



# 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 has been a delight at Hampreston and I have had the great privilege of showing several visitors to the school around. Each time I do, I am so proud of the sense of purpose and enthusiasm that each classroom exudes – a true testament to our wonderful children and amazing staff!

## **Comic Relief: Hampreston Ninja Warrior**

We are all very excited for next week's brilliant 'Ninja Warrior' event, raising funds in aid of Comic relief. I know that Mrs Jones has put together a brilliant, fun and challenging course for the children, who are going to love it!

From a practicality point of view, we are planning for this to take place outside and are hoping for a dry March day – unlike this week! If the weather isn't on our side, we will move the event to the following week and let you all know by Thursday night.

## **Scholastic Book Fair: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 3.10pm – 3.45pm in the Atrium**



The ever-popular book fair is back at school next week! Each class will have an opportunity to browse the book fair at school. They will not need money but if they spot something they like they can bring you a wish list and the fair will be open for you to come and make any purchases you wish to after school.

**There are three ways you can pay for books at the Fair:**

- Cash
- Purchase pre-paid gift vouchers on this website: <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/gift-vouchers>
- Pay online beforehand: go to [www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay](http://www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay)

**Why are we asking for your support with our book fair?**

- There are fantastic rewards for the school bookshelves if we get enough support. Last year we raised an amazing amount of commission - over £300 free books for our school shelves!
- It offers the newest and best children's books
- Over 200 titles, suitable for all ages and abilities
- Contains more than thirty exclusives that won't be found elsewhere
- Prices start from only £2.99 and there are a variety of discounts.

World Book Day vouchers can be used (one per transaction).

**Please collect your child first, before coming to the Atrium. Parents are responsible for their children after the teacher has dismissed them.**



## Traffic Matters!

Some of you may have seen the challenges faced by ambulance crews this week as they were attending an emergency call in the village around collection time. They struggled to make it down the road there were vehicles blocking access. It serves as a reminder for us to please leave access into the village clear and only pass parked cars when there is space to do so. Thank you.

## Music Concert



On Monday we were treated by some Canford School A-Level music pupils to a wonderful performance of solo pieces on strings and saxophone, followed by a captivating string quartet piece.

All the children were inspired by the young musicians and had the chance to ask them questions, building on our school value of aspiration. We are very grateful to the Canford music department for their generous time.

## Uniform

As we pass the mid-point in the year, staff have noticed a few slips and slides with our uniform. At Hampreston, we want our children to wear the uniform with pride. Therefore, we wanted to gently remind parents of the uniform rules for the school and ask for your support in maintaining the high standards we are used to.



### UNIFORM

Our school colours are red, white and grey and we request that parents send their children to school wearing clothes in these colours.

Children should wear:

- grey trousers, grey skirts or pinafore dresses,
- white shirts, polo shirts or blouses,
- plain red sweaters or cardigans
- all children to wear safe, sensible black shoes (boots are not permitted unless in the case of medical need)
- [*Optional*] school fleeces are also available and are outerwear only, perfect for colder days when a coat is not needed.

Summer Uniform (allowed from the Easter holiday, until October half term) includes:

- smart grey shorts
- red and white checked summer dresses

Hair bands should also be **red, white or grey only**. Long hair must be tied back to ensure it is off the face. Patterns or tramlines shaved into close-cropped hair are not allowed.

P.E. kit includes:

- black shorts
- red t-shirt
- trainers



- optional cold weather PE kit (beneficial for colder weather):
  - plain red sweatshirts (hoodies are not permitted)
  - black jogging trousers

Please note that all P.E. kit must be free from logos/branding and should be plain.

**Please ensure that all clothing is clearly labelled.**

## JEWELLERY

Jewellery such as bracelets and necklaces are not to be worn at school. Watches may be worn and must be analogue only. However, it is recommended that they are most suitable in Key Stage 2 (Year 3 and 4). 'SMART' watches and pedometers are not permitted.

Earrings must not be worn in school. If you are considering allowing your child to have piercings, it is helpful for this to take place during a school holiday in order that the piercing can be 'fixed' before the child's return to school. Where this is not possible, they must be taped until the hole is 'fixed', after which time earrings must be removed while your child is in school.

