



HAMPRESTON CE (VA) FIRST SCHOOL

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To love God and to love one another

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Dear Parents,

This week we have finally seen the sunshine and, despite the chilly weather, the children have loved exploring outside, seeing the frosted cobwebs and bejewelled, snowy rooftops. It was lovely to see their excitement at even the tiniest fall of snow.

Find Your Greatness



This half term, we will again be focussing on our school value of ASPIRATION, looking at our dreams, ambitions and hopes for the future; reflecting on our abilities and interests, and finding greatness within ourselves.

One of my personal heroes, Michael Jordan, famously said,

“You must expect great things of yourself, before you can do them...”

This weekend, why not talk to your child about their hopes, dreams and aspirations. Find out what they want to be when they grow up or tell them what you wanted to be and what your hopes are for the future. Should you need a little inspiration, why not check out one of Nike’s 2012 ad campaigns, encouraging people to ‘find your greatness’ – you can watch the videos here:

<https://youtu.be/WYP9AGtLvRg>

Finally, if anybody would be willing to come into school and share with the children about what their dream job is, please let me know. If there is enough interest, maybe we can hold an inspirational ‘careers day’ for the school, helping them to see a broad spectrum of the wonderful jobs – and futures – that are out there.

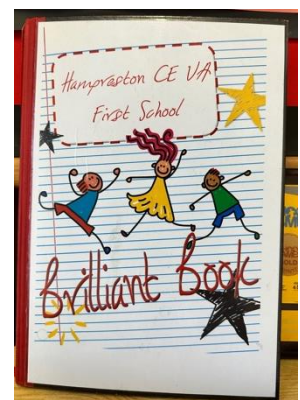
Winter Wear

With the weather turning cold, please ensure that children have warm coats with them each day. We do try to get them outside so they can get a breath of fresh air and stretch their legs. Having warm and waterproof coats is essential to allow us to continue to do so. Thank you.

Celebrating Children

Something we love to do at Hampreston is to celebrate the work and efforts of our children and we continue to showcase our children’s accomplishments in our ‘Brilliant Book’. Mrs Bennett (a huge thank you to her) keeps it updated with photographs from our Friday celebration collective worship. If you haven’t seen it, you can pop in anytime and look through the Brilliant Book, which lives in the foyer, just outside the office.

Why not take a minute to flick through and see what amazing children we have at Hampreston?



Absence and Illness

As we start the spring term, I wanted to thank everyone for supporting their children with good attendance at Hampreston. We ended the autumn term with a school-wide average attendance of 95.7%, with over two thirds of the school attending 95% of the time or better – including 25 children with 100% attendance!!

The next attendance monitoring period is about to begin and we will once again write to any families where attendance causes a concern. Often these letters can be a concern for parents and we would like to reassure



you that where there are periods of absence for known reasons, we are sympathetic and seek to support you in any way we can. Hopefully you are already aware of your child's attendance through conversations with staff, but should you want any information, please don't hesitate to contact the office.

In order to support you as parents, the NHS website provides helpful information and guidance on whether your child should attend school. Visit <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/> to find out more.

Year 4 Swimming

A reminder to parents in year 4 that swimming at Canford School resumes on Monday 15th January. Please remember to bring swimming kit into school.

PTA News

Happy New Year to you all!

Help us get 2024 off to a great start for Hampreston First School by signing up to support us for FREE on #easyfundraising.

You can raise donations whenever you shop online with over 8,000 brands including John Lewis & Partners, eBay, Argos, M&S and more.

Plus, once you've raised your first £5, easyfundraising will double it!

Sign up today - it will make a BIG difference to us this year:

<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/hamprestonfirstsc/UAHML7/c2s/zhbCJtHD/CR061/facebook/> Many thanks, Friends of Hampreston

From the archives...

Some of you may have seen the article on yesterday's BBC South Today news about the flooding in Stapehill Road. Recent weeks have been challenging for the local community, but as the archives tell us, it isn't necessarily the first time it has been:

February 17th 1915 - Very wet and stormy. All roads leading to the school are flooded. Only 25 children arrived, many of these with wet feet. They were allowed to dry their shoes and stockings and when the rain abated somewhat were sent home.

