



# HAMPRESTON CE (VA) FIRST SCHOOL

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*To love God and to love one another*

## Newsletter 11

### Spring Term 2022

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Dear Parents,

Well, what a week it has been. I hope you have been enjoying the sunshine and are already making plans for the weekend. I wanted to offer a huge thank you to all our friends, governors and parents who have helped lend a hand this week.

### Musical Magic

This week we have been able to celebrate some of our wonderful musicians.

On Tuesday the year 4's put on a fantastic demonstration of samba music. They have been working with the Dorset Music Service this term and it was amazing to hear their well-timed and thunderous performance. I know the children really enjoyed themselves and the audience were all feeling the rhythm for the rest of the afternoon.

Then on Wednesday, we began the day with a performance from our brilliant guitarists as they performed pieces from around the world including Spain, China, and a marching piece from right here in Britain. They played brilliantly together – no mean feat for so many guitarists – and really inspired the school.



### Scholastic Book Fair – Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April

We are very pleased to be holding a book fair at school from **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March until Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April**. Scholastic publishers will provide us with over 200 titles of the latest and most popular children's fiction and information books as well as an exciting range of merchandise, all of which is available for purchase from 3.00- 3.45pm every day in **the Atrium**. Please collect your child first, before coming to the fair.



In recent years, book fairs have caused a fantastic buzz of excitement among the children which is why we schedule opportunities for them to browse the fair during the school day without buying anything. They can fill out a wish list and take it home if they would like to.

The school receives commission on every book sold, which will go towards free books to top up our library and classrooms. Your support could make such a difference. With prices starting from only £2.99, there's sure to be something for everyone and you can pay online if you prefer. For more details, please see the leaflet that has come home in your child's bookbag this week.

We look forward to seeing you there!



## PTA's 'Wear something funny' Mufti Day – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April



Next Friday is April Fool's Day, and what better way to enjoy the day than to wear something funny? Therefore, the PTA are inviting children to wear something funny for the day in return for a £1 donation towards the new school library. What a great chance to brush off the glittery leg warmers, 'deely-boppers' or dangly-eye glasses. We hope it will be a fun day and look forward to seeing the children laughing their way to the weekend.

## PTA's Smarties Challenge

The generous contents of the many, many Smarties tubes have been counted and have shown how hard the children have worked helping at home or doing extra jobs. Their effort has resulted in a brilliant total of over £300! Well done to you all!

## Easter Events

We are almost ready for our Easter activities. During the final week of term, children from across the school will take part in several creative activities, culminating in artistic challenges for EYFS and key stage 1 and the 'egg-citing' egg decorating competition in years 3 and 4. The PTA have generously put together some delicious prizes and we know the children will enjoy taking part. Next week, year groups will share more specific details, but for those wanting to get their thinking caps on, this is a little 'heads-up'.

We will also be getting ready for our Easter Eucharist and we are very excited to be able to hold this in the church once again. Parents are warmly invited to join us on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April at 1pm for the service as we celebrate this very significant date in the church calendar. After the service, the children will return to school to collect their belongings before being collected **at our earlier finish time of 2pm**.

## Know your School Evening

Our inaugural 'Know Your School' evening will take place on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April. It is a fantastic opportunity to find out more about our wonderful school. Our Chair of Governors, Will Pyke, and I will be sharing some of our journey and vision for the future. The evening should last about an hour and we hope to see you there.

## Tennis-tasters – Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March

Next Wednesday, the whole school will have the opportunity to take part in some tennis taster lessons led by visitors from the Lawn Tennis Association. We know the children will really enjoy these sessions and are looking forward to the day. We would like all children to come into school wearing their P.E. kits that morning so that we can make the most of the sessions.

## Sun-Safety

The weather this week has been glorious and most of us are still reeling from the shock of cloudless blue skies! As we hit that time of the year when children may need coats in the morning, but be leaving jumpers on the field by breaktime, can we please ask that you keep an eye on the weather forecast and dress your children appropriately. There may still be showers on the horizon, as well as the need for sun protection. We recommend single application sunscreen be applied before the children come into school as we are unable to help the children apply sunscreen during the day. The children should also be ready with sun hats for those sunnier days.

