families. The children have worked hard to understand the relationship between the numbers and how subtraction number sentences must always start with the larger number.</p>
Year 3	<p>In preparation for our annual Harvest service, year 3 have been thinking about what they are thankful for at Harvest time. They drafted a prayer and then, thinking about presentation, wrote it out in their most beautiful handwriting and illustrations ready to display in the church.</p>	<p>This week, year 3 have learnt about how to add and subtract using the column method. Using their knowledge of place value, the children knew to start from the 1s column every time. Next week, we will be looking at the same concept but exchanging from the other columns.</p>
Year 4	<p>In English, our focus for this week has been on planning and writing our own version of the popular book, "Stone Age Boy". We have encouraged the children to use their imagination and creativity by transporting a character from the stone age to the year 2023. This has enabled them to explore the stark contrasts between the two time periods and present their own version of a remarkable adventure.</p>	<p>Our focus in Maths has been on further developing our understanding of addition and subtraction. Specifically, we have revisited the concept of adding 4-digit numbers with multiple exchanges and subtracting 4-digit numbers with a single exchange. Mastery of these skills is crucial for your child's future mathematical development, and we encourage you to support their learning at home where possible.</p>





## Diary Dates 2023-2024

### Autumn Term

Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Flu Immunisations
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 4 trip to Stonehenge
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Healthy School Day & Walk-2-School Morning
	Half term begins

#### Half Term

Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	School Opens
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Fireworks Event
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent Consultations 5-8pm
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent Consultations 3.30-6.30pm
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying Week
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Carols by Candlelight
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS/KS1 Nativity
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Party Afternoon
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christingle Service 1.30pm
	Last day of term

### Spring Term

Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	INSET DAY
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Big Me Day
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Internet Safety Day
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Healthy School Day & Walk-2-School Morning
	Half term begins

#### Half Term

Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	School Opens
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Pancake Race (Year 4)
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent Consultations
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Service 1pm
	Last day of term

### Summer Term

Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	School Opens
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Half term begins

#### Half Term

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	School Opens
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Sports Day
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Leavers Service 2pm
	Year Ends

