



HAMPRESTON CE (VA) FIRST SCHOOL

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To love God and to love one another

Summer Term 2023

Newsletter 02

28th April 2023

Dear Parents,

April seems intent on giving us a taste of the warmer, sunny days to come – mixed with a heady combination of wind, rain and hail storms! Still, at Hampreston, there is always warmth and smiles from the children and this week has been no exception.

Red, White and Blue Mufti Day – Friday 5th May

To coincide with the King's Coronation celebrations, the children are invited to come into school on Friday 5th May dressed in Red, White and Blue. Clothing can be as simple or as fun as you like, but we kindly ask that children do not wear football/sport shirts.

This is a no-cost mufti – we just wanted the children to feel special!

King's Coronation PARTY – Friday 5th May

This coming Friday is our celebration of the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles and we are pleased to invite parents to join us at 1:30pm.

The afternoon will start with a celebratory song performed by the children, before we all settle down for a picnic cream tea. The children will be able to join you as we picnic on the field and we would love you to bring your picnics to join this event. You are welcome to bring picnic blankets, scones, cream, jam and lashings of tea – or whatever else takes your fancy.

For those children whose parents can't join us, their class teachers will play 'mum' (or 'dad') and sit together with them. We are hoping to also provide them with a cream tea, but would welcome any donations of scones, cream or jams to help us with that. Any donations will be collected at the start of the school day to help us ensure we have enough for all the children.

If you know you are not able to join us, please drop the class teachers a note to help us plan for numbers.

Why not join us in your best red-white-and-blue finery? We can't wait to see you then, weather permitting. If the weather should turn nasty, we will let you know our rainy-day plans as soon as possible. Please keep everything crossed for a beautiful afternoon!

The Big Help Out

To mark His Majesty The King's Coronation, thousands of organisations across the country are getting together to give us all the chance to help out in our own local communities.

Starting on **Monday 8th May** there will be opportunities for everyone to join in. No matter what you are good at, there'll be something to suit helping hands of all shapes and sizes!

Children from our School Council have met and discussed ideas which they would like as many families as possible to put into action. They include:

- Helping local cat shelter to create cats' toys:
<https://app.thebighelpout.com/event/643e5f5456b9d370a10dae41>
- Litter picks around the local area:
<https://app.thebighelpout.com/event/641b39cf2b9cb68e466ad0e3>



- Write a letter to someone you haven't seen for a long time
- Make a cake for a neighbour or visit someone who may be lonely
- Go through your toys/clothes to donate to a local charity

We would love you to send us a photograph of what your family chooses to do to so that we can build a display showcasing all the ways we are making a positive contribution to our community. Photos must be sent via Class Dojo and no later than Monday 16th May please.

For more information on The Big Help, go to: <https://thebighelpout.org.uk/>

New Starter's Evening

We will be hosting our first New Starters Information Evening on Wednesday 10th May from 6:45pm. This is open to parents who have children joining us in September 2023 and is a great way for us to welcome new families into the Hampreston community.

Emotional Wellbeing Workshops

Every class had a visit this week from Sarah and Phoebe, our NHS link mental health in schools practitioners. It's lovely that the children are beginning to get to know Sarah and the team well now, and can have such honest, open discussions about ways to look after our mental health. This time we learnt about strategies to deal with uncomfortable feelings such as worry or anxiety. Ask your child to teach you how to 'hand breathe' or to show you the '54321' approach!



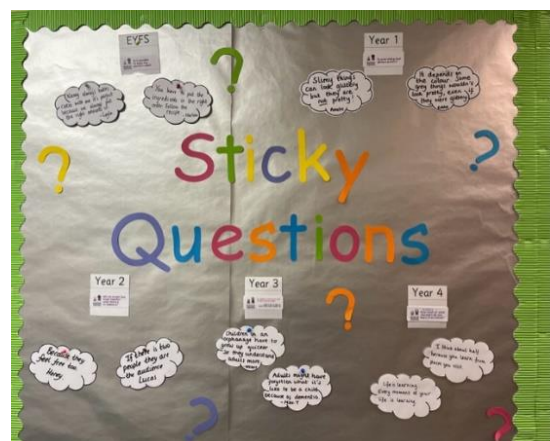
Music at Hampreston

There is nothing better than the gift of live music, and as always, if you play to performance standard and would like to share your music with our children, please get in touch. We are also on the look out for parents with a musical ear to help run some of our lunchtime music clubs. We currently have a set of handbells which are crying out to be played regularly and Mrs Richardson has started a Boom Whackers club which she would love some support with! If you would like to help with a choir or singing club, that would also be great. To volunteer, please contact Mrs Richardson on sen@hamprestonfirstschool.com.

