



# HAMPRESTON CE (VA) FIRST SCHOOL

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*To love God and to love one another*

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24<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Dear Parents,

## Comic Relief: Hampreston Ninja Warrior

Well done to all the children who took part in the Ninja Warrior for Comic Relief last week. They all showed great determination, resilience and had a fantastically muddy time!! Thank you to Mrs Jones for organising, all the parent helpers and a huge thank you for all the amazing donations, which raised a staggering **£1979.40** for Comic Relief, well done everyone.



## Key Stage 2 Egg Decorating Competition

Next **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March** Years 3 and 4 will be taking part in our annual Easter egg decorating competition. To make it successful, children will be required to **bring in one or more hard boiled eggs and a design that they can complete at school within 50 minutes!**

They will also need to bring an **egg cup** or something to balance their egg in for display purposes. While we encourage practising at home, the children will be judged on their efforts in the classroom rather than on home preparation! We can provide general resources such as paint, sharpies, tissue paper, wool etc, but if there is anything special you would like to bring, please do. We hope everyone will enter into the spirit of Easter fun and we invite you to view all the children's creations in the playground at collection time.

## Gymnastics

East Dorset Year 3 and 4 Gymnastics Champions!

After lots of hard work and practise two teams from Hampreston took part in the East Dorset Gymnastics competition at Ferndown Upper School this morning. They competed in one of the largest categories against 8 other local schools. Both teams performed brilliantly with one team coming 1<sup>st</sup> and the other team coming a very close second. Congratulations girls!!



## Easter Service

Our Easter Service will take place, in the church, on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 1.00pm. All parents are welcome to join us but please remember to leave the central seating for the children. After the service, the children will return to school to collect their belongings before being collected **at our earlier finish time of 2pm**.

We are unable to provide a crèche at this service, and would therefore ask you, if at all possible, to make alternative arrangements for your pre-school children. This is a lovely service, led by children in Year 4 and it is a very moving occasion for parents.

## 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.

## Hampreston Vacancies

We are still on the hunt for a new school Office Manager / Finance Officer to join our wonderful team. 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

### Easter Biscuit Competition

Entry is now on sale for our Easter Biscuit Competition - <https://friends-of-hampreston-first-school.sumupstore.com> £2 will get your child the ingredients to mix and bake their own Easter biscuits. We would like them to be decorated with an Easter theme and photographs of entries should be sent to the pta email address which is [pta@hamprestonfirstschool.com](mailto:pta@hamprestonfirstschool.com) by 16 April 2023. Mr Williams will then judge the entries and the winner will be announced in the newsletter. The winner will receive a crazy golf voucher. Ingredients will be sent home on Thursday 30 April 2023. Good luck everyone.

### King Charles III Coronation Bunting Competition

We shall be launching our bunting competition at the start of next term so watch this space and perhaps start gathering together your ideas for what you might draw to celebrate the King's Coronation.

### PTA Quiz - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April

Tickets will go on sale next term, so save the date and get your teams together!

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Enjoy your 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	This week we have been inventors and have designed and created our own invention to solve the world's problems.	
	In English, we have been reading Julia Donaldson's book 'Stickman' and have used it to explore rhyme and cause and effect. We linked the book to our understanding of the four seasons and loved creating our own stickmen in exploring time.	In Maths, we have been learning to identify 3D shapes and have used them to create prints and patterns. We have continued to develop our knowledge of number bonds to 10 also.
Year 1	This week in English Year 1 have been reading how to grow a dinosaur. We split the story up into sections the beginning, middle and end. Using the same story format the children then started to plan their own story of how to grow an animal of their own choice. First they created a picture story board and then started to plan their writing.	In maths this week Year 1 have been partitioning numbers up to 50. We used base 10 cubes to help us work out how many 10's and 1's are in a given number. We used part-whole models to help us partition using just the number form too.
Year 2	This week in English we have been writing Easter senses poems. The children have thought carefully about how Easter makes them feel, what they may be able to taste and see. The children have worked hard on their presentation and stepped up to the challenge of including a simile or two!	In Maths this week we have continued our unit on mass, capacity and measure. We have investigated measuring in kilograms, millilitres and litres. We have also used the four operations to solve problems related to mass and compared volume and capacity.
Year 3	The children have loved making their posters for Enterprise week using imperative verbs (bossy words!) They are very excited to have them hanging up for you all to see. This week, year 3 have also completed an unaided write based on a video clip 'megacity'. The children all tried hard remembering those full stops and capital letters!	Year 3 finished off their mass and capacity unit this week, focussing on adding mass and capacity. The children are all doing very well with their timetables as well. I seem to be handing out more and more cracking timetables certificates! Go year 3!
Year 4	It has been another exciting week in Year 4. The children had a great time on our trip to the solar farm and the follow up visit looking at solar circuits was so much fun too!	
	The children have been getting ready for our enterprise sale this week by planning out and costing different activities in order to make a profit. They have created advertising posters and have written some very persuasive advertisement slogans to drum up as much business as possible!	In maths the children have started their new topic of decimals. They have really enjoyed looking at the relationships between tenths and fractions, representing decimals using place value charts and identifying them on different number lines.



## Diary Dates 2022-2023

Spring Term	
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Enterprise Afternoon
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Easter Service 1pm
	Last day of term
Summer Term	
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	INSET Day
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	PTA Quiz Night
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4 Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra
	Life Education 'Bus' Visit – SCARF Day
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Life Education 'Bus' Visit – SCARF Day
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Healthy School Day & Fun Run
	Half term begins
Half Term	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	School Opens
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Class Portraits
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers Service 2pm
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	INSET Day
	Year Ends

