



# HAMPRESTON CE (VA) FIRST SCHOOL

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*To love God and to love one another*

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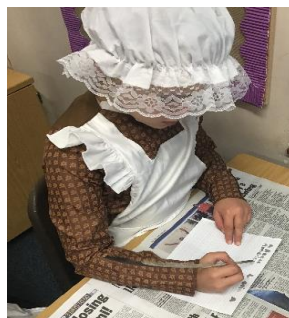
Dear Parents,

This week we welcomed our Reception children into school full time and it has been brilliant to see them settling into life at Hampreston so quickly. It is amazing to see them sitting in the lunch hall, eating and chatting as if they have been here for years! Well done, children....and parents!

## Celebrating 150 years of Hampreston School

What a special day we have had today, commemorating the founding of our school 150 years ago. The children all really enjoyed visiting every classroom to take part in an activity that might have taken place here in the past. Dressing as Victorian school children really brought it all to life! We were privileged to welcome back two of our most recent headteachers: Mrs Marshall and Mrs Mumford, who remember their time at the school with such fondness and who could give the children a little insight.

I know how much this school means to so many people and we all feel lucky every day to be a part of this very special place. Here's to the next 150 years!



## Traffic

When a farm and a school work in close proximity, everyone needs to cooperate to enable traffic to flow as smoothly as possible down the lane. Thank you if you have made this easy so far, possibly sacrificing your own parking plans to create space for others to move safely around farm vehicles. Please only park in the designated zones (see Newsletter 1 if you missed this information), use the very end of the lane for turning and if using the Drop Off Zone at the end of the day, move up as far as possible to enable maximum usage for other vehicles.

**The Drop Off Zone is not to be used for parking please**, it is just for a quick drop off to enable your child to walk into school down the supervised drop off zone lane.

## New Parish Rector

On behalf of the whole school community, I would like to extend a warm welcome to Revd Dom Meering who will be serving the community around St Mary’s in Ferndown and All Saints in Hampreston. I have had a chance to meet and chat with Dom and he is very much looking forward to being involved in the life of the school and our families in any way he can.

## Harvest Celebration

You will have a chance to meet Dom properly at our Harvest Festival Service on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October. The service starts at approximately 9.15am in All Saint’s Hampreston Church. For those unfamiliar with our school celebrations, each year group will share some harvest thoughts, thanks or songs while the year 4 children help to lead the service. Families and friends are welcome to join us and we would ask that families save the main body of pews for the children, sitting instead in the back rows (on the right as you enter).

In the past we have been able to provide a Do-it-Yourself crèche during the Service but cannot guarantee it will be available this time. Therefore, any younger children are welcome but we ask parents to be mindful of noise levels should they become restless.

After the service, there will be a retiring collection and any contributions will be gratefully received. Any money raised will go to support Jaiden, our ‘Compassion’ child who Hampreston children have been supporting for several years. Your continued generosity will help us to continue to sponsor Jaiden, ensuring he receives food, clothes and has the opportunity to go to school.

## Harvest Thanksgiving Gifts – Ferndown Community Larder

Harvest is a time for us to be grateful for what we have and to offer a little of our ‘harvest’ to support those who may be without. We have always sought to help our local community and this year would like our school donations to support the Ferndown Community Larder. With the ever-increasing challenges facing families, there are more and more people accessing food banks and the wonderful team at the Ferndown Community Larder are in real need of these essential items.

From Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October, we invite you, our wonderfully generous community, to send in any donation from the list below:

[Ferndown Community Support kindly ask you to check that every donation is in date.](#)

Milk (UHT or powdered)	Jars of pasta sauce	Tinned foods including:	Household essentials:
Tea Bags/Coffee	Cereal	Meat/fish	Toothpaste
Drinking Chocolate	Pasta/rice 1kg bags	Fruit	Toothbrushes
Fruit Juice (Carton)	Instant mashed potato	Vegetables	Shampoo
Squash	Sugar – 500g	Soup	Soap/Shower gel
	Biscuits or snack bars	Baked beans	Sanitary products
	Jam/honey	Rice/sponge pudding	Toilet rolls
		Custard (tinned/powdered)	Nappies
		Tomatoes	

During the week, we will collect these items together so that the children can see an amazing display of the generosity of our school as we lead up to our Harvest celebration. They will not need to bring these to the church on Friday. Thank you!



## School Admissions – September 2024

Don't forget, if you have a child in Year 4 or a child due to start school in September 2024, it is time to consider your applications. Letters have been sent to our Year 4 families and more information is available on the [Dorset Council website](#).

## Phonics and Reading Information Evening

Just a reminder about our phonics and reading session at 6pm in the hall on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September. Although it is mainly intended for all EYFS parents, please do come along if you would like the information because you are new to the school and our Little Wandle scheme, or you would like some tips or reminders.

