



HAMPRESTON CE (VA) FIRST SCHOOL

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To love God and to love one another

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Dear Parents,

Dydd Gŵyl Dewi Hapus!

This week has certainly been a wet and wild one and we have felt the effects of the weather with several wet break times! Despite this, the children have been brilliant this week and have continued to get stuck into their learning with gusto.

Zones of Regulation Parent Information Workshop – Monday 4th March at 5:15pm

You are invited to a parent information session to share with you an approach we are using which helps all children recognise and manage their emotions in order that they can independently enter the optimum state for learning and socialising with others. We feel very strongly that utilizing Zones of Regulation as a whole school community can make a huge difference to all individuals; increasing their self-esteem, improving their relationships and their academic performance. This is why we need YOU to join us with a consistent approach, using the same language and methods.



We strongly encourage you to attend a 30 minute session in the hall on **Monday 4th March at 5.15pm.**

Book your place [here](#)

If you cannot attend, do look out for the slides which should be playing on loop on the hall throughout parents evening, or have a look at the website <https://zonesofregulation.com/> and contact Mrs Richardson with any queries.

Hamwic Education Trust Consultation – Tuesday 5th March at 2:15pm

This week Mr Pyke, our chair of governors, wrote to you inviting you to a consultation meeting with Hamwic Education Trust on Tuesday 5th March. Thank you for those who have already contacted us with queries. Please feel free to email any questions you may have to the office, but I am confident that the Hamwic leaders will answer any queries as part of the information they are sharing. We would like to offer maximum opportunity for this, hence the earlier start of 2.15pm. We will aim to close the meeting at 3.10pm for childcare reasons, but your views and questions will of course be taken into account going forward.

For those unable to attend in person, we will be opening up a Zoom meeting. While not always a perfect option, we hope it will give you the opportunity to hear the discussions. The link can be found below:

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/82373747483?pwd=9XMsahI8PViaUEkdCEXhRNPVGnFVcF.1>

Meeting ID: 823 7374 7483

Passcode: VmSrG1

Whether in person, or virtually, the governors and I look forward to seeing you there.



Urgent Help Needed!

Thank you to the few volunteers who have stepped forwards to help us with our lunchtime supervision challenges. We are still crying out for willing and able people to help us! If you are able to offer even one lunchtime a week, it would be greatly appreciated and help us to avoid making changes to our usual lunchtime routines. However, we really need your help in finding permanent staff to join the team and anything you can do – any conversations, contacts or social media posts you can put out there may raise the vacancies to interested parties. Thank you.

World Book Day – Thursday 7th March

Just a reminder that World Book Day is coming up on Thursday 7th March and we will once again be celebrating with costumes and exciting reading activities. Please remember that the best costumes don't have to be purchased and often the home-made outfits are the best.

If you are digging about in the cupboards this weekend and come across any old costumes that no longer fit, I'm sure we could find a home for any donations!

Scholastic Book Fair: Tuesday 12th March – Friday 15th March 3.10pm – 3.45pm in the Atrium

The ever-popular book fair is back at school in March! 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.

We do explain to the children that it is not obligatory for parents to purchase books as we in no way want to add pressure in the current economical climate. However:

- 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.

If you are able to volunteer to manage the book fair stalls, please do get in touch with the office.

Comic Relief – 15th March

On Friday 15th March Hampreston First School will be supporting Comic Relief and helping to raise money by taking part in a sponsored 'Ninja Warrior Challenge!' Children will also be scoring points for their houses with each lap of the course they are able to complete. A letter and a sponsorship form has been sent home with the children this week and it would be great to see support for their efforts! Sponsor money and forms can be returned to the school in a named envelope by no later than Monday 18th March.

Wimborne Library Visit

A huge thank you to Ben and Jen from Wimborne library who visited our school this week to talk all things reading! They explained how the library works and what books and activities they have available. Did you know they run Friday afterschool and Saturday clubs? Please take a look at the attached flyer to find out more. Joining your local library is a fantastic opportunity to inspire your child to read and give them access to a wide range of fiction and non-fiction, for free!



Easter Colouring Competition

Thank you to all of the children who have already submitted their Easter Colouring Competition entries for Fernhill Care Home, we have some beautiful designs to send to them. If you haven't already handed your Easter Colouring Competition form to Mrs Coleman there is still time. Please hand them into the front office by Monday 18th March.

Staff News



It is with great pleasure and excitement that I write to introduce myself as the newly appointed Deputy Headteacher and SENDCo at Hampreston CE VA First School. I am truly honoured to be joining such a vibrant and inclusive educational community.

First and foremost, I want to express my deep commitment to fostering a positive and nurturing learning environment for all of your children. My goal is to collaborate with parents, teachers, and staff to ensure that every child at Hampreston CE VA First School receives a high-quality education that supports their holistic development.

I bring with me a wealth of experience in education, having worked in primary schools for over 20 years. My most recent role is as an Acting Deputy Headteacher with responsibility for special educational needs and inclusion at a large primary school in Dorset. Throughout my career, I have been dedicated to promoting student well-being, academic excellence, and a love for learning. I firmly believe that every child has unique talents and strengths, and it is our responsibility as educators to provide them with the necessary tools and opportunities to thrive.

As Deputy Headteacher, I will work closely with Mr Williams, the Governing Body, the Church and the entire staff team to implement innovative teaching strategies, enhance the curriculum, and create a safe and inclusive school environment. I am passionate about fostering strong partnerships between home and school, as I believe that open communication and collaboration are key to a child's success.

Outside of school I can be found on the side of a netball court, rugby pitch or cricket pitch supporting my two children develop their love of sport. On fair weather days I enjoy a run with friends in the beautiful Dorset Countryside. My crazy springer spaniel dog, Buddy, keeps me on my toes in all weather, come rain or shine!

