



# HAMPRESTON CE (VA) FIRST SCHOOL

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*To love God and to love one another*

## Newsletter 4 Spring Term 2022

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Dear Parents,

What a week it has been! As many of you will have noticed, I have been away from school this week taking my own COVID-journey. Sadly, there was no early release for me, but I am feeling much better and can't wait to re-join the school on Monday. I would like to offer my huge thanks to all the staff who have done a fantastic job in my absence, particularly Mr McNally and Mrs Richardson.

### Midday Movers

At Hampreston, we encourage all of our children to keep fit and healthy. Ackie and JSC are putting on a Midday Movers club every Wednesday and Friday lunchtime. This club will do lots of running around our school grounds in the hope of running all the way to London by half term! It's 103km to Buckingham Palace so we had better get moving!



### National Storytelling Week: 31<sup>st</sup> January – 6<sup>th</sup> February

We can't wait to immerse ourselves in story world and celebrate our love of listening to and telling stories!

The whole school will be lucky enough to enjoy a virtual meet with author Bemma Akyeampong and hear her new best-selling book.

Also, Reception children will enjoy a virtual story through our local library service.



We are sad not to be able to invite you in to share stories with children at this current time but feel optimistic that in the coming months we may be able to do so. If you are interested in either volunteering to support individual children with their reading or to come for 20 minutes at the end of a day and read a one-off story you love, please email Mrs Richardson on [year3@hamprestonfirstschool.com](mailto:year3@hamprestonfirstschool.com).

### Big Me Day: Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February

Our last **Big Me** Day was so successful we would like to do it again on Friday 4th February. In a nutshell, this is all about considering what path in life your child might like to take and dressing up as their chosen vocation! We have lots of discussions about goals and ambition and we bring to light the realm of choices and opportunities children could have all through their lives. Of course, they could try more than one job and may change their mind! Please start thinking ahead about your child's costume and as we always emphasise, don't spend a fortune - make, borrow or visit a charity shop!





This is it – your last chance to help the PTA secure a nomination as part of the ASDA Foundation Green Token Giving scheme. You can help to raise funds towards plans to redevelop the school library, creating a stunning new Reading Room, by visiting [www.asda.com/green-tokens](http://www.asda.com/green-tokens) and selecting Bournemouth from the drop-down box. Our local store will also be promoting this fantastic fundraising project in store, so if you happen to be passing, listen out for a mention!

Supporters can vote once every seven days, so even if you have already voted, there is still time this weekend!

First place in the voting will bring a £500 donation to the Friends as they continue to raise funds to support this exciting new project for summer 2022!

### Know Your School Evening - Postponed

Finally, our Know Your School evening, scheduled for this coming Monday evening has been postponed. As soon as we have a new date for this, we will let you know. Thanks for your understanding.

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Whatever you get up to this weekend, be sure to make it a good one. I look forward to seeing you all again next week.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Williams', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**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>In Reception Class this week, we had a very 'eggciting' time as a dinosaur egg was mysteriously left in a nest outside our classroom. We took it inside to investigate. First we wanted to get it warm so we left it on the radiator for a day but nothing happened. So the next day we thought it might be a water dinosaur so the children wanted to put it in warm water. We got a fish tank and filled it up and left that on the radiator.</p> <p>We all got very excited when it wobbled about in the water and even released bubbles. Today we arrived at school to find it had hatched and it's nose was poking out of the egg. We got the dinosaur out and found it was a T-Rex!</p> <p>We read how to grow a dinosaur together and made dinosaur seed packets which we wrote instructions on.</p> <p>In maths we learnt more and less/fewer than.</p> <p>In phonics we learnt the digraphs ow, oi, and ur, then the trigraph ear.</p> <p>It has been a very busy dinosaur filled week.</p>	
Year 1	<p>In English, we have read the story of 'The Gigantic Turnip'. The children enjoyed planning a story of their own inspired by The Gigantic Turnip. I look forward to reading titles such as 'The Immense Banana' next week.</p>	<p>In maths, the children have explored a new mental method: 'adding by making 10'. This has involved rewriting calculations that cross 10, such as <math>8 + 5</math> as <math>10 + 3</math>. While this has been tricky to grasp at first, some children have found that the method suits them well!</p>
Year 2	<p>This week in English we have been reading 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers. The children have been thinking about how the penguin came to visit the little boy. They have looked at the features of newspaper articles and gone on to write their own article reporting the penguin's escape from the zoo.</p>	<p>In Maths this week we have started our unit on multiplication and division. The children spent some time making equal groups before moving on to adding and multiplying equal groups. The children have done well remembering the knowledge they gained in year 1 and applying it to more complex multiplication number sentences.</p>
Year 3	<p>Our literacy has resulted in some very imaginative writing about our own legends. We planned a structured story and have spent several lessons trying to use effective "heroic" language. We have also edited our work, looking for opportunities to improve our initial ideas.</p>	<p>In Year 3 we have continued to learn multiplication strategies. Multiplying a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number can be challenging, but we have been learning to set our work out neatly and systematically.</p>
Year 4	<p>The children have coped very well this week with lots of changes and I am very pleased with them. In English we have been reminding ourselves about nouns, verbs and adjectives and thinking about how they can be manipulated to create interesting sentences. The children have written fantastic verb focused poems, noun phrase poems and even looked at how to use expanded noun phrases with prepositions.</p>	<p>In maths we have been looking at area of rectilinear shapes by counting squares, comparing them and creating different shapes given certain area criteria. Some children even went on to investigate how to length of the sides of shapes can relate to their area.</p>

## Diary Dates 2021-2022

### Spring Term

<b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January</b>	<b>'Know Your School' evening @ 7:00pm</b>
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Big Me Day
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Internet Safety Day
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>PTA Bingo Night</b>
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	Healthy School Day & Walk2School Morning
	Half term begins

### Half Term

Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	School Opens
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Year 4 Pancake race
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	World Book Day
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Consultations 5-8pm
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Consultations 3-6pm
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>PTA Mother's Day Sale</b>
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Service 1pm
	Last day of term

### Summer Term

Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	INSET Day
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Healthy School Day & Fun Run
	Half term begins

### Half Term

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