



# HAMPRESTON CE (VA) FIRST SCHOOL

Hampreston Village | Wimborne | Dorset | BH21 7LX | 01202 573074 | office@hampreston.dorset.sch.uk



*To love God and to love one another*

## Summer Term 2024 - Newsletter 28

26<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Dear Parents,

It has been fantastic to see the children enjoying this week's sunny spells and we have had a few lunchtimes that have almost felt spring-like! We have had an exciting week with old-friend Chris Biddle leading each class in a tennis workshop and I know the children really loved his enthusiasm.

### Local Petition

Several months ago, Dorset Council completed a consultation on speed limit changes along Ringwood Road and Ham Lane, bringing the speed limit down to 30mph. Since then, there has been an increase in the amount of heavy goods traffic using Ham Lane rather than travel through Ferndown and this presents challenges to our community within Hampreston.

The local residents have approached the council to propose additional speed limit changes along Ham Lane, extending the 30mph limit past the junction at Hampreston/Stapehill Road, and reducing the 60mph limit down to Canford Bottom. They have put together a petition and have asked for our support. We will make this petition available next week and if you feel sympathetic to the cause, we would ask you to sign it. Hopefully we can work together to make access to the village – and the school – safer for everyone.



### Parent Survey

This week, we sent out a link to a short survey asking for your feedback about our school and the learning of your children. Please do take the time to fill this in as it provides us with a valuable insight into the experiences of you and your children at our school. The survey should take approximately two minutes of your time to complete and we appreciate every response received. You can also access the survey [here](#).

### New Starter's Evening

We will be hosting our 2024-25 New Starters Information Evening soon. This is open to parents who have children joining us in September 2024 and is a great way for us to welcome new families into the Hampreston community. Miss Bennett and I will be in contact with our new starters next week and look forward to meeting faces 'old' and new...

### Staff News

It has been brilliant to welcome Mrs Helm to the school and I know many of you have had the chance to meet her already. Miss Bennet has been visiting in preparation for joining us after half term and I know she is very excited to be joining the school.

Sadly, the excitement of new beginnings often runs hand in hand with the sadness of farewells and I am sorry to say that we will be wishing two of our beloved staff goodbye at the end of this term as they embark on new adventures in September. Firstly, Mrs Todd will be leaving the school after an astounding 17 years here, to find more flexibility as a supply teacher, giving her the opportunity to work in many schools across the area. We will also be saying farewell to the illustrious Mr McNally who will be stretching his legs joining Forres Sandle Manor. Both teachers have given such a huge amount to the school and I know you will be as sad at their departure as we are. We wish them the very best in their new endeavours.



## SEND drop-in sessions

To facilitate a smooth transition and establish open lines of communication, I would like to invite you to an SEND Drop-In session on either Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April from 2.30pm until 3.30pm or Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May from 2.30pm until 3.30pm. These sessions will be held in the staff room. These drop-ins aim to provide an informal setting where you can meet myself, Mrs Helm, ask me questions, and discuss any concerns or suggestions you may have regarding your child's education and support.

If you have any specific questions or topics you would like to discuss during the drop-in session, please feel free to email them to the school office at [office@hampreston.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:office@hampreston.dorset.sch.uk) so that I can address them during the event.

I look forward to seeing you at the SEND Drop-In sessions and working together to ensure the best possible learning experience for all our children.

## PTA – Friends of Hampreston need you!

We still need volunteers to join our PTA team. If you are interested in event planning and fundraising, event marketing or are interested in contributing time to help run PTA events, we'd love to hear from you! Please contact our PTA team on [pta@hamprestonfirstschool.com](mailto:pta@hamprestonfirstschool.com) or check out the **Friends of Hampreston School** Facebook page.



---

Wrap up warm this weekend – it looks set to be a little chilly!

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mr T Williams".

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   | This week in English the children wrote their own list poems. They thought about the character they would write about and came up with what they would find in their pockets. They also used the book 'George and the Dragon' to inspire their writing about London.   | In maths we have continued to extend our number knowledge beyond 10. We focussed on the numbers 14, 15 and 16 looking at how many 10's and ones in each number and how we can build each number in different ways.  |
| Year 1 | This week in English Year 1 have been looking at the difference between fiction and non-fiction books. We have been reading a non-fiction book about Meerkats to help us learn about Sunny from our fiction book Meerkat Mail. We created a bank of different facts and then practised putting them into sentences using the conjunction 'and' to join two facts together.   | In maths this week we have been counting in 10's, 2's and 5's. We have used stories and songs to help introduce and practise this. We started to identify equal groups, counting how many groups, how many in each group and the how many in total.   |
| Year 2 | This week in English we have been investigating explanation texts, how they are presented and what they are used for. Inspired by our Mary Anning topic we have become fossil hunters and searched for fossils in sand. We have listed the equipment we used and sequenced the steps to help us plan our own explanation text next week.   | In Maths this week we have continued our Fractions unit. We have recognised and found a quarter and a third. We have found the whole and started to look at unit fractions. The children have worked really hard and are starting to recognise the difference between 'groups of a number' and 'how many groups'  |
| Year 3 | This week in English, the children have continued to find out more about the secret garden. Thinking about the dialogue in this story, the children have focused on inverted commas and have written their own dialogue between Mary and the Robin. I was really impressed with their perseverance! Great job year 3!  | Money has been our focus in year 3 this week. Looking at pounds and pence, adding and subtracting money and adding pence that equal to more than 1 pound, the children have worked incredibly hard to understand this.  |
| Year 4 | In our English lessons, the children have been exploring the different features of newspaper articles, getting ready to craft their own piece about the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb. They have been immersing themselves in drama activities to re-enact the uncovering of the tomb, taking on the roles of reporters, asking probing questions, and stepping into the shoes of witnesses to share their perspectives on the events. | Over in maths, the children have wrapped up their decimal topic. They've been busy ordering and rounding decimals to two decimal places, as well as tackling fractions like $\frac{1}{2}$ , $\frac{1}{4}$ , and $\frac{3}{4}$ in decimal form. To top it off, they've revisited division using formal methods like the trusty bus-stop method to divide 2 and 3-digit numbers by a single-digit number. |



## Diary Dates 2023-2024

### Summer Term

|                                |                                       |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April  | SEND Drop-in sessions 2.30pm - 3.30pm |
| Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May   | Life Education 'Bus'                  |
| Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> May   | SEND Drop-in sessions 2.30pm - 3.30pm |
| Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May    | Class Photos                          |
| Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May | Year 3 Ancient Technology Centre      |
| Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May    | Tough Mudder Part II                  |
|                                | Break up for half term                |

### Half Term

|                               |                                       |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June   | School Opens                          |
| Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June   | Year 2 Blashford Lakes                |
| Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June  | Sports Day                            |
| Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July  | School Disco – more details to follow |
| 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                             |

