



HAMPRESTON CE (VA) FIRST SCHOOL

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To love God and to love one another

Autumn Term 2022 - Newsletter 1

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Dear Parents

The end of the first week back is usually a happy and joyful time in schools as the children return with stories of their long summer adventures. The week has been a wonderfully positive start to the school year for all our children and staff.

With the sad news of the passing of Her Royal Highness Queen Elizabeth, our staff all wanted to share with you all our thoughts, prayers and respects for an incredible life, well lived. I have no doubt that you will be saddened by the news and will join with the nation in gratitude for the Queen, and all she meant to this country.



This morning, Hampreston gathered together to celebrate the life of Her Majesty, reflecting on her many wonderful achievements and incredible reign. We feel it important to acknowledge the sadness of the Queen's death, but to also emphasise the amazing example she set to us all.



The children were also given the opportunity to talk about the Queen and their memories of her at an age-appropriate level, from Christmas speeches to Jubilee celebrations. While we focus on the happy memories, we are also aware that there is a deep sense of sadness and the staff will continue to be there to support children through this period of mourning and loss.

Over the days and weeks to come, we will continue to remember and honour her life and reign in a sensitive and gentle way. As a nation mourns, we at Hampreston will be here for those children who need space or time to reflect. As always, we will deal with such a significant and sad event with a delicate touch and hope to meet the needs of our community through whatever memorial events or activities are most appropriate. We will be sure to share these with you, inviting you to join us wherever possible as we all pay our respects.

To help you find ways to talk about this with your child, there are many helpful websites and articles available. Winston's Wish is a charity set up to offer advice and which can be found at:

<https://www.winstonswish.org/talk-to-children-about-death-of-queen/>

All Saints Hampreston Church will also be open for quiet prayer and the signing of the Book of Condolence until the day of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's funeral. The Church will be opened between these times:

Saturday- 11am to 1pm

Sunday- 2pm to 5pm

Monday to Friday- 12:30 to 3:30pm

Please feel to come in and be quiet or use some of the prayers provided.



Something is coming...

Over the summer, we have been pleased to see renovations to the top patio area and this is the first in what we hope to be a two year project to revamp that entire space. The new ramping makes access to the top field much easier and has removed many of the trip hazards of last year.

Inside the school, the old library has been refurbished and is now a practical and bright space for small group work. However, there is still a room which is closed to children – our new Reading Room. The works are almost complete on this project and once the staff have sorted the library stock, we will hold a grand opening for the whole community. The room does look amazing and I cannot wait for the children to see it!

URGENT HELP NEEDED

We are very fortunate to have a wonderful partnership with Canford School, who offer our Year 4 children the use of their swimming pool. They are even kind enough to provide a minibus to transport children there each week. Despite this, we do need to urgently call on the help of willing volunteers to help with additional transport on a Monday afternoon. Only with the help of a number of parent drivers can swimming actually take place and we do not have enough drivers yet this year.

Swimming takes place from 1:00pm on a Monday afternoon, through until approximately 2:40pm. Volunteers are needed to help take children the short drive to Canford School and back again. This can be done weekly or on a rota basis. If you are able to offer help, we are actually desperate for volunteers and the office would love to explain more about what this entails. Please get in touch if you can help.

Medicines in School

May we remind you that should your child require any medicines administered within the school day by staff, including asthma inhalers; you will need to complete a medical form.

All individual medicines kept in the school office (Calpol/Piriton etc) also require a renewal form before we can carry on administering them. Thank you.

Drop-off Zone Volunteers Wanted!!

We are very fortunate to have our drop-off zone to make the morning drop-off a little easier. We have always had a number of kind parents willing to don a hi-vis jacket, grab the walkie-talkie and supervise the gate.

We still need a few more people who would be willing to staff the drop-off zone between 8:40 and 8:50. This is a really important part of school life and aids the whole community. If you are able to offer any help, please contact the office by email.

Traffic Matters

Returning to school is always a tricky thing as we re-establish routines forgotten over the summer period. Parking and traffic is one of our constant areas where courtesy and kindness – as well as a willingness to follow the school guidance – is paramount.

With that in mind, may I please remind parents to follow our parking code at all times, using the turning at the end of the lane and avoiding turning in, or blocking resident's driveways. The Parent Handbook contains details of the Hampreston guidance and can also be found at the end of the newsletter.

