



HAMPRESTON CE (VA) FIRST SCHOOL

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To love God and to love one another

Newsletter 4
Autumn Term 2021

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Dear Parents

Harvest Celebration

It was lovely to see so many of you at our Harvest Service this morning – and to return to our traditional celebrations. I'm sure you will agree that the children, led by our very capable year 4's, were really able to understand the meaning of harvest thanksgiving. As always, I would like to thank the staff for helping the children to explore what it means to be thankful and to give of our plenty.



On that note, can I thank you all for the tremendous generosity you have shown with your harvest gifts. The harvest table is heaving with donations for the Wimborne Food Bank. Next week the school council will help to sort the donations for delivery, which I know will be gratefully received. Thank you.

Year 1 'visitor'

Last Friday in Year 1, we enjoyed a tea party together. After reading *The Tiger Who Came to Tea* by Judith Kerr, we were very excited to have a tea party of our own! Miss Stratman made us yummy cupcakes, we also had fruit and juice. We were so shocked when our party was interrupted by a long RING at the door...It was the tiger! Luckily, the tiger didn't eat everything and left us to enjoy our party in peace! Thank you everyone who helped with our party.



Autumn Attire

As we head into potentially wet and windy weather, can I please ask parents to ensure children come to school prepared for the elements with warm and waterproof coats? October can sometimes surprise us with cold, damp mornings and warm afternoons, so checking that fleeces, coats and jumpers are clearly named will also help them be returned to their owners when the children get too hot. Thank you.

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

Thank you to everyone who came along last Friday for a coffee and piece of cake! It was brilliant to see so many turn out in support of such a brilliant cause. As a result of your generosity, together we have raised a fantastic £256.74 for Macmillan Cancer Support. A huge thank you also goes to the PTA for their help in arranging the event!

School Admissions – September 2022

It is that time of year already. Even though we have just started this year, if you have a child in year 4 or a child due to start school in September 2022, it is time to consider you applications. Letters will be sent to our year 4 families and more information is available on the [Dorset Council website](#).

Traffic Matters

Now that we are back in the swing of school life, can I please remind parents of our traffic routines? Please remember that everybody is asked to drive to the end of the lane and turn in the farm entrance. Please also note that the Drop-Off Zone is a no-parking area and should only be used by parents using the Drop-Off Zone gates. Finally, please remember that the staff car park must not be used during the mornings as we do have a few members of staff with differing start times who require access and parking up to 9:15am. Thank you for your understanding.



Amazon Smile

Did you know that you can turn some of your Amazon shopping into donations to the Hampreston Friends Association (PTA)? By visiting smile.amazon.co.uk rather than their main 'www' page, you can register to have Amazon donate 0.5% of every purchase to the PTA. The donation comes directly from Amazon's pockets and doesn't change the price you pay. It is easy to set up and once running, does not need you to do anything other than shop! Why not register this weekend and start helping the Friends fundraising efforts?

It has definitely turned autumnal this week. Whatever you have planned for the weekend, I hope you have a great one.

