



# HAMPRESTON CE (VA) FIRST SCHOOL

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*To love God and to love one another*

## Spring Term 2024 - Newsletter 23

8<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Dear Parents,

What a week we have had, full of excitement and fun activities. It has also been brilliant to finally see a little blue sky and the children have really enjoyed getting outside for breaktimes and PE lessons!

### World Book Day – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March



This year's World Book Day was truly magnificent and we were thrilled with how hard the entire school worked to dress up as favourite book characters and really enter the spirit of the day. We had all sorts of characters this year and I know the children are grateful for the help you give them in getting dressed up for the day.

During the day, the children all took part in a range of activities to celebrate reading, including sharing book recommendations to go on our new Reading Tree – which has been kindly donated by one of our neighbours. The School Council were keen to celebrate reading even more and have asked for it to be given pride of place in the main corridor. From next week, we will start to populate it with a host of ideas for the children to read, so they should never be short of a new book they want to read.



The day culminated in a wonderful, shared reading time where our year 3 and 4 children read to their younger peers in EYFS, year 1 and 2. There was such a magical air to the classes as the children shared and enjoyed books together.

### Urgent Help Needed!



Thank you to the few volunteers who have stepped forwards to help us with our lunchtime supervision challenges. We are still crying out for willing and able people to help us! If you are able to offer even one lunchtime a week, it would be greatly appreciated and help us to avoid making changes to our usual lunchtime routines.

We really need your help in finding permanent staff to join the team and anything you can do – any conversations, contacts or social media posts you can share may highlight the vacancies to interested parties. Thank you.



## Comic Relief – 15<sup>th</sup> March

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March Hampreston First School will be supporting Comic Relief and helping to raise money by taking part in a sponsored 'Ninja Warrior Challenge!' Children will also be scoring points for their houses with each lap of the course they are able to complete. A letter and a sponsorship form has been sent home with the children this week and it would be great to see support for their efforts! Sponsor money and forms can be returned to the school in a named envelope by no later than Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March.



## Scholastic Book Fair: Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 3.10pm – 3.45pm in the Atrium

The ever-popular book fair is back at school in March! Each class will have an opportunity to browse the book fair at school. They will not need money but if they spot something they like they can bring you a wish list and the fair will be open for you to come and make any purchases you wish to after school.

We do explain to the children that it is not obligatory for parents to purchase books as we in no way want to add pressure in the current economical climate. However:

- There are fantastic rewards for the school bookshelves if we get enough support. Last year we raised an amazing amount of commission - over £300 free books for our school shelves!
- It offers the newest and best children's books
- Over 200 titles, suitable for all ages and abilities
- Contains more than thirty exclusives that won't be found elsewhere
- Prices start from only £2.99 and there are a variety of discounts.

World Book Day vouchers can be used (one per transaction).

**Please collect your child first, before coming to the Atrium. Parents are responsible for their children after the teacher has dismissed them.**

**If you are able to volunteer to manage the book fair stalls, please do get in touch with the office.**

## Hamwic Education Trust Consultation – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 2:15pm

Thank you to everyone who attended our information meeting with Bob Farmer, CEO of Hamwic Education Trust, on Tuesday afternoon. I hope you found it useful and it helped to further inform you of the work we are undertaking for the future of Hampreston school.

If you were unable to make it, or would like to refresh your memory, the Zoom recording is available to view here:

[Hampreston-Hamwic Consultation Recording](#)

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While we were able to record the session, due to the size of the room, the sound quality is not as good as we had anticipated, so please accept our apologies.

As always, if you do have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

## Easter Colouring Competition

Thank you to all of the children who have already submitted their Easter Colouring Competition entries for Fernhill Care Home, we have some beautiful designs to send to them. If you haven't already handed your Easter Colouring Competition form to Mrs Coleman there is still time. Please hand them into the front office by Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March.



## Staff News

Today we say farewell to Mrs Upton as she moves over to Ferndown Upper School and takes on a new Teaching Assistant role. After so many years here, faithfully serving our children and being a much-loved member of staff, we will all miss her 'can do' attitude and positivity. I know you will join me in wishing her well as she embarks on a new challenge.

I would also like to share arrangements for Reception class from next term. We are very lucky to have a wonderful new teacher joining the team. Miss Rhianna Bennett is currently the EYFS leader in her school and is thrilled to be joining the Hampreston team, bringing her insights, expertise and enthusiasm to the school.

