



HAMPRESTON CE (VA) FIRST SCHOOL

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To love God and to love one another

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Dear Parents,

What an exciting end to the week! I know the children have had a wonderful, if soggy, time and will be desperate to tell you all about it!

Comic Relief: Hampreston Ninja Warrior

Well, the Great British Weather can be a fickle thing and our morning started wetter than we expected. Despite the drizzle, the children all took part with gusto and have had a wonderful time, raising money for Comic Relief. As well as an amazing inflatable assault course, the children also ran circuits around an obstacle course, getting into the muddy-spirit of things. Well done to all of the children for having a go and thank you for all of your support in helping the children bring everything they needed for the day.

Finally, a huge thank you to all the parent helpers who wiped, mopped, dried and fastened shoes today. Without your wonderful support, today's fun would not have been possible. Thanks also to Mrs. Jones for organising and hosting our Ninja Warrior – once she has dried off, I might hint that this could be a regular fixture in the school calendar!!



Book Fair Success



We want to thank you for your incredible support at our book fair this year. There was a real buzz about some of the titles on offer and we know that book fairs always stimulate a love of reading. Following some very valid parental feedback on the use of wish lists, the children were reminded that books are a privilege rather than an entitlement and that the lists are only intended as aide memoirs.

Your support has meant that our school has gained a whopping **£362.50** in commission which means books that every single child can access and enjoy at school.



Celebrating Neurodiversity: 13th-19th March



This week is Neurodiversity Celebration Week, and we have taken the opportunity for pupils and staff to learn more about, and celebrate, neurodiversity.

The term neurodiversity refers to the differences between how people think, process information, behave and communicate.

Types of neurodivergence include ADHD, autism, dyslexia, dyspraxia, and Tourette's syndrome. Some neurodiverse pupils may need additional support, while others may not. Every classroom at Hampreston School is neurodiverse - because every pupil will have a different way of thinking, feeling, and learning. Ask your child all about it!



Enterprise Week – Monday 20th – Friday 25th March



Next week we are pleased to see the return of our school Enterprise Week and the children will be working on a range of exciting activities alongside their regular learning. On Friday afternoon, we will be holding our Enterprise Afternoon Sale and parents are invited to join us towards the end of the afternoon. Please look out for details early next week.

Multiskills



Last week some of our year 3 and 4 children took part in a Multi-skills festival at St Aldhelm's School in Poole. They were able to try out lots of different activities and develop their running, throwing, aiming, balancing and co-ordination skills to name a few. They also worked together to as a team to try and score as many points as possible.

Well done to all those children who took part!

Gardening Club



We have been so lucky to have 20 mini green thumbs join and it's been nothing but fun since the get go!

We made it to week four which saw the mini green thumbs inside due to weather conditions! We created a logo for our gardening club. We also created a special gift for a special someone as well as creating "our dream garden" from gardening magazines! We are really enjoying gardening club and it's only going to get better!

Please can we remind parents to pack a snack and appropriate clothing, footwear and outerwear for gardening club! We will be planting and sowing a lot more in the upcoming weeks - it'll get messy!



Hampreston Vacancies

With today's very sad departure of Mrs. Pitchforth, we are still on the hunt for a new school Office Manager / Finance Officer to join our wonderful team. This is a brilliant role at the heart of the school and would be a brilliant opportunity for anyone seeking a term time role that fits around family life.

If you are interested, or know someone who might be, why not pop in for a chat or visit <https://jobs.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/jobs> to apply.

PTA News

[Amaz-A-Thon Reading Challenge](#)



Thank you to all the bookworms that took part in our sponsored reading challenge. Between you, you have managed to raise over £300 for the school to spend on new books. If you still haven't quite managed to return your sponsor form, there is still just about time, but we must have these in no later than Monday 20th March. We will keep you updated on the free books for those who fully completed all 9 challenges. In the meantime, thank you so much for making this a very successful event.

Summer Uniform Sale

We will hold a summer uniform sale in the playground at pick up on Wednesday 29th March, to help get you ready for that warmer weather after the Easter break. Logo items will be £1 each. All other items will be 50p each.

Easter Biscuit Making Competition

We will shortly be circulating details of our Easter competition, so watch this space. It will be £2 to enter with ingredients provided, and Mr Williams will be our Judge!

Quiz Night

The annual Hampreston Quiz Night will be back on Friday 28th April, so please save the date. Tickets will go on sale soon but in the meantime start gathering your teams and swatting up on that general knowledge! Will you be the team to claim the shield from last years winners - The Reception Rabble or will you be going home with the donuts!

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	This week we have been exploring different types of materials and finding out if they are hard, soft, strong or brittle. We also conducted a science experiment by mixing a few things together which really surprised and amazed the children by making a volcano! It's been a very fun packed week.	
Year 1	This week in English Year 1 have continued to write their version of Jasper's Beanstalk. We have worked hard to add in extra detail and use their knowledge linked to our science topic of what plants need to help them grow. Towards the end of the week, we also practised using their very best handwriting to create a special piece of writing that you might get to see on Sunday.	In maths Year 1 have continued to work on numbers within 50. We have practised counting in 1's forwards and backwards, we have identified 1 and 2 more than a given number, we have counted in tens and we have also started to partition numbers into 10's and 1's using oractical resources to help us.
Year 2	This week in English we have read Where The Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak. The children loved hearing about the Wild Things and thought about what they would do if they were Max. We wrote a story based on the book, however, the children had to follow the story mountain structure and come up with a new adventure for Max to go on. They worked really hard to think about how Max would travel, what mischief he would get up to and who would help him.	In Maths this week we have finished our length and height unit and started our unit on mass, capacity and temperature. The children have worked really hard to use the four operations to support them solving two step word problems. We have also investigated how to compare mass and started to look at the different units of mass.
Year 3	Year 3 have really enjoyed writing their forest stories this week. They have impressed me with the use of descriptive language and prepositions. We have looked at the author Anthony Browne and used his books 'The Tunnel' and 'The Forest' as inspiration. Well done year 3!	We have moved onto volume and capacity this week. The children have a good concept of what volume and capacity means. We have practiced reading different types of measuring jugs and working out how much is left over.
Year 4	This week the children have been focusing on developing their artistic skills. Inspired by an artist determined to make art more accessible, they have created sensory artworks using pins. They have also looked at the artwork of printmaker Rachel Parker and created their own repeated pattern artwork. This involved using a specific artistic process to create a tile and then using computer software to turn these tiles into a perfect repeated pattern.	



Diary Dates 2022-2023

Spring Term	
Monday 20 th March	Enterprise Week
Wednesday 22 nd March	Year 4 Solar Farm Visit
Friday 24 th March	Enterprise Afternoon
Friday 31 st March	Easter Service 1pm
	Last day of term
Summer Term	
Monday 17 th April	INSET Day
Wednesday 17 th May	Year 4 Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra
	Life Education 'Bus' Visit – SCARF Day
Thursday 18 th May	Life Education 'Bus' Visit – SCARF Day
Friday 26 th May	Healthy School Day & Fun Run
	Half term begins
Half Term	
Monday 5 th June	School Opens
Wednesday 7 th June	Class Portraits
Friday 30 th June	Sports Day
Thursday 20 th July	Leavers Service 2pm
Friday 21 st July	INSET Day
	Year Ends

