



# HAMPRESTON CE (VA) FIRST SCHOOL

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**Newsletter 5**  
**Autumn Term 2021**

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Dear Parents

It has certainly been a bit of a wild week and the children are all beginning to show the usual tell-tale tiredness as we head towards half term. My thanks to yourselves and our wonderful staff for continuing to buoy them up, keeping them going for a little while longer.

## Year 3 and 4 – Weymouth and Chesil Beach

Years 3 and 4 had a wonderful time in Weymouth on Tuesday! The theatre experience was great fun and we learnt lots during Neal Layton's show about what it is like to be an author and illustrator as well as how important it is to look after our planet.

After enjoying our lunch at Chesil Beach, we set to work with our litter pickers and managed to collect an impressive amount of rubbish lurking beneath the pebbles. Some of us found mermaids' purses as an added bonus! All the children made us proud with their enthusiastic and safe conduct.



## Uniform and PE Kits

With the autumn weather now very evident, please do ensure that your child has suitable outdoor clothing, especially warm and waterproof coats, each day. School fleeces can be brilliant this time of year as an extra layer for outside if it is chilly but please remember they are not a replacement for jumpers or cardigans.

As a side note, please remember that we do not allow jewellery of any sort other than simple analogue watches. Earrings should not be worn unless ears have been recently pierced – in which case, they should be taped up for safety until the holes are fixed.

Finally, please do continue to send your child in wearing correct PE kit on PE days, being mindful of the colder days. We do try to keep as many PE lessons outside as possible, so joggers and jumpers will really help to keep the children warm.

## School Admissions – September 2022

It is that time of year already. Even though we have just started this year, if you have a child in year 4 or a child due to start school in September 2022, it is time to consider your applications. Letters will be sent to our year 4 families and more information is available on the [Dorset Council website](#).

## Parent Governor Election

The deadline for the parent governor election closed last Friday. In the end there was only one applicant, as the other two potential candidates withdrew before the deadline. As there was therefore an uncontested appointment, we are delighted to confirm that Mrs Fru Bird is the new parent governor with effect from Monday 4 October 2021.

## PTA Donut Day

Please note that the Friends (PTA) of Hampreston Donut Day has been moved and is now this coming Wednesday after school, rather than the Friday. Donuts will be on sale after school should you need something to help celebrate getting through another Wednesday 'hump-day'!



## COVID reminders

Coronavirus continues to be a part of our lives and we would like to ask that parents continue to be vigilant for the common symptoms of COVID 19 – a new, persistent cough, loss or change in taste or smell, a high temperature. Please follow local and national guidelines on suspected cases of COVID, seeking testing as needed, notifying the school of any suspected or positive cases.

Since August this year, schools no longer hold responsibility for tracking close contacts and should a parent or child test positive, NHS Test and Trace will contact you directly to determine any close contacts. Should they need input from the school they will contact us. Similarly, should school need to communicate with parents for any reason, this will be communicated to us. Current guidance for primary schools does not require children to self-isolate unless otherwise asked to do so by NHS Test and Trace. Families with children at middle, upper or secondary schools may see different approaches as there are different rules for secondary-aged pupils.

As for Hampreston, we will continue to support you through this COVID journey we are on. We continue to promote good ventilation, regular cleaning and effective hygiene in school. As ever, we appreciate your support and understanding as we navigate the changing rules around coronavirus.

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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.