Volunteers needed!

Would you, or anyone you know be willing to help us? We are looking for kind-hearted souls who would be willing to help with the following:

Library book labelling (an immediate, one-off job that could be done with a friend - we will provide the coffee and biscuits!)

Putting up displays - (a little experience is preferable, especially if you are making the images and words for the display)

Regular library tidy and sort - once weekly (about an hour).

If you think you can help, please contact Mrs Richardson on: sen@hamprestonfirstschool.com

Wimborne Win on Waste

The next Win on Waste session will take place **tomorrow** (Saturday 10th September) at the Methodist Church Hall, King Street, Wimborne from 10.30-12.00pm.

Take along any of the following items to be forwarded on to local and national charities that use them for their fundraising:

- ♻ Milk bottle tops
- ♻ Biscuit wrappers
- ♻ Stamps
- ♻ Bras
- ♻ Toothbrushes, heads & toothpaste tubes
- ♻ Greetings Cards
- ♻ Dried up ballpoint pens, felt tips, highlighters, board markers, mechanical pencils, permanent markers, bingo pens, correction tape containers, empty Tippex bottles
- ♻ Ring pulls from aluminium drinks cans only
- ♻ Make up containers
- ♻ Pringles tubes
- ♻ Printer ink cartridges
- ♻ Cleaning/laundry product packaging
- ♻ Bread bags & Warburtons wax wrap
- ♻ Jewellery and watches (broken)
- ♻ Old bank notes

Summer Reading Challenge

Just a reminder that if your child took up the Gadgeteers challenge, we would love to present them with a certificate in Collective Worship. If you still have their Gadgeteer book, please send it in by next Thursday 15th September.

Contacting Staff

You should soon receive a welcome letter from your child's class teacher with details about reading books and PE days etc. As we return to some of our old routines, we want to ensure that you have every opportunity to communicate with your child's teacher. If you wish to contact them, the addresses are:

EYFS@hamprestonfirstschool.com

year1@hamprestonfirstschool.com

year2@hamprestonfirstschool.com

year3@hamprestonfirstschool.com

year4@hamprestonfirstschool.com

These emails can be used for day-to-day communication with class teachers and we hope you will find them useful. However, please be aware that staff will be unable to respond promptly during the course of the school day and will not monitor emails during lessons. Furthermore, staff deserve to be able to switch off from school in the evenings and I would ask you to be considerate when emailing – emails late in the evening or early in the morning may not receive a prompt response!

If your email is urgent, please also copy in the office – office@hampreston.dorset.sch.uk. Only matters relating to your child should be discussed with teachers.

Over the coming days, we will also be reminding you of login details for other online services we use including Bug Club, Seesaw and Class Dojo. We intend to continue using these services and hope they will support you and your child's learning.

School Admissions – September 2023

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 2023, it is time to consider your applications. Letters will be sent to our year 4 families and more information is available on the [Dorset Council website](#).

Meet the Teacher afternoon – Wednesday 14th September

We are looking forward to seeing you at our Meet the Teacher afternoon next Wednesday after school. It is an informal opportunity for you to pop into school, meet your child's new teacher and for your child to show off their new classroom. Please collect your child as usual, then give the teachers a few minutes to get back to their classrooms before descending on them.

If your child is attending an afterschool club, you are welcome to pop in before collecting your child at the end of the club.

Healthy Eating

I would like to remind you that all our children in EYFS and Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) receive a free piece of fruit or a vegetable for their mid-morning snack. We extend this practice of eating fruit, rather than crisps or biscuits, for a mid-morning snack to children in Years 3 and 4. We are very proud of our 'Healthy School Status' and encourage healthy packed lunches. Thank you for your support.

Nut Allergy

Please remember that **we are a nut-free school**. We do have a number of children who have extreme nut allergies. Please do not to send snacks or lunch into school that contain any nuts, as contact with these can have severe consequences. Thank you for your understanding.

Diary Dates

Please find the diary date list below. This is attached to every newsletter and changes are often highlighted, so be sure to check each week and get those dates on the fridge!

NB. For all Year 4 parents please note that the date for commencement of swimming lessons is Monday 19th September.

