



Dear Parents,

This week has been very quiet as some of our children have once again been receiving learning at home. I would like to thank everybody for your support and encouragement as we have navigated this week.

**Reception visit**



From Miss Humphrys:

On Wednesday this week, our Reception Class visited Longdown Farm in Ashurst. The farm was a wonderful place to visit with an amazing Farmer called Brian who led the whole class through a variety of farming jobs. Every child was able to feed the young goats their



breakfasts of oats from a plate which the goats

loved, and tried to knock out of our hands. Then we had to be extra strong to hold onto the bottles of milk that we feed them too.

We walked around the lovely farm listening to Farmer Brian entertain us with stories, jokes and information.

We visited the chicken barn and gathered a free egg each to take home and cook. We also fed the

enormous shire horse and much smaller pony extra strong mints as a special treat.

We moved on to stroking the donkeys and cows. We saw a big wooden model of a cow having her calf and

two children had to help pull it out as it was a bit stuck and needed our help.

We saw lots of pigs and a few donkeys too.

Then we got to hold a fluffy four day old lamb, guinea pigs and a few day old chicks too.

We had a lovely picnic lunch before having a bit of time in the play area on the trampolines and climbing

frames. Then we came back home again a little bit tired but very happy after a glorious, sunny day out

where the children were all really well behaved and a credit to our school.



## Sports Day

The children will be enjoying this year's Sports Day activities on the new date of Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July and will be able to wear P.E. kit on that day. The format this year will be slightly different as we manage the activities in a covid-safe way and we hope the children will have a great time.

If the weather is not up to the task, we will move to our reserve day, Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July. Where possible, we will notify you ahead of time if this looks likely.

As in previous years, we invite the children to wear t-shirts in their house team colours if they would like to. This is a lovely way to celebrate our house teams, but is entirely optional.

## Move Up Day

Today would have been our 'Move Up' morning, where the children get to meet their new class teachers in preparation for September. This will now take place next Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July and the children will be able to spend a little while getting to know their teachers for September. We have planned covid-safe measures to enable the children to move between rooms to allow this to take place. I know the teachers are looking forward to it.

## Covid Changes

In the light of the current circumstances across our community, a number of parents have asked about the wearing of face coverings at start and end of the school day. Knowing that the pavement outside the school can be a little congested at times, I would encourage anyone who wishes to, to pop a face covering on.

On a similar theme, there has been much media coverage on the government's proposed relaxing of restrictions from 19<sup>th</sup> July, including potential changes within school. While we are all keen to see the ending of these restrictions, I am very aware of the need to keep everyone as safe as possible in that last week of term to ensure that families are not affected heading into the holiday. We will continue to follow the DfE guidelines through until the end of term, but may take a conservative approach to any relaxing of the rules during that last week.

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I hope that you are all able to enjoy the weekend, wherever you are. Like you, I will probably find myself cheering on England on Saturday – I've heard its coming home...

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.

	<b>English</b>	<b>Mathematics</b>
Reception	This week in reception class it has been farms farms farms! In English we have learnt the story of The Little Red Hen, the children have written a book review and also completed a special little job for their school reports too.	In maths, we having started our topic on measures and learnt about lighter and heavier. We used balance scales to weigh objects and see which was heaviest and lightest. We learnt that just because an object is big it doesn't always mean that it will be heaviest...  In let's explore, we have played rhyming word games with the Little Red Hen words, played with the dinosaurs, painted tractors and much more.
Year 1	In literacy this week, we have read the children's book, 'Malala's Magic Pencil'. We were inspired by the idea of a pencil that would bring anything we drew to life. The children came up with some interesting ideas, featuring solving the virus, helping endangered animals and drawing money and Lamborghinis for themselves! We went on to plan and write stories, by identifying a problem followed by a solution.	This week in maths, we have enjoyed working with money. The children can recognise the value of the different coins and notes. Year 1 enjoyed playing shopkeepers and customer; the children had to give the correct money for a range of differently priced items, we even had a go at giving change.
Year 2	Year 2 have written lovely poetry about insects this week, as well as learning more about the past and present progressive tense... ask your child! In science we have written about and observed our painted lady butterflies!	In maths children have done work on rounding up or down to the nearest ten and also basic number operation calculations.
Year 3	Year 3 have been using their imagination after looking closely and making inferences about the underwater world in the wonderful book Flotsam by David Wiesner.	In maths, we have learned to find the duration of an activity and to measure time in seconds.
Year 4	In English the children have finished editing their Egyptian Cinderella stories and have turned these drafts into beautiful story books that we will read together next week. They have also been reflecting on their time at Hampreston and looking forward to their next steps by writing poetry and letters to their new teachers.	In Maths this week we have been working really hard. The children have recapped lots of different mathematical techniques and practiced their times tables diligently. They have also looked at the properties of quadrilateral shapes, read and plotted co-ordinates on a grid and have solved problems involving co-ordinates.

## Diary Dates 2020-2021

Summer Term	
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 3 Paulton's Park (tbc)
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	'Move Up' Day
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Afternoon
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Reserve Sports Afternoon
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 Production Filming
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Reception & KS1 Disco 5:30 – 6:15pm KS2 Disco 6:30 – 7:30pm
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Leaver's Celebration 2:00pm Last day of term – Break up @ 3pm

### Term Dates for Academic Year 2021-2022

#### Autumn Term 2021

First Day Monday 6th September 2021  
Half term Monday 25th October - Friday 29th October 2021  
Last Day Friday 17th December 2021

#### Spring Term 2022

First Day Tuesday 4th January 2022  
Half term Monday 21st February – Friday 25th February 2022  
Last Day Friday 8th April 2022

#### Summer Term 2022

First Day Monday 25th April 2022  
Half Term Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June 2022  
Last Day Friday 22nd July 2022

In addition, the school will be closed on the following dates for staff training:

Thursday 2nd September 2021

Friday 3rd September 2021

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Monday 2nd May 2022 – Bank Holiday