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
Reception	<p>This week in Reception Class, we have started learning some phonemes and graphemes. We have learnt; s,a,t and p and the tricky words the, l and is.</p> <p>We have learnt the story of owl babies and created some wonderful owl crafts. We also have been to the church so the children are familiar with it ready for the harvest festival today. We have collected sticks and leaves to make nests for our soft toy owls and much, much more!</p>	<p>In Maths this week, the children have each individually completed the Governments maths baseline assessments with Mrs Bebbington and have in class been learning about the number 1 with me. We heard how penguin one can only have his numeral written by going down his tummy and not from the bottom otherwise it would ruffle all of his feathers.</p>
Year 1	<p>In literacy this week, we have become familiar with the story of Willy and Hugh, by Anthony Browne. Year 1 came up with some fantastic adjectives to describe Willy. The children showed their excellent understanding of the story by producing some lovely diary entries from Willy's perspective.</p>	<p>In maths, Year 1 were introduced to part-part whole models. The children understood that they needed to total the two parts in order to calculate the whole. We were even able to consider how to find a missing part, when the whole was known. Well done Year 1!</p>
Year 2	<p>This week in English we have been planning and writing our own acrostic Harvest poems. The children have had some lovely ideas about what Harvest means to them.</p>	<p>In Maths we have been continuing counting in ten's and comparing numbers. We have revisited counting in 2's and 5's and the children have really impressed me with the knowledge they have retained from year 1.</p>
Year 3	<p>In literacy we are continuing to learn about prefixes and also how to write information texts about Hampreston. We are all focusing on neat presentation of our work!</p>	<p>In year 3 we have begun to work on addition and subtraction of single digit numbers to and from 3-digit numbers. This will lead to more challenging work in the weeks to come. We are also persevering with the practice of 2x, 5x and 10x table, so that the other tables become easier!</p>
Year 4	<p>This week we have been looking at the story of <i>Stone Age Boy</i>. We made predictions about what we thought might happen and used inference to think about what the characters might be thinking using thought bubble cartoons. We also used our thesaurus skills and similes to improve our descriptive sentence writing techniques.</p>	<p>In maths we focused more on numbers with 4-digits. We were able to find 10, 100 and 1,000 more or less than a number; compare 4-digit numbers using <, > and = and we have also ordered 4-digit numbers using our knowledge of place value.</p>

Diary Dates 2021-2022

Autumn Term	
Wednesday 6 th October	Year 3 & 4 visit to Weymouth
Monday 11 th October	AFC Bournemouth Mental Health Workshops
Friday 15 th October	Friend's Donut Day
Tuesday 19 th October	Year 4 trip to Stonehenge
Friday 22 nd October	Healthy School Day & Walk2School Morning Half term begins
Half Term	
Monday 1 st November	School Opens
Tuesday 2 nd November	Parent Consultations 5-8pm
Wednesday 3 rd November	Parent Consultations 3-6pm
Friday 5 th November	Friends Mufti-Day
Thursday 11 th November	Remembrance Day
Friday 12 th November	Children in Need Day
Wednesday 17 th November	AFC Bournemouth Road Safety Workshops
Thursday 18 th November	AFC Bournemouth Citizenship Workshops
Monday 22 nd November	Year 4 trip to Dudsbury Camp
Wednesday 24 th November	'No Pens' Wednesday
Friday 26 th November	Friend's Mufti-Day Friend's Christmas Wreath Workshop
Monday 29 th November	Enterprise Week
Friday 3 rd December	Enterprise Afternoon 2:30pm
Saturday 4 th December	Friend's Christmas Fair 11am-3pm
Tuesday 7 th December	KS2 Carols by Candlelight
Monday 13 th December	EYFS/KS1 Nativity
Tuesday 14 th December	EYFS/KS1 Nativity
Friday 17 th December	Christingle Service 1pm Last day of term
Spring Term	
Tuesday 4th January	INSET DAY
Wednesday 5 th January	School Opens
Friday 4 th February	Big Me Day
Tuesday 8 th February	Internet Safety Day
Friday 18 th February	Healthy School Day & Walk2School Morning Half term begins
Half Term	
Monday 28 th February	School Opens
Tuesday 1 st March	Year 4 Pancake race
Thursday 3 rd March	World Book Day
Tuesday 8 th March	Parent Consultations 5-8pm
Wednesday 9 th March	Parent Consultations 3-6pm
Friday 8 th April	Easter Service 1pm Last day of term
Summer Term	
Monday 25 th April	Proposed INSET Day
Friday 27 th May	Healthy School Day & Fun Run Half term begins
Half Term	
Monday 6th June	School Closed for Queen's Jubilee Bank Holiday
Tuesday 7 th June	School Opens
Thursday 16 th June	Class Portraits
Friday 1 st July	Sports Day
Friday 22 nd July	Leavers Service 2pm Year Ends

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