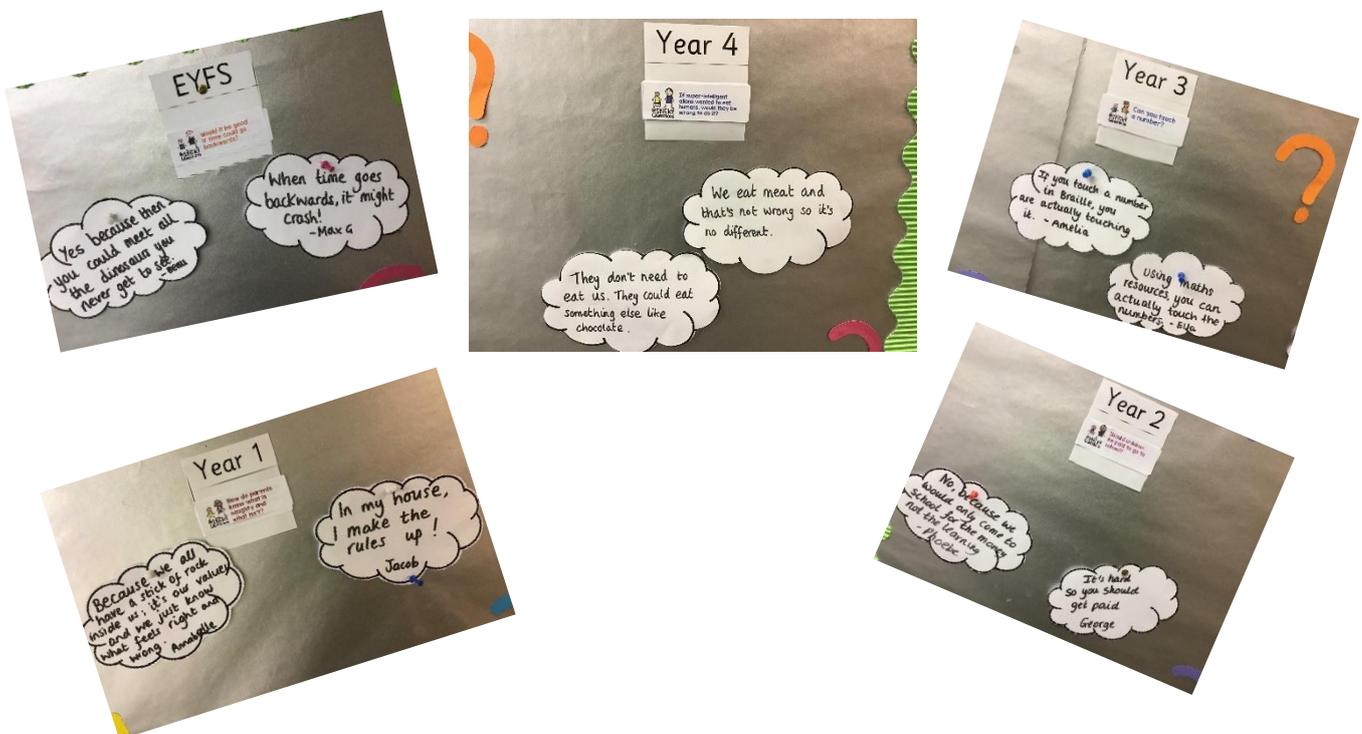
## Industrial Action

As you may be aware, there are two planned days of industrial action for teachers who are part of the NEU next week, on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March.

As a school, we are working with colleagues to determine the impact this may have for Hampreston if this action does go ahead. Where possible, we will notify all parents and carers of arrangements for Wednesday and Thursday as early as we can.

## Sticky Questions

We've had some interesting discussions with the children this week! Having the chance to discuss their ideas with you beforehand makes a huge difference to how fluently and confidently a child will contribute to their class discussion, so thank you for your support with this and we hope you enjoy your time to muse together!



## Weekly Presentation Prizes

At Hampreston, we want every single child to be proud of the way they present their work in their books. This week we were most impressed with the excellent effort made by the following children:

Rec - Charlotte S  
Y1 - Amelie  
Y2 - Liliana  
Y3 - Luca and Jasmine  
Y4 - Arwen

Who will it be next week?

## Hampreston Vacancies

We are still on the hunt for a new school Office Manager / Finance Officer to take over from our wonderful Mrs Pitchforth. This is a brilliant role at the heart of the school and would be a brilliant opportunity for anyone seeking a term time role that fits around family life.

