



HAMPRESTON CE (VA) FIRST SCHOOL

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To love God and to love one another

Newsletter 04

Summer Term 2022

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Dear Parents,

The weeks are flying past and I cannot believe that we are just a week away from half term. Here is this week's news.

Hampreston Defibrillator

This week saw the final installation of our school and community defibrillator. Many of you will remember – and will have contributed - to the crowd funding project set up by Mrs Froud. It is brilliant to finally have this vital piece of lifesaving equipment in place, even if we hope to never have to use it!

My thanks go to everybody who has donated to this project, to Mrs Froud for taking the bull by the horns and making it happen and finally to Mr Symons, who gave up his Saturday morning to kindly install it for us!

September 2022 Opening Times

For many years, Hampreston has worked hard to accommodate our many families who make journeys to other schools and nurseries. In April, the Government published a White Paper stating that all schools would operate a minimum number of daily hours.

Currently, Hampreston is open between 8:40am and 3:05pm, for a total of 32 hours and 5 minutes each week. To come in line with the White Paper stipulation of 32.5 hours per week, Hampreston needs to increase the length of the school day by 5 minutes each day.

While this may not seem like much, we are very aware of the needs of families to make journeys to and from other schools and nurseries. To help us find the 'best fit' for our community, we kindly ask you to complete a very short survey which is linked below. There is only one question and your opinion really matters to us. We will review the results and try to meet the needs of the greatest number of people as possible. Thank you.



<https://forms.office.com/r/PTSsjhSNag>

Keep in touch

At Hampreston we work hard to ensure that there is great communication between school and home but know that sometimes messages and information does not always get through clearly. We are also aware that sometimes children come home with their own take on things that have happened at school. Checking in with other parents is often a great way to clarify matters, but we encourage any parent with questions or concerns to contact the school. Whether it is Mrs Pitchforth or Mrs Bentley in the office, the class teachers and teaching assistants or myself, I am confident that we can resolve your queries quickly.

Jubilee Tea

Don't forget that our celebration of the Queen's Jubilee is on Friday 27th May and we invite parents to join us at 1:30pm. The afternoon will start with some singing and performances from the children, before we all settle down for a picnic cream tea. The children will be able to join you as we picnic on the field and we would love you to bring your picnics to join this event. You are welcome to bring picnic blankets, scones, cream, jam and lashings of tea – or whatever else takes your fancy.

For those children whose parents can't join us, their class teachers will play 'mum' and sit together with them. We are hoping to also provide them with a cream tea, but would welcome any donations of scones, cream or



jams to help us with that. Any donations will be collected at the start of the school day to help us ensure we have enough for all the children.

Why not join us in your best red-white-and-blue finery? We can't wait to see you then, weather permitting. If the weather should turn nasty, we will let you know our rainy day plans as soon as possible. Please keep everything crossed for a beautiful afternoon!

PTA Events

Quiz Night – Friday 20th May

There may just about be time to grab yourself a ticket for this year's Quiz Night! It is a fantastic event and has long been a staple in the school calendar. Mr McNally and I will be hosting the quiz on a night of fun, fish and chips and maybe something fizzy to get the brain cells firing. Tickets are on sale next week for a mere £10 including a fish and chip supper. Why not get together a great team and see whether you can take home the bragging rights this year?

Old Uniform

Before Easter, the PTA put out a plea for any old uniform which can be magically transformed into bunting. With a total donation of one summer dress, they are keen for any other donations to help make the current bunting look a little less sad. If you have any old bits of uniform – jumpers, cardigans or polo shirts – that won't make it through another wearing, please let the PTA know.

Red, White and Blue Mufti Day – Friday 27th May

To coincide with the Queen's Jubilee celebrations, the children are invited to come into school on Friday 27th May dressed in Red, White and Blue. Clothing can be as simple or as fun as you like, but we kindly ask that children do not wear football shirts.

Summer Fair Stalls

As we start thinking about the warmer days to come, the Summer Fair is fast approaching. If you are a business owner (or know of any) who would like to buy a pitch for a stall on the day, please contact the PTA who will be able to give you all the information you need.

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:

Reception	Lola
Year 1	Luke
Year 2	Luca
Year 4	Harriet

Who will it be next week?

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 in due course. 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.

We look forward to seeing you all next week, have a lovely weekend.

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
Reception	This week in English, we have been learning to write captions, book titles with alliteration and sentences to describe the pig from the story <i>The Pig in the Pond</i> .	In maths, we have been doubling numbers using dominoes, counters, objects and dice to help us. Let's explore has been lots of fun with pig and farm related activities.
Year 1	This week in English, we read <i>The Tiny Seed</i> by Eric Carle. The children responded by producing thoughtful stories from the perspective of a seed; the children were so engrossed in writing their stories that they wanted to carry on through snack time! We have also spent lots of time recapping graphemes and reading alien words.	In maths, we have continued to work on division. The children have used their division knowledge to help plan a party. They are beginning to understand the connection between multiplication and division. We have also enjoyed some national numeracy day activities, including exploring how different careers utilise maths.
Year 2	This week Year 2 have been working very hard completing our reading quizzes. We have also been fossil hunting! The children had great fun digging for fossils and have written some detailed instructions to help the Reception children go hunting themselves.	In Maths Year 2 have given it their all in their maths quizzes! They have all worked extremely hard and persevered even when it got tricky. They also had a great time on National Numeracy Day planning a jubilee party!
Year 3	Year 3 have been busy interviewing the main character of <i>Brain Freeze</i> about her amazing adventures in Ancient Egypt! Our team of newspaper editors is now preparing the full news report. We have looked closely at making sentences more interesting by using an embedded clause inside a main clause. E.g. <i>The ice cream van, which was painted bright blue, sped down the road.</i>	Our fractions learning is developing well. This week we know how to use a diagram of a fraction wall to find equivalent fractions, e.g. $\frac{1}{2}$ has the same value as $\frac{2}{4}$. You could continue asking your child to find fractions of a given number (e.g. find $\frac{2}{3}$ of 12 sweets).
Year 4	We have had another fantastic week in Year 4. We went to see the BSO perform a special concert on Tuesday and the children came away thoroughly enthused and inspired by the incredible music that we heard. Our English lessons this week have focussed on a very famous Egyptian, Cleopatra VII. The children researched information all about her life before synthesising this into some very impressive biographies.	Wednesday was National Numeracy Day and the children had lots of fun celebrating. We played <i>Mathopoly</i> to practice our times tables, completed some teamwork based money challenges and even thought about how maths can be used in later life. We have also started our new topic of looking at time, specifically at units of time and how they are used.

Diary Dates 2021-2022

Summer Term

Thursday 26 th May	Life Education 'Bus' Visit
Friday 27 th May	School Jubilee Celebration
	Half term begins

Half Term

Monday 6 th June	Queen's Jubilee School Bank Holiday
Tuesday 7 th June	INSET Day
Wednesday 8 th June	School Opens
Thursday 16 th June	Class Portraits
Friday 17 th June	PTA Father's Day Sale
Friday 24 th June	Sports Day
Saturday 25 th June	PTA Summer Fete
Friday 1 st July	Transition Morning
Friday 8 th July	PTA Disco
Friday 22 nd July	Leavers Service 2pm
	Year Ends