



Dear Parents,

It has been wonderful to see the school so full of life and the children being so settled after several months of disruption. Thank you again for continuing to be such a wonderful and supportive community.

Red Nose Day

Thank you all for your kind donations for Comic Relief last Friday. The children really enjoyed wearing something funny and your generosity has raised a brilliant £185.82. Well done!

Years 3 and 4 Easter Egg competition – Wednesday 31st March

It's so egg-citing! Next Wednesday, Years 3 and 4 are invited to transform a hard-boiled egg (provided from home please) into an eggstra-ordinary creation. Please also provide something for it to stand in. We will provide general resources such as tissue paper, fabric scraps, coloured paper or card but if your child's design requires anything extra, please provide from home. Please be aware that they will only have one hour in which to complete their design and will need to be able to do it without help. Put everything in a named tub please, as this will be needed to transport the egg home. We cannot wait to see what your child creates!

Snacks

Hampreston is a nut free school. Can we kindly ask that parents are extremely careful when choosing items for your children, particularly looking at the ingredients lists? Cereal bars in particular can often have hidden ingredients which may include nuts. If you are ever in any doubt of the presence of nuts, it is best left out of the lunchbox or snack pot. Thank you for your understanding in helping to protect our staff and children.

Friends Digging Days

I hope you have put it in your diary already; our amazing Hampreston Friends have arranged several days to prepare and install a number of pieces of play equipment including a new boat and shade sail for the children. The planned dates are Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th April and if you have a spade, wheel barrow or just a willingness to 'muck in', please get in touch with either the Friends or the school office.

As we head into Holy Week, the children will be engaging with a number of Easter-themed activities as they reflect on the meaning and significance of Easter. From triumphant entry, through trial and tragedy, to new life on Easter Sunday, next week is perhaps one of the most important in the Christian year and we hope the children will really grasp a sense of renewed hope during this strange and challenging season.

Have a brilliant 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 |
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| Reception | <p>In English we have been learning all spring and we have read a great story called One Springy Day which we have sequenced and written sentences using all of the phonic sounds we know to help us.</p> <p>We have also been doing lots of Spring activities in Let's Explore, which has included Role playing in the garden centre, making daffodils, painting flowers and planting bulbs at our potting table outdoors.</p> | <p>In maths, the children have been learning the number bonds to 10 in lots of different ways including number bead strings, ten green bottles and tens frames.</p> |
| Year 1 | <p>In literacy this week, we read Greta and the Giants by Zoë Tucker. The children have really enjoyed the environmental theme. Year 1 cleverly pointed out that the giants in the story, who unwittingly damaged the forest, are just like humans. I have been really impressed with the resulting work, which included banner designs for an imaginary protest, a letter to the giants as well as some detailed descriptions of the beautiful forest scene at the end of the book!</p> | <p>In maths this week, we have been weighing objects. Year 1 have used balancing scales to measure classroom objects. They have enjoyed making predictions about which items will be heavier or lighter and how many multilink cubes the items will weigh. The children were also able to answer more complex puzzles, including ordering items from lightest to heaviest using a series of balancing scale diagrams.</p> |
| Year 2 | <p>In Year 2 this week we have written a lot! We have written about our plans for after Lockdown – all those things we have missed! We have written instructions for planting seeds and we have composed and written wonderful “Easter” acrostic poems.</p> | <p>In maths we have been learning about the connection between division and multiplication and how to solve simple problems.</p> |
| Year 3 | <p>Year 3 have been busy re-telling part of the story of How to Train your Dragon this week, using all the techniques they have learnt, including direct speech between characters. We had fun with some riddles in the book and the children are getting more accurate with their speech punctuation. We have been learning further homophones in spelling, and in reading lessons we are practising inference skills.</p> | <p>Year 3 have loved learning about fractions this week! They are using the terms ‘numerator’ and ‘denominator’ more confidently and can work out which fraction to add to another to make a whole. They can use tenths, both in shapes and on a number line and are beginning to see that five tenths looks the same as one half.</p> |
| Year 4 | <p>We have had a fantastic week of learning in Year 4 this week.</p> <p>In English lessons we have been revisiting expanded noun phrases using prepositions and possessive apostrophes. The children created a tree of fantastic expanded noun phrases and were able to use their knowledge of possessive apostrophes to answer comprehension questions too.</p> | <p>In Maths this week we have been learning all about tenths, hundredths and dividing by 10 and 100. It has not been the easiest concept to learn, but the children have soldiered on and have been incredible mathematicians! They have been able to turn fractions into decimals; divide numbers by 10 and 100 to find both fractions and decimals and have even completed missing number problems using fractions and decimals.</p> |

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Diary Dates 2020-2021

| Spring Term | |
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| 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 |
| Thursday 10 th June | Year 4 Bikeability (Group 1) 3.15-5.15pm |
| Thursday 17 th June | Year 4 Bikeability (Group 2) 3.15-5.15pm |
| Friday 23 rd July | Last day of term – Break up @ 3pm |

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