



HAMPRESTON CE (VA) FIRST SCHOOL

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To love God and to love one another

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Dear Parents,

The big thaw seems to be underway, leaving the first signs of spring for us to enjoy. We look forward to being able to get outdoors as much as possible in the next couple of weeks as we head towards half term. This time of year is always a lovely one for us as we look back to September and see how far the children have come; not only the knowledge and skills they have acquired but in the way they can interact with so much more confidence and maturity.



Home – School Agreement

There are still many home-school agreements yet to be completed.

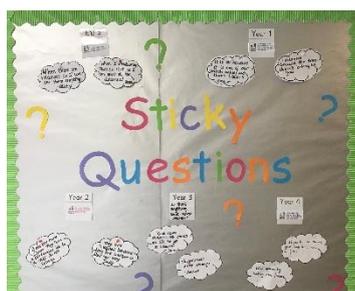
If you haven't already completed the 2022-23 Home-School Agreement please click [here](#) or follow the QR code. Many thanks.

Drop Off Zone

We are very fortunate to have our drop-off zone to make the morning drop-off a little easier, however.....**We still need a few more people who would be willing to staff the drop-off zone between 8:40 and 8:50, particularly on a Wednesday and Thursday.** This is a really important part of school life and aids the whole community. If you are able to offer any help, please contact the office. Sadly, if we do not have any volunteers come forwards, we may not be able to operate the drop off on those days.

Mental Health in Schools Team

We are extremely fortunate to be able to offer a new service to children and families at Hampreston School, National funding has provided us with specially trained Mental Health workers who can support children and their families. It is well known that early intervention to address those first few rumblings of compromised mental health in children can help prevent the problem escalating into crisis point later in life. Children who are suffering low to moderate generalised anxiety, separation anxiety, low mood, sleep problems, trouble managing their anger or experiencing a phobia could benefit hugely from some sessions with our new, lovely mental health workers, Sarah and Emma. They offer a wealth of support, including support for parents, training sessions and are even happy to be on hand at parents evenings if we would like them! Anyone can request access to this service, so if you are interested to know more, drop Mrs Richardson a call or email on: sen@hamprestonfirstschool.com.



Sticky Questions

The deep thinking of your children has made our hearts sing this week! They contribute to the Sticky Questions class discussion with so much more confidence and clarity when they have had a chance to talk through their thoughts with you at home, so thank you for showing such an interest and encouraging your child to practise their oracy and reasoning skills first. We hope you can zoom in and enjoy some of their responses on our display!



Music app success

We are delighted to hear some of the children have already begun experimenting with YuStudio at home and by the sounds of it, have been thoroughly enjoying composing their own unique rhythms and tunes! If you need help getting started, please let your class teacher know.

Big Me Dressing Up Day: Friday 3rd February

We are all looking forward to seeing the future version of your child coming in to school on Monday! We hope you can find or make an outfit or a prop that represents your child's aspiration. It will be a fun and informative day!

Weekly Presentation Prizes

At Hampreston, we want every single child to be proud of the way they present their work in their books. This week we were most impressed with the excellent effort made by the following children:

Rec - Archie

Y1 - Lily

Y2 - Tilly

Y3 - Ari

Y4 - Focussing on practical, not written work this week!

Who will it be next week?

PTA News

Pre-Loved Uniform and Book Sale - 30th January

Just a reminder that we will be in the school playground at pick up on Monday 30th January with a great selection of pre-loved uniform and pre-loved books. 3 books for £1. Logo uniform items £1 each. Non logo uniform items 50p and will be Buy One Get One Free in our January sale!

Smarties Challenge

The smarties challenge will be making a return in the February half term. So start lining up those chores for the children to earn their financial rewards for the school.

Dress Up / Costume Sale

With World Book Day on the horizon, we would like to be able to run a pre-loved costume / dress up sale. Donations will be accepted from 19th February, either to a PTA committee member or into the school office. Please have a sort through the dressing up box over the half term to see if you can contribute.

As always your efforts and donations are very much appreciated and go directly towards helping our school.

Have a wonderful 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 exploring Chinese New Year. We have made collage lanterns, built dragons and even painted some beautiful fans. We even challenged how to write numbers in Chinese writing!	
	We have been exploring lists and have written lists of items we would like to bring to a Chinese New Year party. We then created our own lists during our exploring time; taking orders from children all around the classroom.	We have been exploring mass and have been weighing different objects. We have been comparing which items are lighter or heavier and explaining how we know. We also used our measuring skills to make our own class playdough! Look out on ClassDojo for the recipe to make your own at home.
Year 1	This week in English we have been looking at different types of sentences such as, statements, commands, questions and exclamations. We then used some of these sentences to write information about the toys we brought in from home. We chose our best sentences to create a poster trying to persuade other people to buy the same toy.	In maths we have been learning how to use a number line from 0 to 20. We remembered which way along the number line we needed to look to find a smaller or bigger number. We also learned how to estimate where we might plot a number on a number line, even when we didn't have a scale to count along.
Year 2	This week in English this week we have been writing newspaper articles. We have read the book 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers and imagined that the penguin in the story had escaped from Hampreston Zoo! The children have worked really hard to use expanded noun phrases to describe his escape and extend their sentences with the word 'and'.	In Maths this week we have continued our unit on Money. We have made the same amount, calculated with money and compared money. We then went on to making a pound. The children have impressed me with their perseverance during a tricky unit.
Year 3	Year 3 have loved English this week, using their planning from last week and turning it into a legend story. I have been so impressed with the amazing descriptive vocabulary the children have all used. Well done year 3!	We have had fun practically measuring items around the classroom this week using cm and m rulers. All children have understood this really well and enjoyed doing more hands on maths.
Year 4	This week has been DT week in Year 4! The children have had a great week researching, designing, creating and evaluating their very own pencil cases. They have diligently sewn seams and applique decorations for their pencil cases and they are very proud of their fantastic efforts.	The children have worked really hard this week to master informal methods of division. This is a really tricky concept and the children have attacked it with gusto! They have used part-part-whole models and place value grids to help them to divide 2 and 3-digit numbers. It's a tricky concept but they have coped very well.



Diary Dates 2022-2023

Spring Term

Friday 3 th February	Big Me Day
Tuesday 7 th February	Internet Safety Day
Friday 10 th February	Healthy School Day & Walk-2-School Morning
	Mental Health Day
	Half term begins

Half Term

Monday 20 th February	School Opens
	PTA AGM 6pm
Tuesday 21 st February	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 22 nd February	Parent Consultations
Thursday 2 nd March	World Book Day
Tuesday 7 th March	Book Fair Week
Friday 17 th March	Red Nose Day
Monday 20 th March	Enterprise Week
Wednesday 22 nd March	Year 4 Solar Farm Visit
Friday 24 th March	Enterprise Afternoon
Friday 31 st March	Easter Service 1pm
	Last day of term

Summer Term

Monday 17 th April	INSET Day
Wednesday 17 th May	Year 4 Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra
	Life Education 'Bus' Visit – SCARF Day
Thursday 18 th May	Life Education 'Bus' Visit – SCARF Day
Friday 26 th May	Healthy School Day & Fun Run
	Half term begins

Half Term

Monday 5 th June	School Opens
Wednesday 7 th June	Class Portraits
Friday 30 th June	Sports Day
Thursday 20th July	Leavers Service 2pm
Friday 21st July	INSET Day
	Year Ends