Unfortunately, she can't join us until half term, and so I am very grateful to our very own Mrs Jones and one of our regular cover teachers – Mrs Williams – who will be joining forces to support our children during the first half of the summer term. Mrs Helm and Miss Bennett will also be supporting the EYFS team and the utterly brilliant Mrs Hobbs will steadfastly be helping too.

Mrs Noyle has already been meeting with staff to share all of the transition information needed to make the next term hugely successful and I am looking forward to welcoming Miss Bennett into school over the next few weeks to make the hand over really effective; she is very keen to get to know the children and yourselves and will make opportunities to meet you all in the coming weeks.

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Finally, as we head into a very special weekend for so many of our community, we wanted to thank not just mums, grans and aunties everywhere, but to really celebrate the role that all women play in our world and the lives of our school.

Today is International Women's Day and we wanted to join the world in promoting a gender equal world, a world free of bias, stereotypes and discrimination. We want our children to grow up in a world that's diverse, equitable and inclusive. A world where difference is valued and celebrated.

This morning, Mrs Richardson challenged our children to find out about inspiring women in science as part of our Science Week activities. Why don't you join them in learning about some of the amazing women who have made this world a better place or fought for change?

For more information about International Women's Day, or to #InspireInclusion, go to visit <https://www.internationalwomensday.com/>

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and are able to celebrate all of the utterly amazing women in your lives! Have a great weekend!

Yours sincerely,



Mr T Williams  
Headteacher



## Diary Dates 2023-2024

### Spring Term

Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Comic Relief; Sponsored Ninja Warrior event
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 trip to Bedborough Solar Farm
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Service 1pm
	Last day of term

### Summer Term

Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	School Opens
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Half term begins

### Half Term

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.

	<b>English</b>	<b>Mathematics</b>
EYFS	It has been a great week exploring the three little pigs! We have been retelling the story and using our knowledge of materials to try and build a house that can't be knocked down by the big bad hairdryer! We have been reading longer words containing 4+ sounds and designing our own Big Bad Animals.	In maths, we have been exploring 9 and 10. We have been learning about number bonds to make 10 and showing our understanding in lots of different ways. We have also been finding one more and one less and challenging ourselves to subitise these larger numbers too!
Year 1	This week Year 1 have been using time connectives to write to instructions on how to plant a seed. They used the science lesson where we planted a bean to help them remember each step. They also remembered to use imperative verbs to explain what to do at each stage.	This week Year 1 have been counting forwards and backwards to 50. We have also been grouping objects into 10's to help us count them more quickly. We then started to partition numbers into 10's and 1's.
Year 2	This week in English we have looked at the features of poems, we have discussed that they do not have to rhyme and don't follow the same rules as full sentences. We have been thinking about what Easter means to us how we can use our senses to support our poetry writing. The children have written some beautiful senses poems, really thinking carefully about the meaning of Easter.	In Maths this week we have finished our multiplication and division unit and started our unit on length and height. We have consolidated our knowledge of the 5 and 10 times tables before moving on to looking at units of measurement. We have measured in centimetres and meters and compared the length and height of objects. 'Your one minute maths task is: multiplication: multiply by 2'
Year 3	This week in English, the children have delved further into the novel 'How to train your dragon'. We have looked at how to order instructions to catch a dragon using imperative verbs (bossy words) and adverbs to make the instructions more exciting. Year 3 are really enjoying the story so far.	This week in maths, year 3 have been looking at trickier concepts with understanding mass. We have explored weighing with different scales and objects, comparing the mass. They children have then explored reading scales in grams and kilograms, using their knowledge of dividing 1000g between how many intervals there are on the scales.
Year 4	Our talented Year 4s have been diving into the enchanting world of storytelling. Inspired by the captivating book 'Shaman's Apprentice', they have been penning their very own imaginative tales. Following the structure of the book, the children have added their own unique twists to the plots. To enhance their narrative and descriptive skills, they have cleverly incorporated target sentences they've been working on in previous weeks.	In maths, the children have been immersing themselves in the realm of fractions and mixed numbers. They've been developing their skills in adding and subtracting these numerical wonders. Additionally, they have honed their ability to subtract from whole numbers. If your child would like some extra practice, we've found a fantastic website called SplashLearn, which offers engaging games to help with subtracting fractions and mixed numbers. You can check it out here: <a href="https://www.splashlearn.com/math/subtract-fractions-games">https://www.splashlearn.com/math/subtract-fractions-games</a>





