



HAMPRESTON CE (VA) FIRST SCHOOL

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To love God and to love one another

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Dear Parents,

What a colourful and exciting day we have had at Hampreston as we celebrated all our favourite books and book characters for this year's World Book Day.

Home – School Agreement – URGENT PLEA



There are still many home-school agreements yet to be completed.

If you haven't already completed the 2022-23 Home-School Agreement please click [here](#) or follow the QR code.

Many thanks.

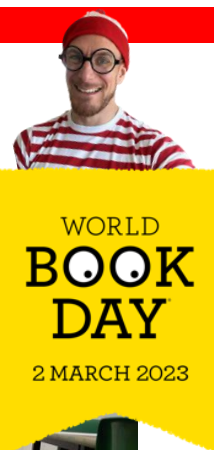
World Book Day – Friday 3rd March

The school has been alive with conversations about reading, books and our favourite book characters today. The children have loved dressing up today and they all looked wonderful. We have had characters from every genre of story and I am once again bowled over by the enthusiasm and creativity on display.

The children should be bringing home a book voucher which can be used in most bookshops or saved for the school book fair which arrives next week!

Thank you all for helping the children take part today.

For more information about World Book Day and ideas on sharing books at home, please visit www.worldbookday.com.



Electric wire

We have been made aware that one of the residents has chosen to add electrified fencing to their property. While we work with them to ensure there is adequate signage and safety measures in place for our children, we would encourage all families to supervise their children near and around the house at the end of the lane, closest to the farm entrance.





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

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.

SEND coffee and chat

Thank you to those who came along to our SEND coffee and chat today. One of the issues raised by parents was that it would be useful for you to know more about the special needs provision offered at middle and secondary schools when considering where your child will go next.

We hope these links will provide a useful summary for all parents of children with or without additional needs:

Schools directory (general)

[Schools and Academies Search Results](#) | [Dorset FID \(dorsetcouncil.gov.uk\)](http://dorsetcouncil.gov.uk) **Click on the SEN provision tab to the right of each school to find out more.**

Special schools:

[Special schools in Dorset - Dorset Council](#)

Mainstream schools:

[Schools and learning - Dorset Council](#)

Spare Clothing

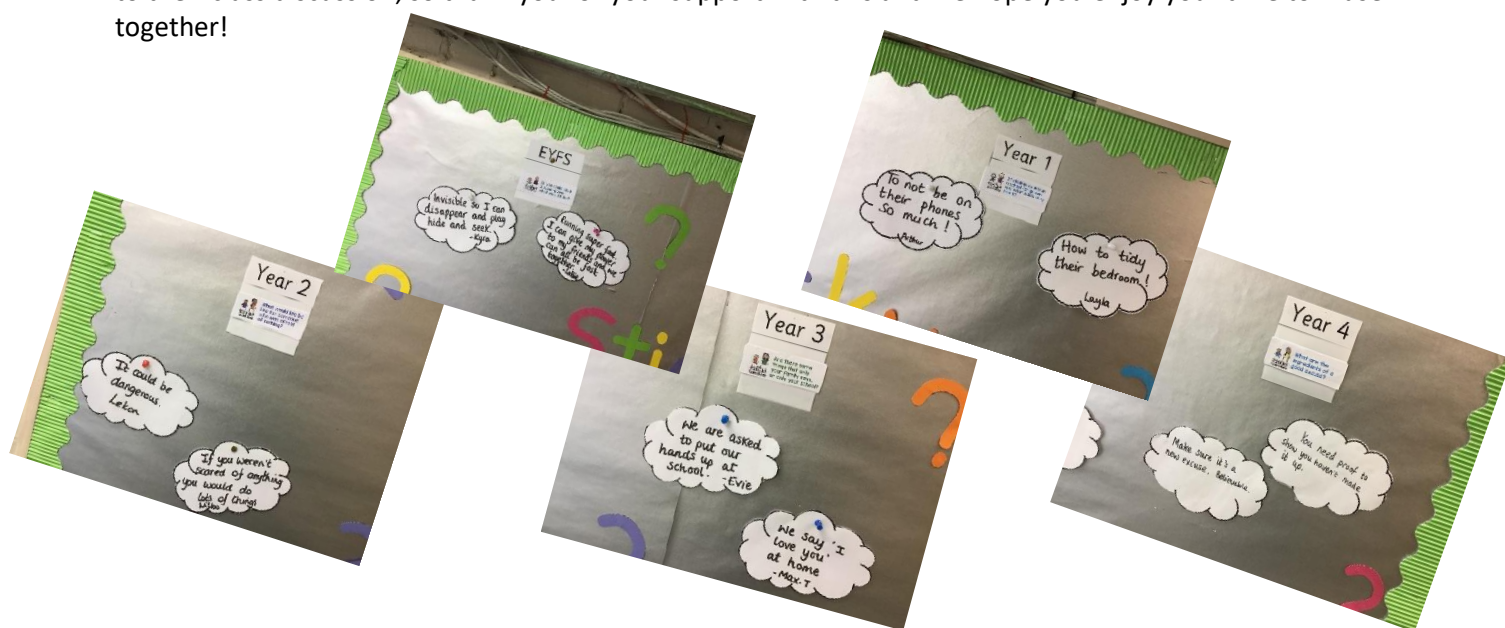
From time to time, we require a change of clothes in school (particularly for early years). If you do have any of our supply of spare clothes at home, please could you make sure they are washed and returned as soon as possible.

