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Newsletter 11 | Summer Term 2021

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Dear Parents,

I hope you have recovered from the highs of Wednesday night and are gearing up for another nail-biting weekend. It has been a great week at Hampreston, seeing the children revel in football successes that are new to all of us. If only they knew what we have all been through before!

Paultons Park



Year 3 enjoyed a very successful visit to Paultons Park on Thursday where they took part in some excellent educational workshops based on forces and motion. The children became rollercoaster engineers, conducting tests and using software to control a 3D model of a ride, watching it as it came to life! Of course, a visit to a theme park is not complete without a few cheeky rides



on the real rollercoasters! It was a fun-packed and valuable learning experience and Mrs Richardson was very impressed with how brilliantly the children represented Hampreston School. Grateful thanks to the adults who kindly accompanied Year 3 on the trip.

Drop Off Zone – September helpers needed!

With a potential return to a more ‘normal’ September on the horizon, we will once again be asking for volunteers to help staff the drop-off zone each morning. So far, we have not had anybody come forwards – perhaps like me, you can’t quite believe it will happen – but it would be very helpful to have a list of helpers before the end of term please. That way, all being well, we can get straight back into routine when school reopens on Monday 6th September.

July 19th (Step 4) and September Opening

On the subject of September, and in light of the proposals to end many restrictions from the 19th July, I wanted to reiterate that there will be no changes to the routines of the school day during that week. We feel it is important for the children to maintain the routines we have had in place all year; the last week of a school year is not the time to try implementing new things and I am sure you have all got your routines well in place until the end of the year.

However, we will adapt our response to suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19 during that week in line with DfE guidance. This will mean a change to our bubble system from a Test and Trace perspective. We are hopeful that, by keeping our careful restrictions in place in school that week, we can do everything possible to minimise any disruption to the start of the summer holidays. Obviously, all of this depends on the Prime Minister’s decision to be confirmed on Monday.

I am looking forward to sending the updated Parent Handbook 2021-22 to you all in due course in the hope that its contents will not be affected by further COVID-based changes prior to September.

Sports Day

Don’t forget that on Monday we will be holding our Sports Day activities and the children will all need their PE kits. As in previous years, we invite the children to wear t-shirts in their house team colours if they would like to. This is a lovely way to celebrate our house teams, but is entirely optional.



We are hoping for beautiful weather and so the children will need sunscreen, hats and water bottles. However, if the weather is not up to the task, we will move to our reserve day, Tuesday 13th July. Where possible, we will notify you ahead of time if this looks likely.

Move Up Day

It was brilliant to see the children in their new classes this morning. I am always amazed at how they all sit just a little taller in their seats on days like this. I know that they had a great time meeting their new teachers and teaching assistants and that it has whet their appetite for the September.

Second Hand Uniform Sale

Just to remind you that the Friends of Hampreston will be holding a second-hand uniform sale at the end of the day on Friday 16th July.

Whatever you are getting up to this weekend, I hope you manage to enjoy the sunny weather and even if you are not a football fan, I hope that the excitement and hopes of the nation lift your spirits. Have a great weekend...

Come on England!

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
Reception	<p>This week in English, we have read two stories about camping on a farm. We have learnt to write and spell key vocabulary involved with camping and we have written postcards home about our camping trip at the very luxurious and exciting Hampreston Campsite!</p> <p>This week in let's Explore, we have designed tents and made cardboard 3D models of them, played in the campsite area and set up the den each day by hammering the pegs in to place. We have practised writing our lower case letters, thought about essential and non-essential items to take camping plus lots more!</p>	<p>In maths we have been measuring length height and distance. The children have been thinking really carefully about which of the following terminology is accurate to use: shorter, longer, shortest, longest, taller and tallest. We have used okay dough to make measuring worms and caterpillars using the challenge cards and then completed written work in our power maths journals.</p>
Year 1	<p>This week in literacy, the children designed their own Mr Man or Little Miss character. They came up with some inventive descriptions! We also reflected on Year 1; the children enjoyed writing letters to Reception to reassure them about moving up to a new year group in September.</p>	<p>In maths, Year 1 have revised 2D and 3D shapes, halves and quarters. The children were able to guess which shape was in my bag by quizzing me about its properties. They could fold different shapes into halves and quarters and even find a half or a quarter of different quantities.</p>
Year 2	<p>Year 2 have written a great story this week all about a magic pebble which transports them on an adventure. The writing has been enthusiastic, purposeful and accurately written.</p>	<p>In maths children have solved some logical maths puzzles and also looked at how we measure capacity.</p>
Year 3	<p>Year 3 have been planning the layout for an information page. They are finding creative ways to present their information, focusing on organisation and presentation. We have been enjoying our new class novel entitled "Oliver and the Seawigs", which is full of challenging and stimulating new vocabulary.</p>	<p>In maths, we take a break from 'time' for a few days of general maths assessment. We will shortly be moving onto capacity (using l and ml). Please help your child learn their 6 and 9 times tables for an informal test on Monday.</p>
Year 4	<p>We have also been reflecting on ourselves and our time in Hampreston. The children have worked very hard to complete some poetry and other artistic pieces for our end of year project.</p>	<p>We have all loved being back at school this week. The children have had a very maths-heavy week looking at describing movement on a grid using co-ordinates, lines of symmetry in shapes and patterns and completing their own symmetric patterns and figures.</p>

Diary Dates 2020-2021

Summer Term	
Monday 12 th July	Sports Afternoon
Tuesday 13 th July	Reserve Sports Afternoon
Tuesday 20 th July	KS2 Production Filming
Thursday 22 nd July	Reception & KS1 Disco 5:30 – 6:15pm KS2 Disco 6:30 – 7:30pm
Friday 23 rd July	Leaver's Celebration 2:00pm Last day of term – Break up @ 3pm

Term Dates for Academic Year 2021-2022

Autumn Term 2021

First Day Monday 6th September 2021
Half term Monday 25th October - Friday 29th October 2021
Last Day Friday 17th December 2021

Spring Term 2022

First Day Tuesday 4th January 2022
Half term Monday 21st February – Friday 25th February 2022
Last Day Friday 8th April 2022

Summer Term 2022

First Day Monday 25th April 2022
Half Term Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June 2022
Last Day Friday 22nd July 2022

In addition, the school will be closed on the following dates for staff training:

Thursday 2nd September 2021

Friday 3rd September 2021

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Monday 2nd May 2022 – Bank Holiday