I am eagerly looking forward to meeting each and every one of you in person and getting to know your children. I believe that by working together, we can build on the current successes of your wonderful school, making a positive difference to the lives of your children and create a bright future for them all.

Warmest wishes,

Mrs Heather Helm

Have a wonderful weekend.

Yours sincerely,



Mr T Williams
Headteacher



Diary Dates 2023-2024

Spring Term	
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day
Friday 15 th March	Comic Relief; Sponsored Ninja Warrior event
Wednesday 20 th March	Year 4 trip to Bedborough Solar Farm
Thursday 28 th March	Easter Service 1pm
	Last day of term
Summer Term	
Monday 15 th April	School Opens
Friday 24 th May	Half term begins
Half Term	
Monday 3 rd June	School Opens
Friday 21 st June	Sports Day
Friday 19 th July	Leavers Service 2pm
	Year Ends for students
Monday 22 nd July	INSET DAY
Tuesday 23 rd July	INSET DAY

Wimborne Library



Visit us

Mon- 10am-6:30pm
 Tues- 9.30am-1pm
 Weds- **Closed**
 Thurs- 9.30am-6:30pm
 Fri- 9.30am-5pm
 Sat- 9:30am-4pm
 Sun- **Closed**

Contact us on:
 01202 882770
wimbornelibrary@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk



Signing up for a child's library card entitles you to borrow up to 20 books, with **no overdue charges** if the books are late back.

We have a massive selection of children's books including picture books and board books. There is no minimum age for signing up to join the library. Best of all, **it's free!**

Our children's events

Rhyme Time for pre-school children is every Friday 9:45am-10.15am.

Come along for a friendly and lively session singing well known nursery rhymes



Creation Station and Fun with Lego is every Friday from 3pm to 5pm and Saturday's 9:30am to 3:45pm.

A themed make and take craft activity with materials provided.



All sessions are **drop in and free**. Even if you are not a library member.

You can find out more about us online at: <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/libraries-history-culture/libraries/libraries>



Keep up to date



For the latest news and library updates find us on **Facebook** using this QR code or look for Wimborne Library on the Dorset Libraries Facebook page under Groups.

You can also find **one off events** advertised on Facebook and on posters in branch.



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 English we have continued our learning about Goldilocks and the 3 bears. We have been writing speech bubbles to show what the character might say at different key events in the story, and drawing a present for Baby Bear from Goldilocks to say sorry for breaking his chair. We have been discussing stranger safety and the importance of saying sorry for mistakes we make. We have been further consolidating our Phase 3 sounds and tricky words and starting to read words with 4 or more sounds, e.g. timid.	In Maths, we have been focussing on the number 9! We have been making our own number block 9 characters, and looking at the composition of 9 in two parts, e.g. $4 + 5 = 9$. We have used our numicon, tens frames and part whole models to show our understanding.
Year 1	This week in English we linked our DT topic to our writing. We talked each step through and practiced saying them out loud and created actions to help us remember each stage. We then carefully wrote our instructions for how we are going to make our fruit salads. In each step of the instructions, we remembered to put the imperative verb at the start of the sentence, these are 'bossy' verbs that tell us what to do.	In maths we have been finding addition and subtraction fact families. We remembered that an addition number sentence must end with the biggest/whole number because we are adding the 2 smaller parts together. Whereas a subtraction number sentence must start with the biggest/ whole number so we can a smaller part away. We also used number lines to help us find missing numbers in both addition and subtraction number sentences.
	 <p>This week in Year 1, we have been learning about <u>number bonds</u>. You can practise these skills at home using <u>-12- Magic Mix in 20</u>.</p>  <p>Click here to download the app</p>	
Year 2	This week in English we have continued reading 'The Day The Crayon's Quit' by Drew Daywalt. We have focused this week on the letters the crayons have written. We have thought about the problem we may have as crayons and how we would like Duncan to solve it. We have focused on the use of 'because' to persuade and explain to Duncan how he can help us.	In Maths this week we have continued our multiplication and division unit. We have recognised the difference between odd and even numbers, multiplied and divided by 10. We have then moved on to multiplying and dividing by 5. The children have worked really hard to explain how multiplication facts can help us solve division number problems. 'Your one minute maths task is: multiplication: multiply by 5'
Year 3	We have started our new class novel this week called 'How to train your dragon' by Cressida Cowell. The children have taken a real interest in this story and we have spent time reading and discussing the first 3 chapters and creating character profiles using retrieval and inference of the text.	Year 3 continued with fractions this week, delving into ordering fractions on a number line and looking at equivalent fractions. All the children have understood this well using fraction walls and drawing chocolate bars to support and explain their reasoning.
Year 4	In English, we have been diving into the enchanting world of the Amazon rainforest through the book 'The Shaman's Apprentice'. This captivating story has captured the imaginations of the children, who have used various features from the text to write vivid descriptions of an Amazonian village. Through group work and drama activities, they have brought the story	In maths, the children have been delving into the realm of fractions, focusing specifically on improper and mixed number fractions. They have enthusiastically tackled the task of converting fractions from one form to another, exploring different techniques to master this skill. Using number lines, they have confidently compared



<p>to life by creating freeze frames, allowing them to delve deeper into its wonderful characters and plot. Additionally, our talented writers have even started planning their own sequel to the story, showcasing their blossoming creativity and storytelling abilities.</p>	<p>fractions, using their growing understanding to identify equivalent fractions. This short video lesson might help if your child needs a little more support with equivalent fractions: https://vimeo.com/775117000 This online activity is a fun game to practise this skill further: https://www.sheppardsoftware.com/math/fractions/equivalent-splat-game/</p>
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