February 19th 1915 - Attendance low this week owing to wet and stormy weather. The Stapehill Road is still entirely under water for a distance of a quarter of a mile from Hampreston Lane Corner.

January 17th 1919 - Some of the roads leading to the school have been almost impassable owing to the heavy rains and floods. Many children are still away suffering from colds. The Rector visited the school this afternoon.

January 20th 1919 - Pouring with rain. Wind strong. Lanes are flooding. Only 13 children arrived. These were kept in school till 11 am and then dismissed as the water was rapidly rising in the lanes.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone.

Yours sincerely,



Mr T Williams
Headteacher



Diary Dates 2023-2024

Spring Term

Monday 15 th January	Year 4 Swimming Starts
Thursday 18 th January	EYFS Class Vision Screening Checks
Friday 2 nd February	Big Me Day
Tuesday 6 th February	Internet Safety Day
Friday 9 th February	Healthy School Day & Walk-2-School Morning
	Half term begins

Half Term

Monday 19 th February	School Opens
Tuesday 20 th February	Pancake Race (Year 4)
Tuesday 27 th February	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 28 th February	Parent Consultations
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day
Thursday 28 th March	Easter Service 1pm
	Last day of term

Summer Term

Monday 15 th April	School Opens
Friday 24 th May	Half term begins

Half Term

Monday 3 rd June	School Opens
Friday 21 st June	Sports Day
Friday 19 th July	Leavers Service 2pm
	Year Ends for students
Monday 22 nd July	INSET DAY
Tuesday 23 rd July	INSET DAY



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	It is bird week! We have been identifying various garden birds when on our Winter walk around the playground looking for signs of Winter. We have been following instructions on how to draw and paint different species of birds and exploring maps and atlases of our local area.	
	In Phonics, we have learnt to read and write the digraphs /ai/ , /ee/ , /igh/ , /oa/ , /oo/ (room) and /oo/ (book) in words. We have loved retelling the traditional tale 'Chicken Licken' using role play masks and small world characters.	In Maths, we have been focussing on the composition of numbers to 5, developing our recall of number facts and consolidating our knowledge of subitising. Your 1-minute maths activity is: subitise 1-5 (random).
Year 1	This week in English we have practiced composing and writing sentences using adjectives. We focussed the adjective coming before the noun in the sentence and how to join two adjectives together with the conjunction 'and.'	In Maths we revisited our knowledge of number bonds to 10 and extended our knowledge by counting up to 20 both forwards and backwards. We then spent time investigating the teen numbers, looking at how many tens and ones make up each number. Your 1-minute maths activity is: Addition-3-Bonds to 10
Year 2	This week in English we have continued to delve into 'Where is Home Little Pip?' We have spent time building expanded noun phrases, trying hard to make them as exciting as possible. We have built on our alternative words word bank and thought about how we can incorporate them in our writing. The children have imagined they are Pip and written a postcard describing when they met the whale.	In Maths this week we have continued our Shape unit, focusing on 3D shapes. We have recapped their names, counted edges, vertices and faces. The children have worked hard to differentiate between 2D and 3D shape properties, thinking carefully about the vocabulary they are using. Your 1-minute maths activity is: magic mix to 20
Year 3	This week in English, the children have really enjoyed delving into the story of Beowulf even further. We have read 3 more chapters around the 'campfire', roasting marshmallows (pretend!), rehearsed and acted out a performance of Beowulf and made our sentences even more interesting by using expanded noun phrases. I am looking forward to starting the plan for their own Beowulf-inspired story next week!	This week in Maths, the children have used their existing knowledge of multiplication and applied it to multiplying a 2-digit number to a 1-digit number. The children have learnt to partition the 2-digit number to make it more manageable. Towards the end of the week, we looked at the links between multiplication and division.
Year 4	In English, we have been delving into the world of possessive apostrophes. The children have been getting creative with their writing by incorporating these apostrophes into sentences about Little Mouse's fears, using their imagination and descriptive language skills to bring the writing to life.	In our Maths lessons, we have been focusing on multiplying and dividing numbers by 10 and 100. The children have been using their knowledge of place value to help them understand and solve these calculations. They have been exploring real-life scenarios and using manipulatives to support their understanding as well as using place value grids to visualise the digits changing places.