PTA News

Friends of Hampreston / PTA Meeting

The first meeting of this academic year will be held at the school on Thursday 15 September at 7.30pm. Come and join us at our informal and friendly meeting. We are always pleased to see new faces and we would love to chat through some new fundraising ideas for the months ahead. Come along and let us know where your talents lie! Things are much easier to organise if we have more hands to help. We look forward to seeing you there.

Pre-Loved Uniform

Please sort your unwanted school uniform and PE kit as well as shoes and trainers. All items (in good clean condition) can be left with a PTA member at drop off (outside reception).

The pre-loved uniform clothes rail will be back at the end of September in readiness for the winter uniform switch after October half term.

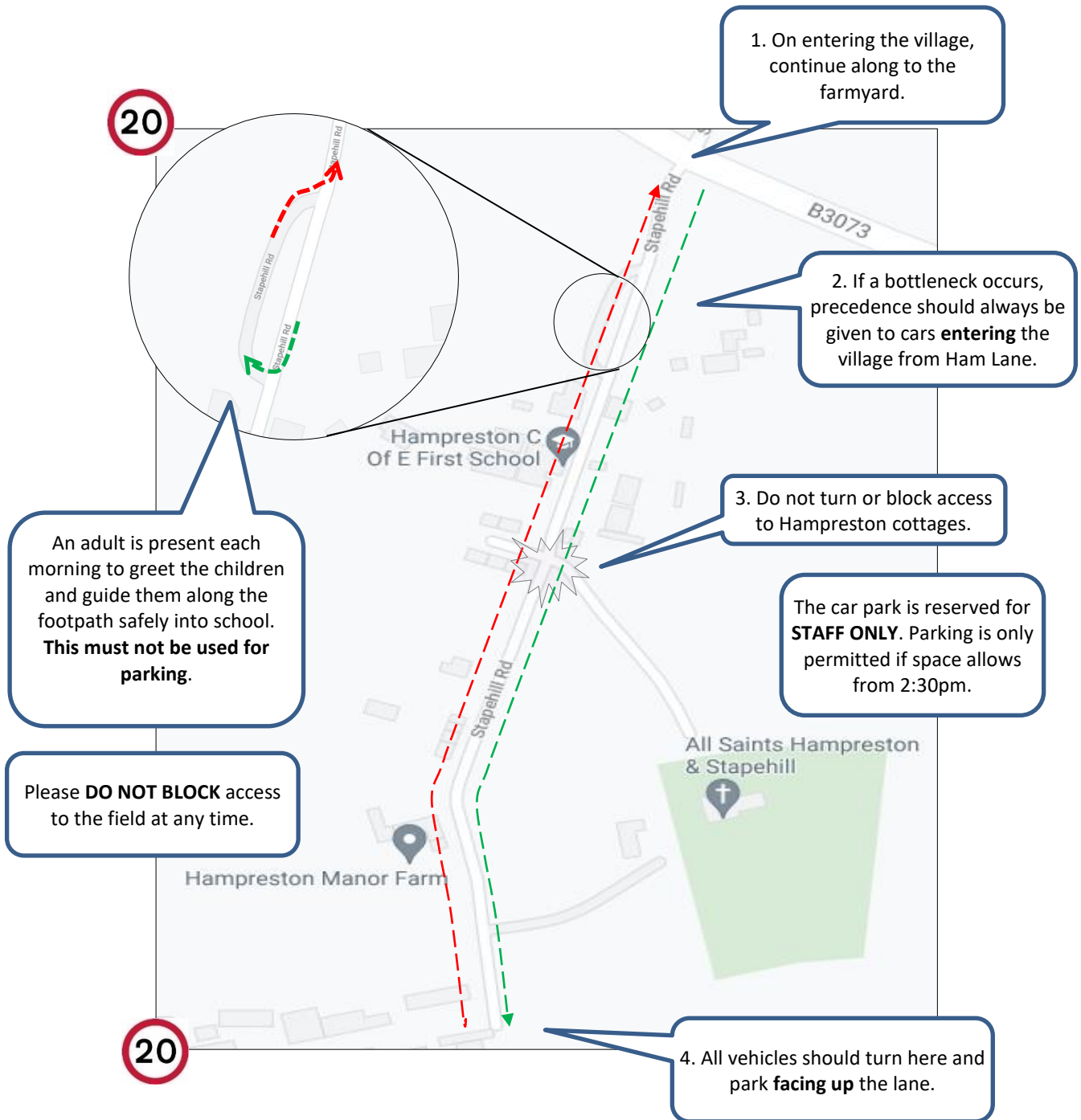
Yours sincerely,



Mr. T. Williams
Headteacher

PARKING

Our school and this village were not designed to accommodate modern traffic, so we have devised a simple one-way procedure to ensure the safety of our children and the least possible inconvenience to everyone in Hampreston.



