



# HAMPRESTON CE (VA) FIRST SCHOOL

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*To love God and to love one another*

## Newsletter 12

Summer Term 2022

22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022

Dear Parents,

I hope that you are all feeling a little cooler after the incredible weather at the start of the week. The children all coped with the heat brilliantly and I would like to thank you as parents and the amazing staff at Hampreston for doing so much to help keep children cool, calm and hydrated!

### Farewell Leavers...

The last day of the school year is always a very special time – that tug-of-war between the end of one of life's seasons and the beginning of another. For many children, it is the excitement of a new school year in September 2022. For others it is bittersweet farewells, with tears and many, many happy shared memories.

With that, we say a fond goodbye to our 2022 leavers! Whatever the next step of the journey brings you, we know that you will go out with confidence and the anticipation of new and exciting days ahead. For our staff leavers, we wish you the very best for the future. As always, you are all welcome to visit us anytime and let us know how you are getting on!

### Bowled Over

Our brilliant friends at Hollywood Bowl, Tower Park have gifted the school with some free games of bowling to give away. As such, we have been able to celebrate a number of children who, for one reason or another have impressed us this year. These children have all received a gift of 2 free games of bowling as part of our first ever 'You Bowled Us Over' awards... Well done to all of those children!

### Summer Works

We are now so close to the beginning of yet another phase of building and development work at Hampreston, with the contractors set to start arriving on Monday! During the summer, we will be refurbishing the existing library and IT suite as well as resurfacing part of the patio area next to the hall. I am very excited to see these projects get underway and cannot wait to see the finished results.

### Teacher Promises

We have had a wonderful week and many children have benefitted from Teacher Promises won at the Summer Fayre. As well as movie afternoons and class mufti days, we have also celebrated with a Teacher's Table for lunch, freeze pops and even a cheeky 'Tuesday-Sundae' – Just right when the weather was so hot! Thank you to all the staff for offering these very special treats!

### Drop Off Zone – September helpers needed!

It might seem like a long way off, but September will be here before we know it. As always, we are asking for volunteers to help support us with the Drop-Off Zone each morning. It is by no means a life sentence, but by offering to help for just one morning each week will allow staff to be available to support children as they arrive into school. You don't even need your own high-vis jacket or walkie talkie!

If you would consider volunteering, I know the office staff would be delighted to hear from you by email. You can email during the summer break – or even this afternoon – to help Mrs Bentley put a rota together ready for the start of term on Monday September 5<sup>th</sup>.

With that being said, can I offer a huge thank you to all the wonderful people who have helped this year, faithfully welcoming the children in with a smile, whatever the weather! Thanks to Mrs Duncan, Mrs Perrin, Mrs Bird, Miss Preston and Mrs Rexon – and to everyone else who stepped in along the way!



## Year 4 Swimmers

As we start thinking ahead for September, could I ask for parents of next year's Year 4 (our current year 3) to consider whether you are able to assist with transportation to Canford School for the children's swimming lessons each Monday afternoon. Although the lessons don't start immediately, there is a little paperwork involved in setting up drivers and we would like to get started on this straight away when we return.

It is only through the kindness and generosity of parent drivers that we can continue to offer these swimming lessons and we value our wonderful partnership with Canford in providing a minibus for some of the children. If you feel able to offer a little time, please contact the office during the summer. Many thanks.

## Office Email

During the summer, the office email account will be sending an out of hours message. It will be periodically monitored during the summer but actions may not be taken until school resumes on the staff INSET day on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September.

As we wrap up this school year, there are many happy memories to reflect on. Being able to once again welcome families into school for plays, church services, sports day and a very special Jubilee celebration, it has felt like a much-needed return to normality. School trips and special visitors have helped to make this year special for the children and I know they have all had a brilliant year.

With the long, hazy days of summer stretching ahead of us all, can I wish you all a wonderful and restful summer break. I hope you all get chance to spend time with friends, family and loved ones, to recharge the batteries and – queues in Clarkes aside – find a perfect summer idyll.

For those starting new journeys, I wish you all the very best.

Have a great summer – see you in September!

Yours sincerely,



**Mr. T. Williams**

**Headteacher**



**Term Dates for Academic Year 2022/2023**

**Autumn Term 2022**

First Day	Monday 5th September 2022
Half term	Monday 24th October – Friday 28th October 2022
Last Day	Friday 16th December 2022

**Spring Term 2023**

First Day	Tuesday 3rd January 2023
Half term	Monday 13th February – Friday 17th February 2023
Last Day	Friday 31st March 2023

**Summer Term 2023**

First Day	Monday 17th April 2023
Half Term	Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June 2023
Last Day	Friday 21st July 2023

In addition, the school will be **closed** on the following dates for staff training:

Thursday 1st September 2022

Friday 2nd September 2022

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Monday 1st May 2023 – Bank Holiday