	<b>English</b>	<b>Mathematics</b>
Reception	<p>This week in Reception class, we have been learning all about scarecrows and based our work on the story <i>The Scarecrow's Hat</i>. We read the story together, sequenced the events in order from the start to the finish and retold the story too!</p> <p>The children made scarecrows both in miniature and real-life sizes and did many other activities about scarecrows too.</p> <p>In phonics we learnt the sounds; i, n, m and d this week.</p>	<p>In maths, we learnt the numbers to 5 and practised reading, writing and counting with them in a variety of contexts including practically with objects and pictorially. We also did some sequencing work using harvest pictures as well.</p>
Year 1	<p>In literacy this week, we have been studying <i>Gorilla</i> by Anthony Browne. Through discussion, the children offered some very mature ideas about the thoughts and feelings of the characters in the book. They wrote their own story inspired by <i>Gorilla</i>; the children started by making a storyboard, which became a helpful prompt for writing the story. In phonics, we began our phase 5 learning. This meant that the children learnt some brand new digraphs, including ay (play), ou (cloud), oy (annoy) and ea (beach).</p>	<p>In maths this week, the children impressed me by recalling their number bonds to 10 with much more confidence. We have been exploring different ways of partitioning numbers (e.g. we partitioned 7 into 4 and 3). The children used physical resources to help them understand the idea of partitioning a number and some children enjoyed challenging themselves by splitting a number into three parts!</p>
Year 2	<p>This week in English we have been reading <i>The Tin Forest</i> and looking at how the old man's dreams come true. The children have used some excellent adjectives to describe what they could see, hear and feel in the forest.</p>	<p>In Maths we have been learning how to count in 3s and have started our new unit, addition and subtraction. The children have been learning about fact families and loved playing our 'find your family' game.</p>
Year 3	<p>Year 3 have been inspired by their visit to see Neal Layton at the theatre and have retold the story of <i>The Tree</i> from the point of view of one of the animals whose home was nearly destroyed. They have proofread and edited their own writing for accurate sentence punctuation. The grammar focus was on when to use 'a' instead of 'an' and we have revised all the ways of spelling the 'ay' sound in words.</p>	<p>In maths, we have practised subtracting ones from a 3-digit number using the exchange method. There is a short tutorial for any parents who would like to see it on Seesaw. We have worked hard on our 3 times tables and are now ready to start the 4s.</p>
Year 4	<p>It has been a fantastic week in Year 4. We started the week by writing persuasive letters trying to convince Mr Williams that, although we missed school because we went to the Stone Age, we still were able to learn lots about how people lived and share this with him. We have also created some beautiful persuasive artwork based on the story of 'The Tree' by Neal Layton who we saw in Weymouth.</p>	<p>In maths we have been learning how to round to the nearest 1,000 and have used our fantastic rounding knowledge to solve mathematical reasoning problems. We have also started to use number lines to help us to count in steps of 25 and use this knowledge to solve problems.</p>

## Diary Dates 2021-2022

Autumn Term	
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	AFC Bournemouth Mental Health Workshops
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	<a href="#">Friend's Donut Day</a>
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 4 trip to Stonehenge
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Healthy School Day & Walk2School Morning Half term begins
Half Term	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	School Opens
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Parent Consultations 5-8pm
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Parent Consultations 3-6pm
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	<a href="#">Friends Mufti-Day</a>
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Day
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need Day
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	AFC Bournemouth Road Safety Workshops
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	AFC Bournemouth Citizenship Workshops
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Year 4 trip to Dudsbury Camp
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	'No Pens' Wednesday
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	<a href="#">Friend's Mufti-Day</a> <a href="#">Friend's Christmas Wreath Workshop</a>
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Enterprise Week
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Enterprise Afternoon 2:30pm
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	<a href="#">Friend's Christmas Fair 11am-3pm</a>
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Carols by Candlelight
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS/KS1 Nativity
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS/KS1 Nativity
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christingle Service 1pm Last day of term
Spring Term	
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>INSET DAY</b>
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	School Opens
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Big Me Day
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Internet Safety Day
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
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Service 1pm Last day of term
Summer Term	
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Proposed INSET Day
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Healthy School Day & Fun Run Half term begins
Half Term	
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>School Closed for Queen's Jubilee Bank Holiday</b>
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	School Opens
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Class Portraits
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Sports Day
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Leavers Service 2pm Year Ends

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