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Dear Parents,

Fundraising Help!

As some may be aware, last week there was medical issue in the village which resulted in an ambulance being called and some of our wonderful medically-trained parents stepping in to help. Firstly, I would like to thank everyone who helped last week. I would also like to commend our whole community for the compassionate and responsible actions and discretion.

Following on from last week, Hannah Froud felt led to start a fundraiser to provide an emergency defibrillator for the school. In just a week, this has already raised over £800 of the target £2000!! This is such a wonderful expression of Hampreston spirit and I am so incredibly grateful.



It would be brilliant to see the total reached over the coming days. Please visit <https://gofund.me/f05f616a> and consider donating to this brilliant, life-saving cause. Why not share this link with friends and family and see how quickly we can reach the target?



Donate now

Finally, my thanks to Mrs Froud for seeing a need and getting straight to work. I am constantly staggered by the kindness of our community. Thank you!

Enriching activities

I hope your child has enjoyed some of the activities they have been taking part in this week – why not ask them what they have been up to?

Holidays and Absences

Over the past few weeks, there have been an increasing number of families arranging trips, visits and holidays during term time. While COVID has meant that a great number of holidays, visits and family activities have been cancelled, I must remind everyone that it remains the legal duty of parents to ensure their children attend school. I deeply sympathise with families seeking to resume some sense of 'normal' but ask that any events be planned for the summer holiday – just a few weeks away. The children have had a disrupted year or more with the ever-changing coronavirus pandemic. However, I urge you to ensure that they are given every opportunity to attend school until the very end of the year. Thank you.

Second Hand Uniform Sale

Just to remind you that the Friends of Hampreston will be holding a second-hand uniform sale at the end of the day on Friday 2nd July.

September Arrangements

Since April, the staff and I have been reviewing our 'COVID-keepers' in preparation for what we hope will be a 'normal' September start. Given it is too early to know whether COVID restrictions will be in place within schools in September or what these may look like, we have tentatively put together a plan for September. As I am sure you will appreciate, this may need to change in light of new guidance, but our plans are as follows:



Drop-off / Collection

While a great number of people, staff included, have wanted to continue with the staggering of drop-off and collection routines, we intend to resume the old 'normal' routines from September. After thoroughly reviewing the options, including timings for access, multiple-gate access, waiting areas etc. we realised that keeping the staggered starts with shorter times would condense the traffic and parking management, potentially having a detrimental effect on traffic flow in the lane. It would also require significantly more staff to support and supervise children if the playground was opened up for waiting, with multiple gates potentially increasing the risk to children.

Therefore, the small gate will release at 8:30am and parents will be able to wait on the playground. The bell tower doors will open at 8:40am and the bell will ring at 8:50am, signalling the start of the school day.

The drop-off zone will resume that function, with parking prohibited here. As in previous years, we will be asking for a number of parent volunteers to man the drop-off zone path to help support children into school between 8:40 and 8:50am. If you are able to help, please contact the office before term ends.

The end of the day routines will also return to 'normal' with children being collected from the playground at 3:00pm for EYFS and Key Stage 1, and 3:05pm for Key Stage 2.

Children in Reception (EYFS) will be dropped off and collected directly from the EYFS outside area and Miss Humphrys will discuss this with parents throughout the transition process.

P.E. Kit

We will be retaining the current arrangements for P.E. kit, whereby children can come into school wearing their P.E. kit on their P.E. days. Children will need to wear full kit as stated in the updated Parent Handbook which will be sent out next week. We will review this arrangement early into the new term and hope to discuss this with Parent Reps too.

School Day

The school day will continue in the routines already established, with daily collective worship at the beginning of each day. Break times and lunchtimes will be staggered by key stage to ensure that children have more space to play in.

