



HAMPRESTON CE (VA) FIRST SCHOOL

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To love God and to love one another

Newsletter 9
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Dear Parents

Remembrance Day

On Thursday the whole school gathered on the field to mark Armistice Day and to take a moment to reflect on the soldiers who lost their lives in the World Wars and the conflicts since. They were a credit to you all and took part with sensible and mature attitudes.

Some of our year 4 children were also able to pay their respects at the Hampreston, All Saint's war graves by placing a poppy cross in remembrance. The rest of the school were able to watch a video of them doing this and it really helped the children to see a little of the local connection to the World Wars. The children felt so moved that they have written a poem to be shared with our whole community:



Painting by Elizna (Reception)

*Peace and quiet
To think about the war
And those who died
To wear poppies is nice
Because war saved our lives
Because of those who
sacrificed
So we could have freedom.
Thank you again, from the bottom of our hearts.
By Georgiana (Year 4)*

Anti-bullying Week – Odd Socks Day!

Monday 15th November 2020 is Odd Socks Day! This is a national day that happens at the start of Anti-bullying week to symbolise that we are all unique and united. Therefore, we would like to invite your child to wear odd socks to school on this day, in addition to their school uniform, in support of Anti-bullying week. We look forward to seeing all your odd and unique socks, the brighter, and crazier the better!

Children In Need – Friday 19th November

Next Friday is Children in Need and to make the day special we would like to give the children the chance to **wear something spotty!** It could be a hairband, socks or a pair of spotty trousers – but it doesn't need to be something purchased just for the occasion, homemade adaptations to a sweater or cardigan work brilliantly!

To support Children in Need, we will have buckets at the door for collections in the morning and afternoon, but would encourage you to donate online at <https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/> or by texting your chosen Children in Need activity.

In the afternoon, the children will take part in some special activities in class and also with the wonderful people from JSC! We look forward to seeing the children looking spot-on for the day!



It has been an interesting week and I would like to thank you all for your amazing support. With increased COVID rates locally, please remain vigilant, keep safe and have a wonderful weekend.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Williams", with a long, sweeping horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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	This week in English, we read two People Who Help Us texts about being a Doctor and a Builder, we used this to learn all about these careers and we now know lots of facts and information including what tools and equipment they have. We have had two nurses visit us too and we have thought of lots of questions to ask them. In our phonics work, we have learnt the sounds ff, ss, ll and j.	In maths, we have problem solved using 6. We counted 6 of everything and did work on greater than and fewer than. We have also learnt all about Remembrance Day and we have made lovely poppies, paintings and stethoscopes!
Year 1	In literacy this week, we have been reading Man on the Moon by Simon Bartram, a silly story about a man called Bob, who works on the moon. Bob is responsible for all sorts, including hoovering the moon. Year 1 imagined they were visiting the moon and prepared lots of questions for Bob to answer. Later in the week, we wrote a postcard home having visited the moon!	In maths this week, we have covered 2D and 3D shapes. Year 1 impressed me with their ability to guess which shape I was hiding, based on my description. They came up with fantastic ideas about the different 3D shapes we see in real life.
Year 2	In English we have been completing our diaries in the style of Samuel Pepys. The children have really impressed me with the fantastic writing they have produced. They have put themselves in the position of a child in 1666 and thought very carefully about their experience of the Great Fire of London. I am very excited to display their work in the classroom.	In Maths we have been partitioning numbers to complete number sentences. We have used the part, part whole model as well as the number line to solve the calculations. The children have worked really hard, using concrete resources to support them.
Year 3	In year 3 we are moving ahead with our topic on the Romans, but a lot of our writing this week has been about Remembrance Day. We watched a film about the 1914 Christmas truce during WW1, and the class wrote some great letters home from the trenches. The work was very thoughtful and we had some good discussion about wars and why we should remember those who fought in them.	In maths we finished our section of work on addition and subtraction strategies and moved on to working on multiplication and division – recognising equal groupings. We have been working hard!
Year 4	The children have done a fantastic job this week of staying focused on their learning. In English we have been looking at some of the language that is used in dragon poems by some brilliant authors. We looked at how to create and use adverbials to give more detail to a verb and even used these as brilliant fronted adverbial phrases. We also practiced our comprehension skills by thinking carefully about poetry and the images that it can convey to the reader.	In maths we have been looking at rounding to help to estimate answers to a subtraction or addition problem. This was a bit tricky but we got there in the end! We also looked at how to check our answers by using the 'inverse function'. This means that to check the answer to a subtraction we could do an addition, or to check the answer to an addition we could do a subtraction. It was tricky, but our part-part-whole models were very useful in helping to visualise the problem.

Diary Dates 2021-2022

Autumn Term

Wednesday 17 th November	AFC Bournemouth Road Safety Workshops
Thursday 18 th November	AFC Bournemouth Citizenship Workshops
Friday 19 th November	Children in Need Day
Monday 22 nd November	Year 4 trip to Dudsbury Camp
Wednesday 24 th November	'No Pens' Wednesday
Friday 26 th November	Friend's Mufti-Day
	Friend's Christmas Wreath Workshop
Monday 29 th November	Enterprise Week
Tuesday 30 th November	Flu Immunisations
Friday 3 rd December	Enterprise Afternoon 2:30pm
Saturday 4 th December	Friend's Christmas Fair 11am-3pm
Tuesday 7 th December	KS2 Carols by Candlelight
Monday 13 th December	EYFS/KS1 Nativity
Tuesday 14 th December	EYFS/KS1 Nativity
Friday 17 th December	Christingle Service 1pm
	Last day of term

Spring Term

Tuesday 4th January	INSET DAY
Wednesday 5 th January	School Opens
Friday 4 th February	Big Me Day
Tuesday 8 th February	Internet Safety Day
Friday 18 th February	Healthy School Day & Walk2School Morning
	Half term begins

Half Term

Monday 28 th February	School Opens
Tuesday 1 st March	Year 4 Pancake race
Thursday 3 rd March	World Book Day
Tuesday 8 th March	Parent Consultations 5-8pm
Wednesday 9 th March	Parent Consultations 3-6pm
Friday 8 th April	Easter Service 1pm
	Last day of term

Summer Term

Monday 25 th April	Proposed INSET Day
Friday 27 th May	Healthy School Day & Fun Run
	Half term begins

Half Term

Monday 6th June	School Closed for Queen's Jubilee Bank Holiday
Tuesday 7 th June	School Opens
Thursday 16 th June	Class Portraits
Friday 1 st July	Sports Day
Friday 22 nd July	Leavers Service 2pm
	Year Ends