



# HAMPRESTON CE (VA) FIRST SCHOOL

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*To love God and to love one another*

## Newsletter 13

### Spring Term 2022

8<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Dear Parents,

It has been another brilliant week as we have made our final preparations for Easter. The children have enjoyed a range of Easter activities which culminated in our first Easter service in the church for two years!! It was lovely to see so many of you there today and I hope that you too enjoyed celebrating this very special occasion with us.

### Egg-cellent Artwork

This week saw the judging of the egg decorating activities across the school. It was brilliant to see the many beautiful and creative designs the children produced and they all did themselves proud. In key stage 2, the standard of work was incredible as ever, and the eggs themselves were works of art. Our early years and key stage 1 children were also wonderfully imaginative and produced some stunning designs which I hope will adorn the front of fridges for some time to come. A huge well done to all the children whose hard work earned them the recognition of the judging panel – and a tasty Easter prize!

### Healthy Fruit Snack

A gentle reminder that we strongly encourage the children to have a healthy snack for their break times. Our younger children are always offered a piece of fruit or vegetable from the school fruit scheme and we would recommend this continue into key stage 2. Some snacks may present themselves as 'healthy' but are often full of sugar or are heavily processed. Snacks such as yoghurts are probably best reserved for lunch times, rather than mid-morning break.

On that note, please remember that Hampreston is a nut free school. Can we kindly ask that parents are extremely careful when choosing items for your children, particularly looking at the ingredients lists? Cereal bars in particular can often have hidden ingredients which may include nuts. If you are ever in any doubt of the presence of nuts, it is best left out of the lunchbox or snack pot. Thank you for your understanding in helping to protect our staff and children.

### Book Fair Success

We were thrilled with the number of people who supported our annual book fair this year. We earned 50% commission on the books we sold which means an amazing total of £320 worth of free books that we can choose for the school! The children will benefit enormously from your support. We would like to thank the Friends of the school for their generous support in the sales department, particularly Mrs Preston-Nazarin.

If you have any feedback about Book Fair, please do get in touch with Mrs Richardson.

### Know Your School Evening

On Wednesday, we held our inaugural Know Your School evening and I was pleased to welcome a number of parents to the evening. I hope that the evening was helpful and gave you a deeper insight into the life of Hampreston.

If you were not able to make it and would be interested in attending in the future, please let the office know. If there is enough interest, we may be able to hold a second evening in the summer term.



## Old Uniform

Our PTA are on the hunt for any old uniform that is no longer fit to be worn so they can transform it into bunting for our upcoming school events. If you have any school jumpers with paint splashes, summer dresses that are frayed or any other items, please don't throw them away. The PTA will arrange a collection of items once we come back after Easter.

## Summer Uniform

Finally, with the warmer weather (supposedly!) 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.

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With the signs of spring all around us as we celebrate the joy of the resurrection at Easter, I would like to wish you all a happy and safe Easter. I hope you all find opportunities to enjoy time with friends and family and look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April.

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.

	<b>English</b>	<b>Mathematics</b>
Reception	In English this week, we have read and drawn pictures to sequence the Easter Story. We have also been really busy doing our end of term phonic assessments and guided reading too.	In maths, we have been exploring and playing with numbers using the Easter resources. We have also been practising our subitising skills too.  In Let's Explore, we have gone Easter mad and enjoyed so many different arts and craft and games as well.
Year 1	This week has been assessment-heavy in Year 1! In literacy, the children wrote fantastic accounts of the Easter story, they also produced an 'unaided write' based on cheerful images of spring. The children were wonderfully descriptive and imaginative. Our independent writing showed that Year 1 need a little more practise to ensure consistent use of capital letters and full stops.	In maths, we have concluded the term by finishing our weight and capacity topic; the children have loved this! The children have also showed off their improved arithmetic skills in their maths tests this week – well done Year 1. We have also enjoyed plenty of craft throughout the week; the children made a fantastic job of creating their bunny pots and carefully planting a daffodil bulb.
Year 2	This week in English we have completed an independent writing activity based on a beautiful Spring picture, where the children have really shown off the progress they have made this term. We have also spent time re-capping and consolidating our learning in spelling and grammar.	In Maths this week we have been very busy completing our unit on measurement and starting our unit on shape. The children have worked hard to identify the different 2D and 3D shapes and counting the sides and vertices on 2D shapes.
Year 3	Year 3 have gone deep into the forest this week as they apply their writing skills to longer pieces of description. They used preposition, adverbs, adjectives and similes to enhance their own forest description.	We have used the week to recap mental maths strategies in preparation for our termly assessments. The children practised quick addition, subtraction and simple multiplication and division methods as well as reasoning skills for longer word problems involving length, perimeter, money, statistics and number. After Easter we will be learning about fractions.
Year 4	This week has been a very busy one full off assessed pieces of writing, going through end of term maths assessments, preparing for the Easter service, Easter egg decorating and a brilliant art day recreating work inspired by Mike Weber! The children have taken it all in their stride and are very ready for the Easter break. I have popped a few bits on Seesaw to keep brains ticking over during the holiday and I hope that everyone has a restful and enjoyable time off.	

## Diary Dates 2021-2022

### Summer Term

Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	INSET Day
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	School Opens
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4 Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra Event
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 3 Ancient Technology Centre Visit
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Life Education 'Bus' Visit
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Healthy School Day, Fun Run & Jubilee Celebration
	Half term begins

### Half Term

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Queens Jubilee Bank Holiday
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET Day
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	School Opens
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Class Portraits
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	PTA Summer Fete
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	PTA Father's Day Sale
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Sports Day
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	PTA Disco
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Leavers Service 2pm
	Year Ends