Classes

I am pleased to be able to share with you the class teacher arrangements for September:

EYFS (Reception) – Miss Humphrys

Year 1 – Miss Stratman

Year 2 – Miss Snewin

Year 3 – Mrs Richardson and Mr Lloyd

Year 4 – Mr McNally

Cover and Support – Mrs Todd

SEND – Mrs Richardson

As we come to the end of a very strange week, I would like to thank you for your continued support and encouragement, especially as we continue to adapt our plans in line with the ever-changing nature of the pandemic. Please keep yourselves safe this weekend.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. T. Williams
Headteacher

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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	This week in Reception Class, we have been learning all about farms and in our English work we have read the story of Pig in the Pond. The children have written new sequel titles for the book such as: The sheep in the shed, The cow in the car! They have also looked at words that rhyme with farm animal names too and written lists of rhyming words.	In maths we have been learning odd and even numbers with the children sharing fairly to see if a number will have a pair or not. In Let's Explore, we have designed new waist coats for the farmer in our story, painted farm pictures, investigated which toy farm animal will create the biggest splash in our water tray and use the mud kitchen too.
Year 1	In literacy this week, we have read Dear Greenpeace by Simon James. The children enjoyed researching whales in groups and writing a letter to the main character, Emily, with their findings. As part of music week, Year 1 created a narrative called 'We going on a Dragon Hunt', we worked as a whole class, using our voices and bodies to create different sound effects.	In maths, we have continued to work on telling the time. The children are now confidently telling the time to the hour and half past the hour. We have also been discussing time in context, the children had a go at suggesting different activities they could complete in different amounts of time, involving seconds, minutes and hours.
Year 2	In literacy we have looked at poetry and rhyme, enjoying sharing poems and trying to make up our own rhymes. This is difficult! We have also looked at some words with difficult spellings and the children have scored well in their spelling test! Joining up handwriting is coming on well in year 2...	Year 2 have looked at problem solving using multiplication and division and have also played some number games earlier in the week.
Year 3	Year 3 have been enjoying Anthony Browne's wonderfully illustrated book 'Into The Forest', which is full of symbolic meaning. They have had great fun searching for shadowy figures of fairy-tale characters lurking in the trees and have been inspired to write their own spooky forest description using top quality vocabulary. We have been revising how to use fronted adverbials followed by a comma and ensuring that all sentences are correctly punctuated. We have also revised vowel digraphs ai, ay, ee, ea (as in 'bread'), ie, oa, oe, ue, ui, oo (as in 'boot' or in 'book') to help when we are making spelling decisions.	In maths, we have learnt how leap years come about and can use calendars to count on and back in days and weeks. The children have learnt quarter past and to and are working on 5 minutes past and to the hour. Everyone is at very different abilities with telling the time so if your child is not confident, we would be so grateful if you could do some daily practice using an analogue (not digital) clock or watch.
Year 4	This week we have been planning, drafting and editing our own stories based on the ancient story of <i>Rhodopis</i> , who many believe to be the inspiration behind the story of Cinderella! The children have thought carefully about language and how it is used to create a really interesting story for the reader.	In maths we have been identifying, comparing and ordering different types of angles (acute angles, right-angles and obtuse angles). We have also looked at the 3 different types of triangles and how they are different (equilateral, isosceles and scalene) and at the properties of quadrilaterals.

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Diary Dates 2020-2021

Summer Term	
Friday 2 nd July	'Move Up' Transition Day
Monday 5 th July	Sports Afternoon
Tuesday 6 th July	Reserve Sports Afternoon
Wednesday 7 th July	Key Stage 2 Performance (dress rehearsal to school) (tbc)
Thursday 8 th July	Year 3 Paulton's Park (tbc)
Friday 9 th July	KS2 Production filming
Monday 12 th July	KS2 Performance (tbc)
Tuesday 13 th July	KS2 Performance (tbc)
Wednesday 14 th July	KS2 Performance (tbc)
Thursday 22 nd July	Reception & KS1 Disco 5:30 – 6:15pm KS2 Disco 6:30 – 7:30pm
Friday 23 rd 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
 TBC
 TBC
 TBC

Monday 2nd May 2022 – Bank Holiday

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