With the lost property box already overflowing, can we also ask that clothing is clearly named as it helps us to return the many, many discarded jumpers and cardigans.

## Summer Uniform

Finally, 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.

## Year 4 Swimming

Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> March, will be the last swimming session of the year for our Year 4 children. We would like to invite parents to Canford School at 1.30 p.m. to watch this session and see the huge amount of progress that our children have made. We have been extremely lucky to enjoy the expert tuition of Ms. Byng and her team of Canford students and are grateful for the continued partnership with Canford School. We look forward to seeing you there.

Finally, my thanks go to all the parents who have given so freely of their time (and petrol) to help with transport for these Monday sessions. The children could not enjoy these lessons without your support.

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Whatever you have planned, I hope you make the best of this weekend as we celebrate the amazing ladies in our lives. Mums, I hope you are all treated to a weekend off, breakfast in bed, bunches of flowers and general spoiling on Sunday!

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	<p>This week in English, we read 'The Little Boat' by Kathy Henderson about a boy who made a little boat. We made our own boats and then wrote instructions for how to make a boat.</p> <p>In phonics, we have been reading and spelling words ending in 'ing' and compound words as well as revisiting the sounds we have learnt so far.</p> <p>In Let's Explore, we have made the most of the wonderful weather. We had lots of water and boat fun outside including testing the boats we made to see if they would float! We have also enjoyed boat themed games and role play.</p>	
Year 1	<p>In literacy, we read <i>The Wide Wide Sea</i> by Anna Wilson. This was a lovely, descriptive book about the beauty of the beach. The children were inspired to write descriptions about their own experience of the beach. Our focus for the past couple of weeks has been on handwriting and presentation!</p>	<p>In maths, we have studied measurement. This has proved lots of fun! The children have measured using non-standard units, such as multilink and standard units; centimetres. We have measured our own heights and lots of different classroom items too.</p>
Year 2	<p>This week in English we have read the book 'Where the Wild Things Are' The children have been thinking about the interesting ways they would travel to the island if they were Max and about what mischief they would get up to. They have been very imaginative and we have talked about flying on magic carpets and underwater teacup rides!</p>	<p>In Maths this week we have finished our unit on statistics. The children have really impressed me with the way they have used different methods to gather and interpret data.</p>
Year 3	<p>We have been writing monologues this week, imagining we are one of the characters from <i>How to Train Your Dragon</i>. We have used evidence from the book to include the thoughts, feelings and motives of the character. Our SPaG focus has been apostrophes for contraction and homophones.</p>	<p>Our maths learning has been fun and practical this week, using mm, cm and m to measure length. The trickiest concept for some was that 4cm 22mm is equal to 6cm 2mm. We need to keep practising! The children have learned to convert units of measurement, add and subtract lengths and solve problems involving length.</p>
Year 4	<p>This week the children have produced some truly brilliant written work based on our story of <i>The Shaman's Apprentice</i>. They carefully planned out their own story set after the original but tried to link it to the main themes too. They were able to include lots of impressive features of writing that we have been looking at this half term such as paragraphs, fronted adverbials, prepositional phrases and even a few relative clauses. Amazing.</p>	<p>The children have been working very hard in maths this week to consolidate their knowledge of decimals including hundredths. They are able to partition decimals into their parts and they can manipulate them to solve problems. They have also been looking at dividing numbers by 10 and 100 and this is something that they can practice for homework this weekend.</p>

## Diary Dates 2021-2022

### Spring Term

Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 Trip to Bedborough Solar Farm
<b>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>LTA Taster Tennis</b>
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Year 3 Trip to Paultons Park
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April</b>	<b>Something Funny Mufti Day</b>
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	Know your School Evening 7pm
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Service 1pm
	Last day of term

### Summer Term

Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	INSET Day
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Healthy School Day & Fun Run
	Half term begins

### Half Term

Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET Day
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	School Opens
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Class Portraits
<b>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>PTA Summer Fete</b>
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>PTA Father's Day Sale</b>
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Sports Day
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>PTA Disco</b>
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Leavers Service 2pm
	Year Ends