If you have any good, usable clothing, in particular underwear (including tights) that you would like to donate then it would also be gratefully received. Many thanks.



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!



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

Smarties Challenge

Thank you to all those children who have brought in their filled smartie tubes, if there are anymore, please could you drop them into the school office ASAP.

Reading Challenge

Your child should have brought home their reading challenge during this week, we hope they all enjoy completing it over the next week.

The weather is definitely looking spring-like and I know the school can't wait for the warmer days ahead. Whatever you get up this weekend, have a great and safe time. I hope you are able to enjoy the fresh air and beauty of our local area. Have a great 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 have been continuing their learning all about Goldilocks and the 3 bears. We wrapped presents for baby bear, wrote speech bubbles to go in the story and even had a surprise visit from Goldilocks herself! She left the classroom in an awful mess and the children have spent all week investigating where she might have disappeared off to.	Reception have been learning about height and length this week using their mathematical vocabulary to compare different heights and lengths as well as using non-standard units of measure to measure the height and length of different objects/people.
Year 1	This week in Year 1 we have been identifying and using verbs. We came up with different verbs to help us write instructions for how to plant a bean.	In maths this week we have been using number lines to help us subtract within 20. We had to remember to jump backwards down the number line so our numbers were getting smaller.
Year 2	This week in English we have read 'The Day The Crayons Quit' by Drew Daywalt. We have written our own letters imagining we are a crayon and coming up with some original ideas for why the crayon is complaining! The children worked really hard on their sentence structure, the adjectives they would use to describe how they are feeling and how Duncan could make them happier!	In Maths this week we have continued our multiplication and division unit. We have investigated odd and even numbers and doubled and halved numbers. We have multiplied and divided by 10. The children have worked really hard to find the links between division and multiplication.
Year 3	This week, year 3 have enjoyed describing Snotlout from 'How to train your dragon.' They have learnt how to directly quote from a book and used this learning well in their English. The children have loved World Book Day, celebrating reading and writing their own acrostic poems about World Book Day.	Year 3 have been looking at fractions again this week, focusing on equivalent fractions and using fraction walls to compare these. I have been really impressed with their knowledge of fractions and what they have been able to retain.
Year 4	This week the children have started to look at another book set in the Amazon rainforest, <i>The Shaman's Apprentice</i> . They have written some fantastic pieces and even worked on some drama freeze frames looking at different aspects of the story. We also celebrated World Book Day in style today. The children loved coming dressed as their favourite characters and sharing their love of reading with their peers.	In maths this week the children have been continuing their exploration of fractions. They have practised converting mixed numbers into improper fractions and converting improper fractions to mixed numbers. They have also looked at equivalent fractions, understanding how to identify them and plot them on a number line.



Diary Dates 2022-2023

Spring Term	
Tuesday 7 th March	Book Fair Week
Friday 17 th March	Red Nose Day
Monday 20 th March	Enterprise Week
Wednesday 22 nd March	Year 4 Solar Farm Visit
Friday 24 th March	Enterprise Afternoon
Friday 31 st March	Easter Service 1pm
	Last day of term
Summer Term	
Monday 17 th April	INSET Day
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 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
Friday 30 th June	Sports Day
Thursday 20th July	Leavers Service 2pm
Friday 21st July	INSET Day
	Year Ends

