



HAMPRESTON CE (VA) FIRST SCHOOL

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To love God and to love one another



**Summer Term 2023
Newsletter 09**

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Dear Parents,

With the sun still determinedly shining down upon us, the children have had another brilliant week at Hampreston, and there is so much more to come.

Reception – Busy-bees...

Reception were delighted to welcome Laura to their class recently to talk about keeping bees. She showed us frames from one of her real beehives which still had the honeycomb attached. Felicity dressed up in a beekeeper's protective clothing and all the children had the opportunity to taste some delicious honey. They asked lots of questions to find out more to expand their knowledge and are keen to see what we can do as a class to help save the bees! Thank you so much for taking the time to visit us.



Sports Day

We are looking forward to welcoming friends and families to our annual school Sports Day next Friday 30th June. The afternoon begins at 12:45pm with the House activities carousel. The children will take a short break at 1:45pm before returning to the field for the track events at approximately 2pm. Ackie and Ross from JSC will be there supporting the day and we know the children will have a wonderful time.

This year we are returning to our tradition by asking children to represent their House team by wearing a t-shirt in the House colours. The PTA have kindly made some shirts available at an amazing £1. Children will need sun-safe protection including hats, sunscreen and water bottles (assuming this amazing weather holds).

For parent visitors, the PTA will have refreshments available to purchase during the afternoon, including frozen treats at the end of the afternoon for the children. Refreshments during the afternoon are for visitors only as the children will need to remain with school adults until dismissed at the end of the day. Younger children and siblings are welcome, but we ask that they are supervised at all times.

Finally, families are welcome to follow their children's teams during the activity carousel. As the children head inside for the half-way break, we will establish a courtesy line for spectators and kindly ask families to respect this when getting into the spirit of the action.

We look forward to seeing you there. The school gates will open to welcome spectators when the children are all ready just before 12.45pm.

Dorset Games



On Wednesday a group of children from year 3 and 4 travelled to Bryanston School to take part in the Dorset School Games. During the opening ceremony the children were treated to a motivational speech from Olympic athlete Darren Campbell, a dance performance from a local dance group and took part in a whole group warm up to prepare them for the day. They then went on to complete a tennis skills session working on their tracking skills, co-ordination, forward hand, backhand shots and serves. The children then got to test their skills in a

mini tournament, playing against children from different Dorset schools. Unfortunately, we did not win, but we all had a fantastic day with children demonstrating great Hampreston values of aspiration, respect and growth.



Staff News

As we rush headlong into the summer term, the question on everyone's lips is 'which teachers are where next year?' I am thrilled to let you know that the staff team for September remains unchanged and adults will be in the following year groups:

- EYFS – Mrs Noyle/ Mrs Hobbs
- Year 1 – Mrs Bebbington / Mrs Jones / Mr Hall
- Year 2 – Miss Snewin / Mrs Graham / Mrs Cassidy
- Year 3 – Miss Richards / Mrs Bennett
- Year 4 – Mrs Todd / Mr McNally / Mrs Graham / Mrs Jordan

Mrs Richardson will continue in her leadership role as Deputy Headteacher alongside her role as SENCO. She will be teaching in every year group to support teaching staff with their non-contact hours. This will also allow her to really get to know all of the children across the school and further our excellent SEND provision.

Midday Supervisor Vacancy

We are advertising for a midday supervisor position within the school. This is a key role for us and we would welcome anyone keen to be involved in the life of the school to apply. Details can be found on the school website and on the [DorsetForYou](#) website. For more details, why not give the office a call? If you know of anyone who may be interested, please put them in touch. Thanks.

Funding to support young musicians

Dorset Music Service is working in partnership with the local charity Changing Key Dorset to help support young musicians facing challenging circumstances with the cost of their musical activities.

Changing Key Dorset welcomes applications for funding from any young musician educated across Dorset, including the wider BCP area. The funding can be used to support a variety of musical activities from both private and public providers. Funding awards are for up to £300 and last for three consecutive academic terms.

Applications are made online and can be made throughout the year:

Autumn Term 2023 closing dates – Round 1 **Tuesday 4th July 2023** & Round 2 **Friday 15th September 2023**
Visit www.changingkeydorset.co.uk for more information.



Parent Survey 2023

Finally, a huge thank you to everyone who has already completed this year's Parent Survey. It has been fantastic to see so many responses already, with almost half of the school having already responded. If you are yet to complete the survey, it can be found at the link below or via the QR code – it should only take a minute or two.

<https://forms.office.com/e/nhc4QrNiWd>



Thinking about the Parent Survey, I wanted to express how much your opinion really matters to us. While we love hearing how happy and confident you are in us, we also take comments, ideas and feedback very seriously. That is why this Parent Survey is not anonymous – we are keen to follow up with families where things are not quite right. We strive to do the very best we can at Hampreston but acknowledge that we aren't infallible – by leaving your name, it allows us to work together with you to resolve any issues you may have.



