



HAMPRESTON CE (VA) FIRST SCHOOL

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To love God and to love one another

Summer Term 2023
Newsletter 03

5th May 2023

Dear Parents,

What a time to be alive! We are all excited to see the coronation of His Majesty King Charles III this weekend and the school has had a distinctive buzz in the air this week.

A Royal Banquet

Despite the change to plans thanks to the traditional British weather, the children have all had a wonderful time celebrating the King's Coronation this afternoon. Many cakes, biscuits and drinks were enjoyed, and the children finished the afternoon with a rousing chorus of 'The Coronation Song – To the Sound of Trumpets'.



A huge thank you to everyone for making changes to picnic plans at the last minute, for every donation that came in to support our community, and to the parents who turned up to box-in tables and help the afternoon run brilliantly.

Coronation Crafts at Heathland House



Some of our Year 3 children had lots of fun with our friends at Heathland House this week, celebrating the King's coronation together. The children decorated regal biscuits and designed their own crowns, while chatting and enjoying refreshments with the residents. We are so proud of the children for their wonderful social skills and manners. A big thank you to the care home for hosting us again.

Coronation Themed Worship



Does wearing a special hat make you good at your job? The children thought about that question this week in collective worship as we reflected carefully on the meaning of "God Save The King".



New Starter's Evening

We will be hosting our first New Starters Information Evening on Wednesday 10th May from 6:45pm. This is open to parents who have children joining us in September 2023 and is a terrific way for us to welcome new families into the Hampreston community.



The Big Help Out

To mark His Majesty the King's Coronation, thousands of organisations across the country are getting together to give us all the chance to help out in our own local communities.

Starting on **Monday 8th May** there will be opportunities for everyone to join in. No matter what you are good at, there'll be something to suit helping hands of all shapes and sizes!

Children from our School Council have met and discussed ideas which they would like as many families as possible to put into action. They include:

- Helping local cat shelter to create cats' toys:
<https://app.thebighelpout.com/event/643e5f5456b9d370a10dae41>
- Litter picks around the local area:
<https://app.thebighelpout.com/event/641b39cf2b9cb68e466ad0e3>
- Write a letter to someone you haven't seen for a long time.
- Make a cake for a neighbour or visit someone who may be lonely.
- Go through your toys/clothes to donate to a local charity.

We would love you to send us a photograph of what your family chooses to do to so that we can build a display showcasing all the ways we are making a positive contribution to our community. Photos must be sent via Class Dojo and no later than Monday 16th May please.

For more information on The Big Help, go to: <https://thebighelpout.org.uk/>

Sticky Questions

Please support your child's language and communication development by engaging in some philosophical conversation about the sticker they are wearing home.



PTA News

Quiz Night

Thank you to all the families that supported our quiz night last week and congratulations to the winning team, The Quizzly Bears. The shield will be engraved with your team's name, and we look forward to seeing you next year to defend your title!

Freeze Pop Fridays

This weekly event will be back, starting on Friday 12 May! Don't forget your 50p to purchase after school in the playground.

Forthcoming Dates/Events

Friday 19 May - Mufti Day in exchange for £1

Friday 19 May - Summer Movie Night. More details to come nearer the time.

With another amazing weekend on the horizon, I hope you will enjoy time with friends and family as the world marks this historic event. Whether you are taking part in the Big Help Out, joining in with local activities, meeting with loved ones, or simply enjoying the spectacle from the comfort of the sofa, I hope you all have a wonderful Coronation 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 Reception have been learning all about the royal family. We watched video clips from Queen Elizabeth's coronation in 1953 and discussed how King Charles's coronation might be the same/different. We have created our own royal crowns to wear to Friday's celebration and have been enjoying building large landmarks and obstacle courses with our new outdoor equipment.	
	In English, we have been continuing our learning about Little Red Riding Hood using props and costumes to act out the story with our friends and learning about recipes by decorating our own coronation biscuits!	In Maths, we have been revising our knowledge of shapes and finding shapes/models that match. We have been developing our reasoning skills and explaining our answers in full sentences.
Year 1	In English this week, Year 1 have looked at VCOP: Vocabulary, Conjunctions and Punctuation to help make our writing more exciting. The children chose suitable adjectives to describe different animals. They tried to extend their sentences using the conjunctions and, but and because. They also used their knowledge of adjectives to describe King Charles as part of our Coronation celebrations.	This week in Maths, Year 1 finished the unit of work on Volume and Capacity. We compared the capacity of different containers and tried to estimate how many cups it would take to fill them up. We then had a go at some challenging 2 step problems converting all measurements into cups so we could work out which container had the biggest capacity even though they were different shapes and sizes. We also started our work on Multiplication and Division starting to count in 2's and 10's.
Year 2	This week in English we have investigated the day Mary Anning found the Ichthyosaur skeleton. We have imagined the lead up to finding the bones, how she would have felt and what her dreams may have been for her life following the discovery. The children have then gone on to write a diary entry, focusing on using exciting vocabulary, correct punctuation and sentence structure.	In Maths this week we have continued our unit on fractions. We have looked at unit fractions, non-unit fractions and started to understand the equivalence of a half and two quarters.
Year 3	This week, Year 3 have started a new book called 'Brain Freeze' by Tom Fletcher. They are really enjoying it. Taking a scene from the story, the children have acted out a conversation between the main character's brain and tummy. The children have then written out the dialogue using the correct punctuation.	This week, Year 3 have continued with the unit 'money'. We have had the coins and notes out in lessons so children can see how to exchange notes for coins when adding, subtracting and finding change.
Year 4	This week the children have been planning and writing a newspaper article. They have imagined that they are the first reporter on the scene in 1922 to report on the discovery of an incredibly special tomb in the Valley of the Kings. They have edited their work and will also be typing it up just like a real newspaper report.	In maths we have been continuing our focus on decimals. The children are becoming more comfortable with ordering, comparing and rounding decimals, as well as finding the equivalent decimals to a half and a quarter.



Diary Dates 2022-2023

Summer Term

Monday 8th May	Bank Holiday
Wednesday 17th May	Year 4 Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra Life Education 'Bus' Visit – SCARF Day
Thursday 18th May	Life Education 'Bus' Visit – SCARF Day
Friday 19th May	Year 3 to Ancient Technology Centre
Friday 26th May	Healthy School Day & Fun Run Half term begins

Half Term

Monday 5th June	School Opens
Wednesday 7th June	Class Portraits
Thursday 29th June	Year 3 Science workshops at Paulton's Park
Friday 30th June	Sports Day
Thursday 20th July	Leavers Service 2pm
Friday 21st July	INSET Day Year Ends

