



# HAMPRESTON CE (VA) FIRST SCHOOL

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*To love God and to love one another*



**Summer Term 2023  
Newsletter 08**

**16<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

Dear Parents,

What a glorious week of wall-to-wall sunshine! The children have had a brilliant week and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

## Reception – Oceanarium Trip



Reception had a fantastic time last week visiting Bournemouth's Oceanarium. We saw lots of different marine life including penguin, jellyfish and even a huge sea turtle. The children had a talk from one of the keepers where they got to feel a real shed snake skin, hold a penguin egg and learn about different animal classifications. We learnt the diver symbol for spotting a clown fish and listened to whale song. After that we headed to the beach for a picnic and some children chose to paddle their feet in the water; a welcome task on a hot day! The children were fantastically behaved and real advocates for our school. Well done Reception!

## Funding to support young musicians

Dorset Music Service is working in partnership with the local charity Changing Key Dorset to help support young musicians facing challenging circumstances with the cost of their musical activities.

Changing Key Dorset welcomes applications for funding from any young musician educated across Dorset, including the wider BCP area. The funding can be used to support a variety of musical activities from both private and public providers. Funding awards are for up to £300 and last for three consecutive academic terms.

Applications are made online and can be made throughout the year:

Autumn Term 2023 closing dates – Round 1 **Tuesday 4th July 2023** & Round 2 **Friday 15th September 2023**  
Visit [www.changingkeydorset.co.uk](http://www.changingkeydorset.co.uk) for more information.



## Sun Safety

We all love the sunshine and are grateful for the warmer weather. With such great weather, please remember to help your child stay sun-safe with sun hats, 12-hour sunscreen and water bottles. At our end, we will keep an eye on the temperatures and the levels of sunshine and give the children a little bit of 'shade-time' to help keep them safe and cool.

## Athletics

Well done to the following children who took part in an area Quad Kids athletics competition at St Michael's Middle School this week - Riley, Corder, Ronnie, Abbie, Jared, Joel, Max and Cassia. The children competed against children from other local schools in in four events including 75m sprint, 600m run, Long Jump and a Howler throw. A special mention to Cassia, Riley and Corder who finished 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> in their age group!



## Midday Supervisor Vacancy

We are advertising for a midday supervisor position within the school. This is a key role for us and we would welcome anyone keen to be involved in the life of the school to apply. Details can be found on the school website and on the [DorsetForYou](#) website. For more details, why not give the office a call? If you know of anyone who may be interested, please put them in touch. Thanks.

## PTA News

### Summer Fayre - 24<sup>th</sup> June 11am - 3pm.

Plans are well underway and we are really looking forward to seeing everybody at this year's summer fair. We are still in need of volunteers to help out on the day. There are lots of jobs from setting up to running a stall and packing down. If you can offer your time and assistance, please either let a committee member know or the office. The more volunteers we have the more stalls we can have! Thank you in advance.

### Summer Raffle

Please return your sold raffle ticket stubs as soon as possible.

The draw will take place at the Summer Fayre on 24<sup>th</sup> June. The top prize is £100 in cash with lots of other prizes coming in. Please sell as many as you can as the money raised will benefit the school. In the hope that you need more tickets, these are available from the school office!

### School Disco

Please save the date for our end of year school on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

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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	Oceans continued! The children have loved our exploring about the oceans so we have carried on for another week. We have been writing about our trip to the Oceanarium last week, creating bottle top jellyfish, learning how to draw turtles and sharks and getting very wet on the water wall in the hot weather.	
	In English we have been reading 'Somebody Swallowed Stanley' and creating our own pages for the book by coming up with our own sea creatures who have swallowed Stanley the plastic bag. We have been focusing on our letter formation, capital letters and full stops.	In Maths, we have been learning to share equally between different groups. We have explored what happens when we have extra pieces remaining and how to solve problems involving sharing.
Year 1	Over the last few weeks in English Year 1 have had real phonics focus. Well done to all the children for all their effort, concentration and resilience. They have worked so hard revising sounds, blending real and alien words and looking at alternative pronunciation and possibilities. Thank you to parents for all your support, effort and time in practising these at home too. Whilst phonics sessions continue along with guided reading in preparation for year 2, over the next few weeks we will be looking at different fairytales in our English sessions.	In maths we have extended our knowledge of place value to 100. We have been partitioning numbers into tens and ones and comparing them using the greater than, less than and equal to symbols. The children have enjoyed playing 'Guess my number,' a game where they have to give clues about the number they are thinking of using only how many 10's and 1's it has.
Year 2	This week in English the children have been using their imagination to write an adventure story! We have read 'The Storm Whale' by Benji Davies and the children have thought of their own adventure for the whale to go on. We have had some brilliant ideas – from getting stuck in the bath to buying a whale from a pet shop and taking it home!	In Maths this week we have continued our statistics unit. We have drawn our own pictograms, learnt how to interpret data and represent data in different ways.
Year 3	This week, year 3 have been writing their own blurb for a Quentin Blake book. I was really impressed with the layout and the quotes the children all included. I would definitely want to read the book! We have also been practicing our year 3 common exception words.	Year 3 have really enjoyed maths this week. We have recapped learning about 2D shapes and 3D shapes. The children have also had the chance to put their knowledge of 3D shapes into action by making food packaging in design and technology.
Year 4	This week the children have looked at the ancient story of Rhodopis, the <i>Egyptian Cinderella</i> . They have drawn comparisons between this story and other modern retellings, written a diary entry from the point of view of Rhodopis, used comparative conjunctions to create interesting sentences and held a debate in the classroom to decide if the story had a happy or a sad ending.	This week in our maths lessons the children have started their new topic of shape. They have shown that they are able to identify different types of angles, comparing and sorting them. They have also looked at how different types of triangles and quadrilaterals are classified by looking closely at their properties.



## Diary Dates 2022-2023

### Summer Term

Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Summer Fayre
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 Science workshops at Paulton's Park
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	PTA Disco
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers Service 2pm
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	INSET Day
	Year Ends