If you are interested, or know someone who might be, why not pop in for a chat or visit

<https://jobs.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/jobs> to apply.

## PTA News

### Mother's and Special Others Day Sale

The Friends of Hampreston will again be running a Mother's and Special Others day sale on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March. During the school day the children can come along with their class and choose from a variety of wrapped gifts for their mother or special other. They can then keep it a surprise when they bring it home! Gifts are priced at £2 each. If you wish for your child to take part then please send them to school with £2 in an envelope clearly marked with their name on. These will be kept by the teachers until the day of the sale, when they will be handed back to your child so they can make their surprise purchase! Thank you in advance for your help in supporting our school.

### Quiz Night

The annual Hampreston Quiz Night will be back on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April, so please save the date. Tickets will go on sale soon but in the meantime start gathering your teams and swatting up on that general knowledge! Will you be the team to claim the shield from last years winners - The Reception Rabble or will you be going home with the donuts!

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I have loved hearing the children's responses to our Sticky Questions this week. They are always so insightful and show what wonderful thinkers we have at Hampreston. I hope you all enjoy getting into a great conversation this weekend too.

Keep safe everyone, see you on Monday!

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
EYFS	In Reception this week we have been learning all about the African Savannah and comparing it to life here in the UK. We have explored what animals live in the savannah and how they compare to the wild animals living here. We have built zoos to enclose wild animals, created African sunset artwork and even built junk model animals.	
	We have been exploring the traditional tale 'The Three Little Pigs' and using our puppet theatre and role play masks to retell the story. We have explored the character of the Big Bad Wolf and how he was feeling and why at different points in the story. We have been focussing on our letter formation in our writing, making sure our letters are formed correctly and sitting neatly on the line.	We have been exploring the composition of 9 and 10 and how many different ways there are to represent these numbers. We have been using our knowledge of the numerals to order numbers 0-10 and practised our number formation.
Year 1	This week in English year 1 have been writing their version of Jasper's Beanstalk. They have been practising using their capital letters not just at the start of their sentences, but also for names and days of the week. They have also been applying their knowledge from our science topic of Plants to help extend and add details to their sentences.	In maths we have looked at subtraction fact families and finding the missing numbers in both addition and subtraction problems. We used part whole models, number lines and bar models to help us and we learned about using the opposite operation to find a missing number at the start or the middle of a number sentence.
Year 2	This week in English we have read 'The magic box' poem by Kit Wright. We have looked at the features of a free verse poem and how they differ from poems we have read before. The children then wrote their own poems following the structure of 'The magic box'. The children were very imaginative when deciding what to put in their box and stepped up to the challenge of using alliteration.	In Maths this week we have finished our multiplication and division unit. We have multiplied and divided by 5 and investigated the links between the 5 and 10 times tables. We have now started our length and height unit, looking at measuring in centimetres and meters.
Year 3	The children loved role-playing a scene of Thursday Thursday from the book 'How to train your dragon'. I was really impressed with the humour and enthusiasm that went into this. The children have then written a narrative on their role-play experience. Some of the names they have used have really made me giggle!	This week, year 3 have been looking at mass and capacity. They have really enjoyed using the practical equipment, comparing and weighing items around the classroom. We have used the vocabulary mass and equivalent a lot this week and the children have a good understanding of what they mean. Next week, we will be looking at capacity.
Year 4	The children have been hard at work writing their own stories based on <i>The Shaman's Apprentice</i> this week. They have planned a story using elements of the original to guide them. They have also drawn on the different sentence types that they have been learning about to create interesting and engaging stories.	In maths the children have been finishing their fractions topic. They have learned how to add and subtract fractions, giving their answers as mixed numbers and improper fractions. Some found subtracting fractions a little tricky but the children have really buckled down and focussed on applying their knowledge all through the week.



## Diary Dates 2022-2023

### Spring Term

Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Enterprise Week
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Year 4 Solar Farm Visit
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Enterprise Afternoon
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Easter Service 1pm Last day of term

### Summer Term

Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	INSET Day
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4 Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra Life Education 'Bus' Visit – SCARF Day
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Life Education 'Bus' Visit – SCARF Day
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Healthy School Day & Fun Run Half term begins

### Half Term

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	School Opens
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Class Portraits
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Leavers Service 2pm</b>
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<b>INSET Day</b> <b>Year Ends</b>