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
Year 1	Year 1 have made a fantastic start to their English learning and are enjoying reading and giving their own thoughts and ideas on You Choose. They have been working on developing their thoughts into full sentences and remembering to use finger spaces and careful letter formation in their writing.	In maths the children have been sorting classroom objects in a variety of ways including colour, size, shape and many more. They have also been counting various classroom objects ensuring they touch or move each object as they say the number out loud so as not to make a mistake. Well done everyone!
Year 2	The children have settled back in to school really well and I have been really impressed with how they have adapted to the routine of Year 2. In English we have been reading <i>The Colour Monster</i> , discussing how we feel and how these feelings impact us. The children have had some brilliant ideas of ways to deal with different feelings.	In Maths we have spent time consolidating learning from Year 1 and getting to grips with the equipment that can support our learning. We have started to look at numbers to 20 and counting objects to 100 by making 10s.
Year 3	The children have been writing some fantastic descriptions about their 'ideal teacher'. We have definitely enjoyed reading <i>Matilda</i> and comparing Miss Honey and Miss Trunchbull. They have used adjectives, nouns and verbs which have wowed me! We will be continuing to look at sentence structure and description next week.	The children have been learning about place value this week. We have used lots of concrete resources to find tens and ones and learning how to exchange. They have all impressed me with their place value knowledge!
Year 4	The children have settled back into school life without missing a step. We have had a great week getting to know each other and thinking about how to start this new school year in the most positive way possible. Not only have the children written recounts about their holidays, they have also written letters to their new teachers to help us to get to know them that little bit better.	In maths we have been recapping place value this week. The children have got stuck in with partitioning numbers to 1,000 representing them in different ways; ordering them on a number line and showing 100, 10 and 1 more or less than a given number.

Diary Dates 2022-2023

Autumn Term	
Wednesday 14 th September	Meet the Teacher 3-4pm
Monday 19 th September	Year 4 swimming starts
Wednesday 21 st September	EYFS/KS1 Phonics Workshop 6:30pm
Thursday 22 nd September	Fraser Portraits – Individual Photographs
Thursday 29 th September	Year 3 to Leeson House
Friday 30 th September	The Black Belt Academy class activities
Friday 7 th October	McMillan Coffee Afternoon (PTA)
Tuesday 18 th October	Harvest Festival Service – 9:30am
Friday 21 st October	Year 4 trip to Stonehenge
	Healthy School Day & Walk-2-School Morning
	Half term begins
Half Term	
Monday 31 st October	School Opens
Tuesday 8 th November	Parent Consultations 3-6pm
Wednesday 9 th November	Parent Consultations 5-8pm
Friday 11 th November	Remembrance Day
Monday 14 th November	Anti-Bullying Week – Odd Socks Day
Friday 18 th November	Children in Need
Wednesday 23 rd November	Year 4 Dudson Camp
	No Pens Wednesday
Monday 28 th November	Enterprise Week
Tuesday 29 th November	Flu Immunisations
Friday 2 nd December	Enterprise Afternoon 2:30pm
Tuesday 6 th December	KS2 Carols by Candlelight
Monday 12 th December	EYFS/KS1 Nativity
Tuesday 13 th December	EYFS/KS1 Nativity
Thursday 15 th December	Christmas Party Afternoon
Friday 17 th December	Christingle Service 1pm
	Last day of term
Spring Term	
Tuesday 3 rd January	Proposed – INSET DAY
Friday 3 th February	Big Me Day (tbc)
Tuesday 7 th February	Internet Safety Day
Friday 10 th February	Healthy School Day & Walk-2-School Morning
	Half term begins
Half Term	
Monday 20 th February	School Opens
Friday 31 st March	Easter Service 1pm
	Last day of term
Summer Term	
Monday 17 th April	Proposed INSET Day
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
Friday 30 th June	Sports Day
Friday 21 st July	Leavers Service 2pm
	Year Ends