



HAMPRESTON CE (VA) FIRST SCHOOL

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To love God and to love one another

Spring Term 2023 Newsletter 26

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Dear Parents,

As we come to the end of another term, I am always surprised at how quickly they seem to pass. It doesn't seem like five minutes since we were packing away baubles and tinsel and gearing up for the onset of a new year. Yet, here we are, with April looming, trees and plants coming into bloom and the hope of warmer weather on the way. I know that the children have had a wonderful week and are now all ready for a rest – no doubt the staff are too...

Egg-cellent Artwork



This week saw the judging of the egg decorating activities across the school. It was brilliant to see the many beautiful and creative designs the children produced, and they all did themselves proud.

In key stage 2, the standard of work was incredible as ever, and the eggs themselves were works of art. Our reception and key stage 1 children were also wonderfully imaginative and produced some stunning designs which I hope will adorn the front of fridges for some time to come.



A huge well done to all the children whose hard work earned them the recognition of the judging panel – and a tasty Easter prize!



Tennis Roadshow

On Monday, Hampreston First School hosted a Tennis Roadshow. All children were given the opportunity to take part in a tennis skills session. They worked hard to develop their throwing and catching skills, co-ordination and agility. They also took part in some fun tennis games helping to improve their knowledge of the game.



Hot Meals Ordering

Please remember that the deadline for ordering hot meals for the week that we return to school after Easter is **Monday 10th April**. Please order as far in advance as is possible.

Summer Uniform

With the warmer weather just on the horizon, a quick reminder that our summer 'shirt-sleeve' order begins after Easter and the children can finally put away their winter clothes in favour of summer dresses and shorts.

Hampreston Vacancies

We are still on the hunt for a new school Office Manager / Finance Officer to join our wonderful team. 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

Coronation Bunting Competition

Entry forms will go out in book bags after the Easter break. We are asking the children to design a bunting triangle to celebrate the King's Coronation. There will be a winner from each year group who will receive their design made into bunting which will also be used to decorate the school. Entry is £1.

Quiz

Hopefully you have this date in your diary for what will be a really fun evening, with our quizmasters Mr Williams and Mr McNally. Tickets will go on sale soon. Look forward to seeing you on 28th April. Teams of 6 or we can make up teams on the night.

Summer Uniform

If over Easter you find you are buying new summer uniform - please donate the old summer uniform along with any white polo shirts to the PTA. You can pass to a committee member or leave in the school office and we will pick up. Thank you.

As we celebrate the joy of the resurrection at Easter, I would like to wish you all a happy and safe break. I hope you all find opportunities to enjoy time with friends and family and look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 17th April.

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	Reception have had a fantastic week learning all about Easter. We have acted out the Easter story and discussed why it is such an important time of year for Christians. We have been eagerly practising our Easter song which we are excited to share with parents during our Easter service. We have made Easter cards, hunted for Easter eggs, and made our own pair of Easter bunny ears	
Year 1	We would like to say a very well done to all year 1 children for working so hard in their phonics quizzes this week. We hope you will find the QR codes useful to help with practising at home.	In maths, we looked at estimating on a number line up to 50. We remembered to find half way first to help us work out where to plot our numbers. We also worked really hard with our end of term maths quizzes. Again, we hope you find the suggested maths websites useful to help keep maths fresh ready for the Summer Term.
Year 2	This week in English we have made a timeline of the sinking of the Titanic to support us in writing a newspaper article reporting the disaster. The children have been really engaged and loved learning about what happened to the ship and the passengers. They chose excellent vocabulary and included lots of facts in their articles.	In Maths this week we have completed our unit on mass, capacity and measure. We have investigated how to use the four operations to solve problems in volume and capacity and read thermometers to work out temperature. We have also completed end of term assessments; the children have worked really hard and this shows in their results.
Year 3	This week, year 3 have wowed me with their diary entries from Mary's point of view. They wrote about the main events of Holy Week using amazing emotional language. I really enjoyed reading them. Great work, year 3!	We have had a consolidation week this week, re-looking at column subtraction, arrays, reasoning and problem solving. We have also done some fun Easter addition!
Year 4	Year 4 have worked hard right to the end this week. They have written a story based on the adventures of Toki and the Chameleon. They have brought together all of their learning from this half term to create some fantastic pieces of writing for this.	The children have not only completed maths assessments this week, but have also learnt all about how to divide 1 and 2-digit numbers by 10. They have done this using their knowledge of place value and by using Gattegno charts to support them.



Diary Dates 2022-2023

Spring Term	
Friday 31 st March	Easter Service 1pm Last day of term
Summer Term	
Monday 17 th April	INSET Day
Friday 28 th April	PTA Quiz Night
Monday 8 th May	Bank Holiday
Wednesday 17 th May	Year 4 Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra Life Education 'Bus' Visit – SCARF Day
Thursday 18 th May	Life Education 'Bus' Visit – SCARF Day
Friday 19 th May	Year 3 to Ancient Technology Centre
Friday 26 th May	Healthy School Day & Fun Run Half term begins
Half Term	
Monday 5 th June	School Opens
Wednesday 7 th June	Class Portraits
Thursday 29 th June	Year 3 Science workshops at Paultons Park
Friday 30 th June	Sports Day
Thursday 20 th July	Leavers Service 2pm
Friday 21 st July	INSET Day Year Ends

