



HAMPRESTON CE (VA) FIRST SCHOOL

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To love God and to love one another

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Dear Parents

Elf Day

It was lovely to see the whole school taking part in this year's Elf Day in support of the Alzheimer's Society. The children all looked amazing - thank you for your support in helping the children to get into costume - and it really made our celebration collective worship fun this morning. Our own elves are still counting the money raised and we will let you know the total raised next week.



Bottle Tombola – Friday 10th December

This week we held the first of our tombola afternoons and I know many of you will be looking forward to the slightly more adult-friendly bottle tombola next week, the Friends will be hosting the final of our two outdoor tombolas from 2:30pm – 3:30pm. As with this week, this will be held on the playground and tickets can either be purchased on the day or in advance (tickets are 50p each, or 3 for £1).

If you are unable to attend, or would prefer to order tickets in advance (to be drawn by a member of the Friends team), please send the money in to the school office in a clearly named envelope marked 'FAO Tanya Sherren' and 'Chocolate Tombola'. Please send any advance orders in by Thursday 9th December to help the Friends – and the office team – with logistics.

Friends Raffle – Monday 13th December

The Friends have secured some amazing raffle prizes and there is still time to enter. The raffle will be drawn on Monday 13th December and winners will be contacted to collect their prizes during that week.

Friend's Silent Auction

Don't forget that the Friend's Silent Auction begins today and runs until Sunday 12th December, with some amazing prizes up for grabs including a signed Southampton F.C. shirt, an overnight break at Kingston Country Courtyard or swimming lessons, amongst them.

To enter, visit <https://www.32auctions.com/friendsofhamprestonPTA> - and happy bidding everyone!

Christmas Post Box

The Christmas Post Box is here! This year, we will be working to slightly different time scales to ensure plenty of time for cards to safely reach their recipients. This year the post box will be open between [Monday 6th December – Monday 13th December](#) only. Cards will then be sorted and distributed over the following days by our team of year 4 elves.

As we are likely to have a significant number of cards to store and sort, will you please help us by **not adding chocolate coins or sweets to the cards**. This will make storing and sorting the huge number of cards we usually deal with much easier and help to ensure that they make it to their intended people in one piece. It is also important as we wish to protect any children with allergies. Thank you.

Carols by Candlelight

Key stage 2 are looking forward to their Carols by Candlelight this coming Tuesday at 5pm. Although this is not taking place in All Saint's this year, we hope it will still have enough Christmas twinkle to bring a little festive cheer. We are also hoping the weather holds for the evening and will be keeping an eye on the forecast. Should the weather look awful, the key stage 2 team may need to postpone or cancel the evening. If so, they will endeavour to inform you by midday on Tuesday.





Our brilliant PTA have secured a nomination as part of the ASDA Foundation Green Token Giving which went live this week. You can help to raise funds towards plans to redevelop the school library, creating a stunning new Reading Room, by visiting www.asda.com/green-tokens and selecting Bournemouth from the drop-down box. Our local store will also be promoting this fantastic fundraising project in store, so if you happen to be passing, listen out for a mention!

Supporters can vote once every seven days, so please do return and revote in the following weeks. Voting is super-quick and simple, so please don't forget to vote!

First place in the voting will bring a £500 donation to the Friends as they continue to raise funds to support this exciting new project for summer 2022!

Dorset Council's Admission Policy (NOT Hampreston's Policy)

Dorset are running the annual consultation on the School Admission Arrangements for 2023/2024 with effect from **Monday 29th November 2021** to **Sunday 23rd January 2022**.

Details of the consultation will be available to view at <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/2023-to-2024-school-admissions-policies>

Responses must be submitted either in writing to School Admissions Team, Dorset Council, County Hall, Dorchester, DT1 1XJ or by email to schoolorganisation@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk by **Sunday 23rd January 2022**.

This is your opportunity to comment should you wish to do so.

Spare Clothes

Occasionally the need arises for children to borrow clothes from school. If this happens to your child, please could you ensure that the items of clothing get returned to school at your earliest convenience?

Many thanks.

Have a great weekend, keep safe!

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Williams', written in a cursive style.

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>In English we have learnt the digraphs, sh, th, ng and nk. ng and nk were particularly tricky as they only tend to come at the end of words so we had to really think hard about these.</p> <p>We also read the Jolly Christmas Postman and are in the middle of writing letters to Humpty Dumpty to try and help him to stop falling off things.</p>	<p>In maths we have been learning first, then and now and thinking about what will happen if we have 1 more.</p> <p>This week in Reception Class we have also been busy learning the Christmas Play songs and thinking about Advent. We have made wooden reindeer decorations by sanding wooden logs and then designing and decorating the faces with a bit of help from Miss Humphrys and a drill!</p>
Year 1	<p>This week in English, we have been reading non-fiction books about animals. I was amazed by the children's ability to extract information from the texts. Year 1 then enjoyed using the facts they had learnt to produce their own animal fact books.</p>	<p>In maths, we have been practising a few different mathematical skills. We have enjoyed counting in 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s together. The children found counting in 2s to be the trickiest. We have also used this week to practise basic arithmetic.</p>
Year 2	<p>This week in English we have been looking at command sentences and how they are different to questions. We spent time turning statements into commands and then wrote some commands of our own. We have also practiced our inference and comprehension skills by answering a range of questions from a passage about a young boy and his pets.</p>	<p>In Maths we are subtracting two 2-digit numbers. The children have been looking at using the column subtraction method as well as using a number line to solve the calculations. We have practiced counting forwards and backwards in 10s from any number to help us.</p>
Year 3	<p>In English we have continued to look at Roald Dahl's The Twits. Our writing is developing in expression, accuracy and presentation, and in addition a text like this helps us to use our imaginations creatively. Year 3 spelling has gone up a level this week and some challenging words are beginning to come home. Challenge is everything!</p>	<p>Year 3 have continued to work on problem solving using 4x and 8x tables this week. We have been gaining confidence in our use of times tables. It takes a lot of work!</p>
Year 4	<p>This week the children have done an excellent job of analysing different fables. They have looked at sentence structure and used conjunctions to join two clauses. This helped the children to write interesting letters from a contrite lion to his child. They then looked at the characters in the fables to compare their characteristics and the morals behind the fables themselves.</p>	<p>In maths the children have looked at dividing multiples of 10 and 100. This was a bit tricky to grasp but the children soldiered on with it and have become brilliant division masters! They also looked at dividing and multiplying numbers by 0 and 1, looking closely at the rules that we must follow and the patterns that arise.</p>

Diary Dates 2021-2022

Autumn Term

Tuesday 7 th December	KS2 Carols by Candlelight 5:00pm
Friday 10 th December	Friends Bottle Tombola 2:30 – 3:30pm
Monday 13 th December	Friends Raffle Draw
Friday 17 th December	Christingle Procession 2pm
	Last day of term

Spring Term

Tuesday 4 th 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 6 th 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