



# HAMPRESTON CE (VA) FIRST SCHOOL

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*To love God and to love one another*

## Spring Term 2024 - Newsletter 25

22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024

Dear Parents,

Here is all of the news from this week, its been a busy one!

### Celebrating Neurodiversity 18<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> March

At Hampreston we love the fact that we are all unique and we often celebrate our differences. This week, we have been exploring differences in the way people think and respond to things around them. Often, conditions such as ADHD, dyspraxia, dyslexia or autism are viewed only as challenges, but we want to remind children of the many people who have accomplished great things because they are neurodivergent. Please visit <https://www.neurodiversityweek.com/2024-event-recordings> for a wealth of online resources and events, such 'Understanding neurodiversity as a family'.

We hope you will join us in helping your child grow their mind to be curious and supportive about human differences.



### PTA Update

If you are thinking of starting your Spring clear out this weekend or over the Easter holidays, please consider putting any re-useable unwanted clothes, shoes, accessories, bags or belts to one side. We have arranged a collection with Bag2School for Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May and would appreciate these donations, to fundraise as much as possible for the school. More details will follow after the Easter holidays.

On the subject of clothing, we do have some preloved uniform available but currently no branded items. Any requests you may have to get your child/children through the last term, can be sent to either the office or [PTA@hamprestonfirstschool.com](mailto:PTA@hamprestonfirstschool.com)

### Easter Service – All Saints Hampreston, Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March.

Our Easter Service will take place, in the church, on Thursday 28<sup>th</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.**

If at all possible, please try 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.



## Tag Rugby Festival

On Thursday a group of 12 year 4 children had a fantastic day at Chapel Gate taking part in a Tag Rugby festival. The children took part in coaching sessions led by local coaches from Bournemouth Rugby Club and then put their newly learned skills and tactics into practise. They played four matches making great tackles and scoring lots of tries against their opposition. Well done team!



## Gymnastics Competition

Today we took the 3 teams to the Dorset Tumbling Competition, this is the largest number that we have ever entered and included, for the first time, a mixed team. The children's hard work and practise paid off as they all they performed their skills and routines brilliantly! This event is always highly competitive with lots of local schools entering. This did not phase our teams however as 2 teams made the finals and 1 team came away as East Dorset Tumbling Champions! Well done to all the children for their hard work and effort.



## Key Stage 2 Egg Decorating Competition

On **Wednesday 27<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 60 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.

## Lost Property

As we announced last week we will be displaying the contents of our lost property box very soon in the playground after school. If by the end of term we still have items unclaimed, these will be donated to clothing banks during the Easter break as we are struggling to house all of the lost property. Thank you.

Have a great weekend!

Yours sincerely,



Mr T Williams  
Headteacher

## Diary Dates 2023-2024

Spring Term	
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Service 1pm Last day of term, finish at 2pm.
Summer Term	
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	School Opens
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Half term begins
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Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	School Opens
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Sports Day
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers Service 2pm Year Ends for students
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	INSET DAY
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	INSET DAY



### 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	In English, we have been showing off our sentence writing skills but writing sentences about Stickman. We have been reading the suffixes -ing, -s and -es on the end of root words in phonics, and applying this knowledge to our spelling.	In Maths, we have been learning the names for different 3D shapes and using them to build towers, sort objects and go on shape hunts around our environment.
	Easter! We have begun our learning about Easter by exploring The Easter Story in our RE lessons and using role play to understand what happened. We have been learning about the features of a church and we are looking forward to visiting for our Easter service next week to spot all of the features we have learnt about. We have been decorating stained glass windows to develop our fine motor skills and using our observational skills to draw the outside of a church.	
Year 1	This week in English the children started to create their own version of 'How to Grow a Dinosaur.' First they discussed what animal or creature their seeds could grow into and what adventures and mischief they would get into. They then drew a story map of the beginning, middle and end before they started to compose sentences with interesting openers for the first section.	In maths we worked really hard finding one more and one less than numbers up to 50. We used number lines and 50 squares to help us especially when we had to cross tens numbers. We also started our height and length topic and started to compare the size of different objects and put them in size order. We also had a go at measuring classroom objects with cubes and paper clips to help us compare them even further.
Year 2	This week in English we have continued our research into the Titanic disaster. The children have chosen their own subheadings for their non chronological reports and written some carefully chosen facts about the disaster. They have worked hard to be independent and organise their information under the correct subheading.	In Maths this week we have continued our unit on mass, capacity and temperature. We have used the four operations to solve problems and compared volume and capacity. The children have completed end of term assessments and worked hard to use their problem solving skills in some tricky two step problems. 'Your one minute maths task is: multiplication: multiply by 5'
Year 3	This week in English, the children have been writing their very own forest stories in the form of a traditional tale. I have absolutely loved reading them. Their imaginations are brilliant! As well as having to plan and write their stories, the children were challenged further to include lots of different prepositions in their writing. Great job Year 3!	This week in Maths, the children have finished off the mass and capacity topic. They have continued to enjoy the measurement supermovers and now know all the lyrics which has, in turn, supported them with their mathematical knowledge. Towards the end of the week, the children have worked incredibly hard completing their end of term maths quizzes.
Year 4	In English, Year 4 have been recapping their learning from this half term. They have been focusing on structuring sentences in interesting ways to engage the reader. The children have been exploring the use of fronted adverbials, clauses, and expanded noun phrases. By incorporating these techniques, they have been	In maths, the children have been continuing their exploration of decimals. They have zoomed in on tenths as fractions and decimals, and have become adept at placing these numbers on a place value chart. The class has also delved into dividing 1 and 2-digit numbers by 10 using place value charts for assistance.



able to make their writing more engaging and compelling.	
<p>This week, we had an amazing visit to the solar farm, and luckily, the weather held off for us! The children had the unique opportunity to learn all about how electricity is generated using solar power. Tracy and her team from the solar farm gave a captivating presentation, explaining the intricate processes involved. The highlight of the visit was when the children got hands-on experience with mini solar cells. They created different circuits and tested the power generated by them in various parts of the school. It was a truly illuminating experience for all!</p>	