Sticky Questions



Please support your child's language and communication development by engaging in some philosophical conversation about the sticker they are wearing home.



Easter Biscuit Competition

Thank you to everyone who supported this event. It was great to see the fun you had with your children over the Easter break baking. Hopefully the tasting was good too! We had some really creative entries but there is only one winner for this competition. Congratulations to Isaac in Year 2 who wins a crazy golf voucher. We will get this to you next week.



Coronation Bunting Competition

Your children have produced some brilliant pieces of bunting artwork and Mr Williams found it difficult to choose winners for this competition. However, winners from each year group have been picked and we are pleased to announce the following winners –

Reception - Rory

Year 1 - Lola

Year 2 - Elle

Year 3 - Cassia

Year 4 – Jenson

The winning bunting will now go to print and will be ready to decorate the school next week in time for the Coronation celebrations. Each winner will also receive their own keepsake bunting. Entries will be returned in bookbags so you can photocopy them and get creative making your own bunting at home!



I hope that you all have a brilliant weekend in preparation for a historic and exciting week to come. Don't forget the Bank Holiday on Monday 1st May – and we will see you on Tuesday.

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 learning all about London. We identified where it is on the map, and used Google Earth to take a closer look at some of London's famous landmarks. We then used our construction equipment to build miniature models of our favourite. Have a look at Tapestry for our fantastic creations!	
	<p>In English we have been learning to re-tell the traditional tale, Little Red Riding Hood. We have loved dressing up as each character and using our voices to tell the story.</p> <p>We have been learning about talk partners, and working with our talk partner to answer questions about the story.</p>	In Maths we have continued our learning of numbers 11-20; recognising each numeral and putting them into the correct order. We have been learning to subtract by playing ten pin bowling which has also helped develop our knowledge of number bonds to 10.
Year 1	This week in English we have been developing our understanding and use of adjectives. We have come up with lots of different adjectives to describe various animals. We made them as interesting as we could to help make our writing even more exciting for the reader.	In maths we have been exploring capacity and volume. We went outside and used the water tray and sand pit to fill up lots of different size containers. We completed challenges to compare the capacity of each container and used mathematical language to say if the container was full, nearly full, half full, half empty, nearly empty or empty. We also compared the volume of water or sand in the containers identifying which had more or less inside.
Year 2	This week in English we have been hunting for fossils! The children have had great fun hunting for fossils and wrote a set of instructions for Reception class to follow if they would like to have a go. The children have worked really hard to include imperative verbs and adverbs.	In Maths this week we have continued our unit on fractions. We have recognised and found a quarter and a third. The children have worked really hard to share between four and three groups and recognised which fraction is greater.
Year 3	The children have been learning how to write a persuasive letter this week using the Secret Garden as a prompt. They have all used amazing emotive and persuasive language to convince Mr Craven to keep the garden open. Well done year 3.	<p>We have started our new unit this week on Money - a tricky concept when we don't use coins very often these days! However, the children have all showed a good understanding of finding amounts and converting pounds to pence.</p> <p>We will continue with money next week.</p>
Year 4	This week the children have been focussing on the discovery of Tutankhamun. They have researched the discovery and have started to plan out a newspaper article about it. They have put themselves in the character's shoes and have thought about what they might say to newspaper reporters, writing their responses as a conversation and as direct speech.	In Maths, the children have been continuing to develop their understanding of decimals. They have looked at how to partition decimals in lots of different ways and how to use their understanding of place value to compare decimals too.



Diary Dates 2022-2023

Summer Term	
Friday 28 th April	PTA Quiz Night
Monday 1st May	Bank Holiday
Friday 5th May	King's Coronation Party
Monday 8th May	Bank Holiday
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 19 th May	Year 3 to Ancient Technology Centre
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
Thursday 29 th June	Year 3 Science workshops at Paultons Park
Friday 30 th June	Sports Day
Thursday 20 th July	Leavers Service 2pm
Friday 21 st July	INSET Day
	Year Ends