## Office E-mail Problems

We are currently experiencing problems sending e-mails to Gmail and Googlemail addresses. Please bear with us whilst we are trying to rectify this. If any e-mails can also be distributed within the parent groups via other means please could you do so in order that nothing gets missed. Many thanks.

## Parent Governor Election

The constitution of our governing body includes two parent governors: we currently have one parent governor – Mrs Bird - and we have one vacancy, which needs to be filled.

Would any parent or carer of pupils registered at the School wish to put their name forward for this role?

All parents and carers are eligible to stand for election, except

- Persons liable to be detained under the Mental Health Act 1983
- Undischarged bankrupts
- Persons recently convicted of a serious offence
- Persons disqualified under the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986
- Persons subject to disqualification as a Charity Trustee
- Persons whose employment is prohibited or restricted
- Persons disqualified from being proprietors of independent schools
- Persons on the DfES List 99 (this is a list of people banned from working with children)

If you would like to put your name forward or would like more information about what being a parent governor entails, please email the Clerk, Deborah Trickett ([d.trickett@hampreston.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:d.trickett@hampreston.dorset.sch.uk)) by 13th October 2023.

After this deadline, the Clerk will organise a ballot and will invite all nominees to submit a brief factual statement about themselves for circulation with the ballot paper to everyone entitled to vote. If only one nominee comes forward, that parent will be automatically elected without the need for a vote.

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Thank you all so much for your continued support. Please stay in touch. Wishing you a wonderful weekend!  
Yours sincerely,

*E Richardson*

**Mrs E. Richardson**  
**Deputy 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	What a busy first full week Reception have had! We have been talking about our families and taking part in Mrs Noyle's drawing club where we drew the members of our family and talked about them with each other. We have started our phonics lessons and so far, have learnt to read and write /s/ /a/ /t/ /p/. We have also been practising our oral blending. In Maths, we have been learning about sequencing. We have sequenced the events of our day, our favourite meals for breakfast, lunch and dinner and sequenced different maths stories.	
Year 1	In English we have been reading The Tiger Who Came to Tea. We then adapted our sentences and chose an animal that we would like to come to tea at our house and suggested what food they ate all up. We worked hard to remember our finger spaces and full stops.	This week in Maths Year 1 have been finding 1 more and 1 less than a given number to 10. We have used number lines to help us and we are trying to remember to look to the right for a bigger number when finding 1 more and to look to the left for a smaller number when finding 1 less. We have played 1 more and 1 less games with dice and on the interactive white board too.
Year 2	This week in English we have read 'The Snail and The Whale' by Julia Donaldson. We have continued to use Mighty Writer to support us to plan and retell the story of the snail with the itchy foot. The children have worked hard on their writing stamina and sentence structure.	In Maths this week we have continued our place value topic. We have written numbers to 100, focusing on how many 10s/how many 1s and found 10s and 1s on the number line. We have also worked hard on our reasoning skills, thinking about how we can use mathematical language to explain how we solve problems.
Year 3	This week in English, year 3 have been describing settings using adjectives, nouns and verbs. They have really impressed me with their descriptions and are writing like year 3 children! I look forward to seeing more of their impressive writing next week.	We have continued looking at place value this week, but numbers to 1,000 on a number line and estimating. A tricky concept, but all children persevered with this and are understanding it better.
Year 4	This week in English, our focus has been instructional writing. The children were given the task of creating their own instructions for cleaning a prehistoric creature. They have worked hard to incorporate important features of instructional writing, such as the use of prepositions and conjunctions. They have shown great imagination and creativity in their writing, and they are working on introducing the attention to detail that is required in Year 4.	In Mathematics, we have delved deeper into the world of numbers up to 10,000. The children have been learning about the correct placement of numbers on a number line, as well as how to order and compare them effectively. They have been given opportunities to apply their knowledge in various problem-solving activities, demonstrating their understanding of place value.



## Diary Dates 2023-2024

### Autumn Term

Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	EYFS/KS1 Phonics Workshop 6:30pm
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 3 to Leeson House
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Festival Service – 9:30am
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Flu Immunisations
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 4 trip to Stonehenge
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Healthy School Day & Walk-2-School Morning
	Half term begins

### Half Term

Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	School Opens
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Fireworks Event
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent Consultations 6-8pm
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent Consultations 3.30-6.30pm
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying Week
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Carols by Candlelight
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS/KS1 Nativity
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Party Afternoon
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christingle Service 1.30pm
	Last day of term

### Spring Term

Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	INSET DAY
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Big Me Day
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Internet Safety Day
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Healthy School Day & Walk-2-School Morning
	Half term begins

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Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	School Opens
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Pancake Race (Year 4)
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent Consultations
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Service 1pm
	Last day of term

### Summer Term

Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	School Opens
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Half term begins

### Half Term

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	School Opens
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Sports Day
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Leavers Service 2pm
	Year Ends

