



# HAMPRESTON CE (VA) FIRST SCHOOL

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*To love God and to love one another*

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Dear Parents,

December is finally here and the excitement and enthusiasm of the children is plain for all to see. I have been thrilled to hear tales of advent calendars and cheeky elves already and it is good to know you are all getting into the Christmas spirit too.

The school is festooned with holly and ivy, bells and baubles – a huge thanks to the staff for helping Christmas arrive at Hampreston. Once again, our thanks also go to Haskins for their very generous donation of a wonderful Christmas tree!

## Carols by Candlelight

Our Key Stage 2 Carols by Candlelight service will be held at All Saints' Hampreston on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm. The children have been preparing to lead a traditional carol service with songs both old and new and are very excited. This is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community and really get into the Christmas spirit. The staff and Year 3 and 4 children look forward to you joining us to share this service and join in with a range of carols.

## Christmas Jumper Day – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December

SAVE THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY IS BACK!



Christmas Jumper Day will take place on Thursday 7 December 2023.

It's time to put on your Christmas jumper and help kids in the UK and around the world get the best future ever.

There's more to Christmas Jumper Day than wearing a silly jumper. You'll be helping children facing serious issues like war, hunger and poverty.

And this year, with so many children having a really tough time, getting involved matters more than ever.

You don't even have to have a Christmas jumper – why not 'Christmassify' another jumper, t-shirt or even a hairband? That way you could donate even more instead?



## Christmas Post Box

December is here and we have decked the halls (and classrooms) with boughs of holly and festive cheer. Along with the decorations, comes the traditional Christmas Post Box.

To ensure plenty of time for cards to safely reach their recipients, this year the post box will be open between [Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December](#) only. Cards will then be sorted and distributed over the following days by our team of year 4 elves.



We always have a significant number of cards to store and sort, so kindly ask for your help by **not adding chocolate coins or sweets to the cards**. This will make storing and sorting the huge number of cards we usually deal with much easier and help to ensure that they make it to their intended people in one piece. It is also important as we wish to protect any children with allergies. Thank you.

### Newspapers

If anybody would like to donate old newspapers we would be very grateful to receive them at school please as our stocks have run out.

### PTA News

Thank you for all the wonderful tombola donations we have received this morning!

Next Thursday 7th December is Christmas Jumper day, so children can wear their festive wear on this day, ready for the Christmas Fair after school.

More information regarding this can be found below. Please remember to bring cash, to purchase your tokens. We look forward to seeing you there in your best Christmas jumpers!



*Friends of Hampreston*

We look forward to seeing you over the coming days at our various festive events and activities. 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
EYFS	It has been creativity week where the children have been challenged to cut, stick, paint, build and mold a host of different creations! We have been exploring magnets and what materials they stick to. We have been working on our tricky words by going on tricky word hunts and mixing colours to make new shades.	
	In English, we have been learning to write short phrases using the tricky word 'I'. In phonics, we have been recapping all the sounds we have learnt this term and are confidently blending and segmenting them in words.	In Maths, we have been learning about 4 sided shapes and learning about the properties of squares and rectangles. We have gone on shape hunts around the classroom and used 4 sided shapes to make different artwork.
Year 1	In English this week we have started planning our letters to Father Christmas. We looked at the structure of a letter and how to set it out on the page and discussed what ideas we might need to include. We thought carefully about one present we might really like for Christmas and how we could describe it using adjectives.	In maths we have continued to look at subtraction and we used number lines to help us count the number of jumps back from our starting number. We also revisited different resources and strategies we can use to help solve mixed addition and subtraction problems.
Year 2	This week in English we have been focusing on the performance element of the English curriculum. We have practised reading and participated in performances and role play. The children have worked hard to learn their lines and add expression to engage and excite their audience.	In Maths this week we have finished our addition and subtraction unit and moved on to shape. The children have consolidated their knowledge of 2D and 3D shapes, moving on to recognising the number of sides and vertices in 2D shapes.
Year 3	This week in English the children have had a great time learning about play scripts. We looked at the features of playscripts and discussed how they were different from stories. The children then had the opportunity to work in groups on a short play performance in front of the class. I was very impressed with the way the children got into character, changing their voices, tone and adding actions to their lines.	Year 3 have moved on to learning how to multiply and divide by 8 this week. The children have had to decide whether or not to group or share and think about the language that is used around this. They have enjoyed joining in with the supermovers timetables and beating their times on TT Rockstars.
Year 4	In English, we've been exploring Aesop's fables, diving into the enchanting world of storytelling. The children have been learning about the distinctive features of fables, their moral implications, and the intriguing characters within them. We've been investigating how these characters interact through speech, adding depth and personality to their stories.	In maths, this week we've been delving into the world of multiplication and division. The children have been sharpening their skills with the 7, 11, and 12 times tables, and have also been mastering the art of multiplying and dividing by 1 and 0. It's been a whirlwind of numbers and strategies, and the children have given it their all!



## Diary Dates 2023-2024

### Autumn Term

Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Carols by Candlelight
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	PTA Christmas Fair
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS/KS1 Nativity
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS/KS1 Nativity
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Party Afternoon
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christingle Service 1.30pm Last day of term

### Spring Term

Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	INSET DAY
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Big Me Day
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Internet Safety Day
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Healthy School Day & Walk-2-School Morning Half term begins

### Half Term

Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	School Opens
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Pancake Race (Year 4)
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent Consultations
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Service 1pm Last day of term

### Summer Term

Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	School Opens
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Half term begins

### Half Term

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	School Opens
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Sports Day
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers Service 2pm Year Ends for students
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	INSET DAY
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	INSET DAY

