



HAMPRESTON CE (VA) FIRST SCHOOL

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To love God and to love one another

**Summer Term 2023
Newsletter 10**

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Dear Parents,

Summer days are the best and the smiles and excitement in the eyes of our children has been wonderful to see this week. They have all been so excited for this week's fun activities, with Sports Day firmly in their sights.

Summer Fayre



What a scorcher! We were lucky enough to have wall-to-wall sunshine once again at this year's Summer Fayre and it was amazing to see such a fantastic turn out. I know you will have enjoyed the various stalls and activities hosted by our wonderful PTA and staff. There were some great stalls and activities on offer, from cakes and muffins, to the deliciously moist burgers at the barbeque tent.



These events do not happen by accident and my thanks go to everyone involved for the massive effort and time put in. Seeing the school community come together and enjoy the day was brilliant. I would also like



to thank the staff for supporting the event. The children all had a wonderful day and I must congratulate the PTA for a very successful day of fun and fund-raising.



Year 1 High Mead



Year 1 had a fantastic time at High Mead Farm on Thursday. They were able to see and interact with lots of different animals and they also planted their own sunflower seeds. It was a great opportunity to bring their learning from the science topics of plants and animals to life.



Year 3 Paultons Park



WOW! What a fantastic day! The children learnt all about the different forces on rides - even the ones they went on! The 2 learning lab workshops were brilliant, with the children programming and debugging a Skyswinger model and testing gravity and friction on a K'nex model rollercoaster. I am very proud of all the children. They represented Hampreston School brilliantly! Well done Year 3!



Midday Supervisor Vacancy

We are advertising for a midday supervisor position within the school. This is a key role for us and we would welcome anyone keen to be involved in the life of the school to apply. Details can be found on the school website and on the [DorsetForYou](https://www.dorsetforyou.com) website. For more details, why not give the office a call? If you know of anyone who may be interested, please put them in touch. Thanks.

Parent Survey 2023

I have been thrilled by the number of people who have already completed our Parent Survey – it really does help us to evaluate how we are doing and where we can make things even better at Hampreston. If you have missed this, there is still time to complete it by following the link below or via the QR code – it really does only take a minute or two.

<https://forms.office.com/e/nhc4QrNiWd>



Teacher Industrial Action – Wednesday 5th and Friday 7th July

You should have received information today about the NEU industrial action next week. While we have been able to share arrangements for Wednesday 5th July, we are not yet able to confirm arrangements for Friday 7th July and hope to do so early next week.

Transition / Move-Up Day Monday 10th July

With the planned NEU industrial action impacting schools across the country, we have worked closely with colleagues in our local schools to rearrange this important day, which will now take place on Monday 10th July. Middle schools have worked to communicate arrangements with Year 4 families and most should be visiting their new schools all day on Monday 10th July. This allows us to give all of the children a taster of their new year groups and the chance to spend a little time with their new teachers.

On Monday 10th July, all of our children in EYFS, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 will spend a part of their morning with their new teachers, getting to know them and finding out what next year has in store. It is a great chance for teachers to meet the children and helps settle any worries they might have. I know the children will have a great time and will love sharing with you what they get up to.



Dog Safety workshops

We were very pleased to welcome Vicky from the Dogs Trust charity on Tuesday. Vicky delivered a fantastic assembly on how to be safe around dogs and followed up in more detail during workshops with the children, including reading dogs' body language, asking permission to stroke a dog and when we should never touch dogs.

Private music lessons

If your child will be in Year 2, 3 or 4 from September, and you would like to pay for them to have piano or keyboard lessons at school, please get in touch as soon as possible for the contact details of the peripatetic teacher.

Books back to school by Friday 14th July please!

We would like to request that in the next week or two, you hunt high and low at home for any school books that may accidentally have not been returned. We want to start the new year fresh - with full sets of guided reading books in EYFS and Key Stage 1, Key Stage 2 banded books or any books your child has brought home for pleasure.

We understand accidents can happen, so please don't worry, but we would always be grateful if you could tell us if a book cannot be returned through loss or damage, so other children do not miss out. We will not be sending any books home after Friday 14th July so we can audit our stock, but of course, you always have our local library to choose from if you want to keep your child hooked on books this summer.

PTA News

Summer Fayre

Thank you so much for coming and supporting this fantastic event on Saturday. We will give more details of monies that such events have raised throughout the year, towards the end of term.

School Disco

Please save the date for our end of year school disco on Friday 14th July 2023.

EYFS & KS1: 5.30 – 6.15pm and KS2: 6.30 – 7.30pm.

There will be a pocket money/tuck shop, so please send your child prepared.

I hope that the next few days are filled with fun and laughter – and not least some exciting tales of the week! Take care and 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	The children have blown me away in English this week as they have challenged themselves to rewrite the story of The Gingerbread Man! They have used capital letters, full stops, finger spaces and their phonics skills to write amazing recounts.	In Maths, we have been problem solving using addition. We have linked our Maths learning to our favourite stories including Mr Gumpy's Outing and The Gingerbread Man. We investigated floating and sinking, identifying which materials floated and counted how many counters it took for them to sink.
Year 1	In English year 1 worked hard on using interesting sentence openers to retell the story of The Three Billy Goats Gruff. They also tried to include the adjectives and speech in their stories that they practised last week.	This week in maths year 1 started learn about time. They started by using the vocabulary 'before and after', then used songs and rhymes to help them remember and order the day of the week and months of the year.
Year 2	This week in English the children have started planning tourist brochures! We have read the book 'On the beach' by Roland Harvey and thought about the activities we could get up to at the beach. The children have thought about what activities would be most popular and the vocabulary they could use to persuade people to visit. We will continue the brochures next week and I look forward to reading them!	In Maths this week we have started our position and direction unit. We have practised describing our position in relation to our friends, for example 'I am to the right of him' 'I am standing in between my friends'. The children have done a great job of explaining the route someone could take to get to a designated place.
Year 3	This week in English, we have had a look at colour poetry. The children loved making up their own similes to describe coloured items that were hidden in the bag. I was really impressed with not only the adjectives they used, but the fantastic similes.	This week in maths, the children have been interpreting data from a range of bar charts. They have enjoyed comparing bar charts to see how data can be shown. We have also drawn our own bar charts, making sure rulers have been used!
Year 4	This week has been a busy one in Year 4. They children have been using their <i>Egyptian Cinderella</i> stories to create books that they will be reading with the children in Reception later this term. They also came to a decision about how to spend their Enterprise Week money. I am very proud of the mature discussions that we had as a class, and the children generously decided to give £90 to Cancer Research and the Dog's Trust.	In maths the children have been looking at position and direction. They have looked at how to read and plot coordinates on a grid, how to draw 2-D shapes on a grid and even looked at how to translate points and shapes by using their knowledge of coordinates.



Diary Dates 2022-2023

Summer Term

Friday 30th June

Friday 14th July

Thursday 20th July

Friday 21st July

Sports Day

PTA Disco

Leavers Service 2pm

INSET Day

Year Ends

