



# HAMPRESTON CE (VA) FIRST SCHOOL

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*To love God and to love one another*

## Summer Term 2024 - Newsletter 34

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Dear Parents,

So, who else has had to dig into the wardrobe to dig out the winter coats this week? Yet, despite the very changeable weather we seem to be having, the children's smiles are brighter than ever and they have all been working exceptionally hard this week. We really are starting to see children who are ready for their next year group; always something wonderful to see.

### Year 2 – Blashford Lakes

Year 2 had a wonderful time at Blashford Lakes last week. We went pond dipping and found efts, dragonfly larvae and great diving beetles. We went on a mini beast hunt and sorted them into categories and the children had a go at tree shaking! Finally, we had great time river dipping and found bullhead fish, caddis fly larvae and river shrimp. The children behaved brilliantly and asked lots of interesting questions.



### Sports Day – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June

We are very much looking forward to Sports Day next Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June.

All children will need to wear PE kits to school on the day, including their house colour t-shirt. The children have taken part in lots of house activities throughout the year, so they should know their house names and colours. If they are still unsure, please ask their class teacher who will be happy to confirm.

We very much welcome parents and carers to watch and support on the day. Please arrive at 12.15pm for a 12.30pm start. The children will be brought out to the field in their house groups, they need to remain in these groups throughout the carousel of activities. Spectators may follow



the children around the activities, but please allow your child to take part in all activities and ensure they remain with the group. School staff will ensure toilet trips are supervised and time has been built into the carousel to ensure children do not miss any activities.

*(Should any spectators need the toilet during the afternoon, please ring the bell at the office entrance and a member of staff will let you in.)*

Once children have completed the carousel, they will be taken inside to regroup into their classes. They will then take part in running races within their year group. Children will sit in their class groups on the far side of the field during the running races. Please can **all spectators remain behind the barriers** closest to the school building. Although this is exciting for lots of children, it can also be daunting for some, please cheer and encourage all runners and make it an enjoyable experience for everybody.

Children will be taken back into class to collect their belongings at the end of the day. Please do not take your child directly from the field, we need to make sure all children are safe and accounted for at the end of the day.

We are very much hoping that summer decides to make an appearance and give us sunshine or at least dry weather for the day. Should the forecast mean it is not safe for the day to go ahead we will make the decision to postpone and communicate this to parents as soon as possible.

### Gardening Club Plant Sale - Update

Thank you to everyone who came and supported the gardening club at their plant sale on Thursday last week. The total amount raised was £101.50, another incredible fundraising effort to ensure the continuation of resources for this very popular club! Well done to all of the children at the club, and a special thank you to Mrs Mackonochie, Miss Thorneycroft and Mrs Wilcox for giving their time to run it!

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Have a wonderful weekend everybody.

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	<p>In Literacy this week we have continued our learning all about Under the Sea Animals. We have read the book 'Billy's Bucket' and the children wrote some amazing descriptive sentences about a range of under the sea animals. We have been thinking really carefully about remembering our capital letters, full stops and finger spaces. Ask your child to tell you an interesting fact that they have found out about a sea creature. Did you know that a Dolphin sleeps by resting one half of its brain at a time. I am sure your children can tell you some other exciting facts about a range of sea creatures!</p>	<p>In Maths, we have been learning all about doubling. We have sung lots of doubles songs and have played lots of doubling games which have also developed our turn taking skills. We even used paint to create our own butterfly doubles. Well done Early Years for a fantastic week of learning!</p>
Year 1	<p>This week in English we have been looking at the features of traditional tales. We looked at common settings, characters and tried to name as many as we could. We discussed that traditional tales have been passed down over a long time through lots of generations and were not always written down. We then read Goldilocks and the Three Bears, The Three Little Pigs and Little Red Riding hood and had a go at retelling the story by acting these stories out in groups.</p>	<p>In maths this week we used the greater than and less than symbols to compare numbers up to 100. We remembered to first look at the tens number and then the ones number to help us identify which was bigger or smaller. Towards the end of the week, we started looking at money and had a go at identifying all coins up to £2.</p>
Year 2	<p>This week in English we have been writing a recount of our amazing trip to Blashford Lakes. The children have worked hard to describe the trip in detail, mentioning the various mini beasts we found as well as including a range of conjunctions to make their sentences more exciting.</p>	<p>In Maths this week we have completed our statistics unit. We have consolidated our knowledge of pictograms and answered questions on the data provided. We have drawn our own pictograms, choosing the picture to represent data. We looked carefully at the key and ensured that we were interpreting the data correctly.</p>



Year 3	<p>In English this week, year 3 have been comparing books by the same author. We decided to look at Quentin Blake's stories as this linked in nicely with our art topic last term. After the children had looked through all the different books, discussed and highlighted what their favourite one was and what they liked about it, they looked at the features of a letter. Following this, the children drafted, edited and finalised their letters, ready to send off to Quentin Blake's office next week.</p> <p>Fingers crossed we will get a reply!</p>	<p>It has been a fun week in maths looking at shape! The children have enjoyed revisiting 2D and 3D shapes, looking around school to identify different shapes within the environment and building 3D shapes from nets. Year 3 have learnt about the properties of shapes and using the language vertices, edges and faces, challenged themselves to describe the shape to their partner.</p>
Year 4	<p>In English, the focus this week has been on the captivating Ancient Egyptian story of Rhodopis. Drawing parallels between this tale and the classic Cinderella story, the children now understand why it's often referred to as 'The Egyptian Cinderella'. They've put themselves in the shoes of the main character by writing expressive diary entries and have tactically mapped out the action sequences of the narrative. Engaging in lively debates within their groups, the children have critically analysed the story's underlying message, contemplating whether it leans towards happiness or sadness.</p>	<p>In maths, the children have embarked on an exciting new journey exploring shapes. With sheer determination, they've successfully identified various types of angles, meticulously comparing and ordering them. Delving deeper, they've unravelled the unique properties of triangles, quadrilaterals, and both regular and irregular polygons. To top it off, they've dived into the intriguing world of symmetry, uncovering lines of symmetry within shapes and across a spectrum of symmetric figures.</p>



## Diary Dates 2023-2024

### Summer Term

Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 Tennis Finals, Bryanston School
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Crazy Creatures
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Sports Day
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Avon Heath Country Park
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	School Disco – more details to follow
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 Transition Day Hampreston 'Move-Up' Morning
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	EYFS Oceanarium Trip
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 Performance 6:30pm
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 Performance Matinee 2:00pm KS2 Performance 6:30pm
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

