

**Newsletter 03 | Spring Term 2021****19th March 2021**

Dear Parents,

Red Nose Day

What a way to finish a week!! Thank you all for helping to make this year's Red Nose Day a success and supporting with some brilliant outfits today. I have to be honest; I was worried about 150 red noses rolling around the school, but the children have really gotten into the spirit of things today. We have had brilliant hair bows, spotty socks, tutus and even a hat that was pants— no really!! Not to mention the staff, who always put in the leg-work for days like these! Well done everyone!

Thanks to your generosity, other children can get the love, care and support they need through the charities supported by Comic Relief. If you are still yet to donate and would like to, why not visit <https://www.comicrelief.com/rednoseday/> and click donate?

**Healthy Lunches**

Lunch time is one of the favourite times of the school day for most children! While the Covid restrictions have affected our school lunch provision, the children have been bringing lunch from home and we thought this would be a good time to remind ourselves of the importance of a healthy, balanced diet for young people who are exerting themselves physically and mentally at school. Foods high in refined sugar or starchy carbohydrates tend to provide high energy spikes for a short amount of time. What this means is children will feel a buzz at lunchtime but their energy levels can slump quickly, which affects their ability to concentrate in the afternoons.

We would encourage you to get your child involved in choosing a realistic number of items that they can eat in 20 minutes, which contain nutrients from all the food groups. One 'treat' is enough. No sweets or chocolates should be packed in lunchboxes, but a chocolate-covered biscuit bar or nut free cereal bar is acceptable. Sadly, a lot of sugary food is marketed towards children. You may like to look at these 'Change 4 Life' ideas together for inspiration: <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes>

Birthdays

We all like to celebrate our children's birthdays and many of you generously like to share sweets and treats with your child's class on those days. We do not wish to be killjoys, but with COVID always on our minds, can we please ask that any sweets, treats or gifts you would like to share are nut-free and individually wrapped. It is also really helpful for staff to have these a few days in advance at the moment, to help with the logistics of delivery. Thank you for your understanding.

Park It!

It has been brilliant to see an increase in the number of families cycling or scooting to school over the past few weeks, especially as the weather has begun to improve. I would very much like to thank our anonymous donor of an additional bike rack, doubling our capacity to store bikes and scooters and helping to support those of you choosing to brave the elements. Thank you!

You Dig?

Our brilliant Hampreston Friends recently met and are itching to spring in to action to continue supporting the school. First on the list is a replacement for the old play boat which was retired (and repurposed) over a year ago. With thanks to the Bournemouth Boating Company for a very kind donation, they have managed



to get hold of a new boat which will soon be ready for the children. To help make this possible, the Friends are asking for an army of volunteers – socially distanced of course – to help lift, carry, dig and fit the boat into its new home. They are also planning to fit a sun sale as shade, keeping with the nautical theme.

The planned dates are Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th April. If you have a spade, wheel barrow or a certain set of skills – and are willing to help, please get in touch with either the Friends or the school office.

INSET Day

Just a reminder that our final INSET day of the year is Friday 30th April and school will be closed to children on that day. Once we get to the other side of the Easter break, I hope to be able to share more summer term activities dates as we gradually come out of COVID restrictions.

Summer Uniform

Finally, with the warmer weather just on the horizon, a quick reminder that our summer 'shirt-sleeve' order begins after Easter and the children can finally put away their winter clothes in favour of summer dresses and shorts.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone. Keep safe.

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
Reception	<p>In English we have been learning all about sharks and have produced an amazing poster each with labels and a sentence of information.</p> <p>We have also been doing lots of under the sea activities in Let's Explore, which included making a stingray, playing in the pirate den, playing with the pirate ships, exploring the water tray with sea life animals and mermaids and printing shape patterns.</p>	<p>In maths, the children have been learning to name the 2D and 3D shapes and think about their properties and in particular what shapes are made when we print the 3D shapes.</p>
Year 1	<p>This week at school, we have continued an African theme. In literacy, we read a counting book 'We All Went on Safari'. The children learnt about the suffix '-ing', they used these words in their own account about going on a safari to see roaring tigers, gulping rhinos and more... In phonics, we revisited some tricky sounds like 'ure' before learning 3 new pronunciations for the digraph 'ou'.</p>	<p>In maths, we took time to practise our measuring skills. We have focused on using centimetres, the children know that the letters cm represent this unit of measurement. The children learnt a fun dance which reminded us that we need to start at the zero line when measuring!</p>
Year 2	<p>Our literacy has been focused on assessing children's reading and spelling, but we have also worked on our exciting "Titanic" topic which the children are enjoying very much. Children wrote a good letter from a lady who travelled on the ship on that tragic journey.</p>	<p>In year 2 this week we have been learning about division, especially thinking about division as repeatedly taking a number away from a large number until nothing is left (grouping).</p>
Year 3	<p>Year 3 have settled back with such a positive attitude and have been enjoying our whole class novel "How to Train Your Dragon" by Cressida Cowell. We have revisited how to organise and lay out instructions and have written our own instructional leaflets on how to train our dragons. Time adverbs, such as 'First', 'Then', 'After you have done this....' Have been used effectively to sequence each step.</p>	<p>In maths, we have been exploring money and learning how to total different amounts. We have used a variety of methods to find change from a given amount, including counting up a number line and column subtraction. We have finished the week by applying all our skills in problem solving challenges.</p>
Year 4	<p>We have had a brilliant first few weeks back in school and it has been a joy to have all of the children back where they belong!</p> <p>In literacy we have been focused on the importance of the rainforest. The children have worked to research, produce and improve persuasive posters that alert the readers to the importance of our planet's rainforests and the threats that they are under. Their posters are persuasive pieces that talk about the ways that we can all protect these valuable resources.</p>	<p>In maths this week we have begun learning all about decimals. We have looked at how to turn a fractions (1/10) into a decimal (0.1) and applied this knowledge to numbers that have 1 and 2 digits. We have also started to learn how to divide numbers by 10 when the answer would equal a decimal.</p>

'To Love God and to Love one another'

Diary Dates 2020-2021

Spring Term	
Thursday 1st April	Last day of term – Break up @ 3pm
Summer Term	
Monday 19 th April	School Opens
Friday 30 th April	Inset Day – School closed
Monday 3 rd May	Bank holiday – School closed
Friday 28 th May	Break up @ 3pm
Half Term	
Monday 7 th June	School Opens
Friday 23 rd July	Last day of term – Break up @ 3pm