As such, we are not counting any anonymous responses this time around and would kindly ask anyone who has completed the survey anonymously to please submit another response. Hampreston is very much a family and we feel that there shouldn't be any awkwardness for families who don't feel fully satisfied with the school. Being a family sometimes includes challenging conversations, but we teach our children that it is only through conversation that we can resolve our differences.

Thank you all, I can't wait to see the sudden spike in responses as those last few families share their thoughts with us.

Teacher Industrial Action – Wednesday 5th and Friday 7th July

You may be aware that there is planned strike action heading our way once again. As before, we will try to share with you the arrangements for those days as soon as we are able to do so, including any changes to our, or other local, school transition days.

SEND Survey

If you have a child at Hampreston with special educational needs or disability, the Dorset SEND team are asking for your feedback on the service provided by the local authority.

Could you complete the Dorset Impact Survey 2023 [Dorset Impact Survey 2023 - your experience of education, health and care services and support over the last 12 months - Dorset Council - Citizen Space](#) describing your experience of education, health and care services and support over the last 12 months. It should take about ten minutes and the results of the survey will help determine what changes need to be made to the services provided.

Anyone who completes the survey will have the chance to be entered into a prize draw for Moors Valley gift vouchers.

The survey closes at midnight on **Monday 26 June**. Anyone who needs a paper copy or who has any questions can contact familyinfo@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk or call on 01305 221066.

PTA News

Summer Fayre - 24th June 11am - 3pm.

The sun is set to shine tomorrow and we are hoping for a great turnout at our summer fayre fundraiser. All stalls will be cash but food can be purchased by card, why not come and have lunch from the BBQ whilst listening to some live music. See you all there.

Summer Raffle

This will be drawn at the summer fair tomorrow – Good Luck!

School Disco

Please save the date for our end of year school disco on Friday 14th July 2023 – more details to follow next week, however please note this is a free event funded by the PTA.

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	<p>This week Reception have been on a hunt for minibeasts! We have learnt the names for different minibeasts and discussed what a microhabitat is. We were inspired by the book 'We're going on a bear hunt' to go on our very own bug hunt around the playground. The children showed excellent teamwork in hunting and identifying different creepy crawlies! We have been painting camouflaged butterflies, building bugs from small items, constructing bug hotels and making our own antenna as we role played with our friends.</p>	
	<p>In English, we have been writing minibeast fact files which we are going to turn into our very own non-fiction book! Did you know snails have rows of teeth on their tongues?!</p>	<p>In Maths we have been learning to identify odd and even numbers. The children were able to sort odd and even numbers on a Venn diagram and completed worksheets independently where they had to put matching socks into pairs to identify if they were an odd or even amount.</p>
Year 1	<p>This week in English we have been reading the fairy tale of The Three Billy Goats Gruff. We discussed what makes up a traditional fairy tale then sequenced the story using pictures. We also came up with adjectives for the different characters and looked at speech and the key phrases that each character used throughout the story.</p>	<p>In maths this week we have been looking at money. We have identified coins and notes and compared their values. We also looked at using different coins to make up the same value. We did this through role play with children having to pay the bus driver 20p using different coins.</p>
Year 2	<p>This week in English the children have been writing postcards. We have read 'Sally and the Limpet' by Simon James and imagined we have gone on an exciting beach holiday. We have discussed the activities you can do at the beach and written to our friends and family. The children have had a great time thinking of their ideal holiday and what they would get up to.</p>	<p>In Maths this week we have finished our statistics unit. We have drawn our own pictograms, learnt how to interpret data and represent data in different ways using 2, 5 and 10 multiplication facts. We have also been working hard on our reasoning skills, focusing on explaining how we know the answer not just giving the solution.</p>
Year 3	<p>This week in English, the children have been learning about explanation texts. We have looked at one called 'How to make a rainbow' and discussed the features. The children have then used their RE knowledge of the River Ganges and have written their own explanation text using subheadings, formal language, facts and pictures. I am very impressed with their presentation.</p>	<p>This week, year 3 have finished off their shape topic. We had a very fun lesson building 3D shapes using marshmallows and cocktail sticks! They have impressed me with their knowledge of identifying shapes by their properties. Towards the end of the week, we have started out new unit on statistics and interpreting data. Next week, the children will be gathering their own data and putting it into a bar chart.</p>
Year 4	<p>This week the children have been planning, drafting and editing their own versions of the <i>Egyptian Cinderella</i> story. They have drawn on all of their learning from this term to write some of the most gripping and detailed stories they have written this year. We are truly proud of all of their hard work!</p>	<p>In maths the children have finished their topic of shape. They have looked at different types of regular and irregular polygons, looked at lines of symmetry in polygons and in different symmetric patterns. They have also completed some different maths test papers in which they have drawn on all of the different topics from this term.</p>



Diary Dates 2022-2023

Summer Term

Saturday 24 th June	Summer Fayre
Thursday 29 th June	Year 1 High Mead Farm Year 3 Science workshops at Paulton's Park
Friday 30 th June	Sports Day
Friday 14 th July	PTA Disco
Thursday 20 th July	Leavers Service 2pm
Friday 21 st July	INSET Day Year Ends

