



# Hampton Vale Primary School

## Letter from Mr Plunkett

Dear Parents & Carers,

We have come to the end of another brilliant week here at Hampton Vale, and flying through the first half term of the year.

Today was our annual Hampton Schools Fun Run which saw all our 600-plus children run to support a very worthy cause. The event was a massive success and we are incredibly grateful to the parents and carers who came to support today. A very big thank you to the staff who helped organise and set up such a large event and incredibly well done to Martin Redman, our school Site Manager, who ran a half marathon (13.1 miles)! Well done everyone!

The end of this week will, sadly, see me finish my time at Hampton Vale. I am exceptionally proud of all that we have achieved since the Ofsted Inspection earlier this year. The school has moved on significantly and changed for the better. I feel confident that Hampton Vale will soon have much to celebrate, and I look forward to seeing all of your future successes. Hampton Vale is an exceptional school, with a talented, and loyal community who all want to do the very best for your children. I wanted to say a special thank you to the Parents and Children, who have made every day here so enjoyable.

Lastly, a huge thank you to the committed Governors, the tireless staff and the determined Senior leadership team for supporting me, and sharing my vision for Hampton Vale Primary to be the very best school in Peterborough, and beyond.

With every best wish for the future,

Mr. Brendan Plunkett, Consultant Headteacher

## Home-School Communication

As a school we use many ways to communicate with our families, from parent texts to this newsletter. One of our wonderful communication tools we use is Tapestry, the online learning journal. If you have a child in Early Years you will no doubt be familiar with Tapestry as we use it daily to record the children's progress, achievements and opportunities they are given in school and as a two-way communication for parents to understand the child's next steps and to contribute to the learning of each child. Thank you to all of our new Nursery and Reception families who have fully-engaged with Tapestry as this really supports us in planning for the children's development with you as partners in their learning. As the children move into Key Stage 1 and into a new curriculum, Tapestry is used differently to evidence snapshots of practical learning for individuals, for capturing whole class or cohort experiences and special events. It sits alongside the children's books in school as an additional record of their work and becomes less of a conversation tool - we feel this provides transition from Early Years into the structure of Key Stages 1 and 2. The homework books and reading records provide a place for children and parents to record any home learning and we ask that parents who would like to discuss their child's learning with teachers contact our office team who can support in arranging for this. Thank you for your support with this and working with us to develop the children's independence as they transition from one key stage to another.

Week commencing Mon 1st Oct

**This week, the kitchen will be on Week 2 of the Caterlink Autumn menu**

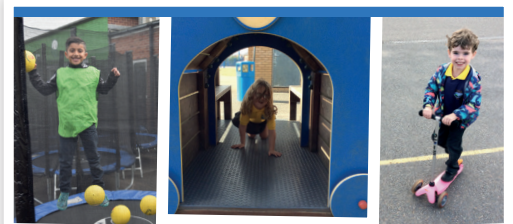
## School photos

School photos are on Friday 5th October; the photos will be individual portraits and siblings within school and Seedlings. Please make sure your child is in full school uniform on this day. Many thanks.

## Hampton Vale Holiday club

We will be running a holiday club in October half term. A copy of the booking form will be sent out with the children, and copies will also be available from the office or Goslings.

Completed forms need to be returned to Mrs Pearce in the office by Friday October 12th. Many thanks.



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## Vale Holiday Club

### OCTOBER HALF TERM

Monday 22nd to Friday 26th  
9:00am - 3:00pm

**£15** per day  
**£60** per week

Sports • Dodgeball • ICT • Roller Skating

## Weekly Attendance

Attendance this week was as follows:

Reception: 94.32% - There has been a bug going round, get well soon Reception!

Year One: 96.48% - Just on target again Year One, well done

Year Two: 96.83% - Right on target Year Two, well done!

Year Three: 98.94% - A fantastic week Year Three, well done!

Year Four: 94.76% - There has been a bug going round, get well soon Year Four

Year Five: 94.96% - There has been a bug going round, get well soon Year Five

Year Six: 96.96% - Another great week Year Six, well done

Whole school attendance for this week is:

**96.17%**

Whole school attendance this year so far is:

**97.28%**

Well done to 3RB class who achieved 100% this week!

*Mrs Krstonosic, Attendance Manager*

## Harvest foodbank collection

The autumn term is traditionally the time in the school calendar when attention turns to food and farming as harvest celebrations are held. Our events calendar is no different, and, as we mark harvest, we are again asking for donations of tinned and long-life food items to be made for our in-school collection for the Peterborough Foodbank project.

For several years now, your generosity has helped to stock the emergency food packs that the Foodbank provides to local people in crisis.

At present, the Foodbank project is looking particularly for donations of UHT milk (one litre), long-life fruit juice, tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, instant mash and tinned soup. The project asks that all food donations are within their best before dates and are in undamaged packets or tins.



Children may leave food donations at the Foodbank display in the school entrance at any time during our

donations period from Monday, 1st October to Friday, 19th October. For more information about the Foodbank project, its website is at <https://peterborough.foodbank.org.uk/>

Thank you for your support.

Next week (Mon 1st October) in Collective Worship we are learning about ...

*Mutual respect and tolerance*

## Special Italian-themed menu

On Thursday 4th October, Caterlink are doing a special Italian-themed menu of spaghetti bolognese with either spaghetti or shell pasta, margherita pizza and icecream. Please note that this will be the only hot meal option on this day.



## further homework guidance

English and Maths homework is set on a Friday and is due in on the following Wednesday. Children will receive a dojo for returning their homework and completing it to a good standard.

Reading records	Spelling	Tackling Tables
<p>Please ensure that your child is reading daily at home.</p> <p>In your child's reading record, please record the book title, page numbers read and a brief comment about your child's reading.</p> <p>Reading records need to be in school on a Friday to be checked if there are 5 reads in a week to receive a dojo award.</p>	<p>Weekly spellings will be sent home on a Friday. Please practice these at home on paper (the red book is only used for tests). You can use the look, cover, check approach to support this practise.</p> <p>Please ask your child's class teacher for more support on spelling strategies if you wish.</p> <p>Red spelling books must be in school on a Thursday for the weekly spelling test.</p> <p>Your child's weekly score will be sent home on a Friday with new spellings.</p>	<p>Tackling tables tests will be done weekly and your child's test will be sent home on a Friday so that you can see their weekly score and the questions to work on.</p> <p>Tackling tables practice card sets can be bought by collecting an order form from the office.</p> <p>If you would like any further ideas for practising times tables at home, please speak to your child's class teacher.</p>

## E-safety corner

Child safety online

Social networking is hugely popular. Many young people are sophisticated in the way they use social media apps and websites, tailoring their communication for different audiences, and accessing them from a range of devices including smartphones, tablets, and games consoles.

But social media, like all forms of public communication, comes with some risks. Not all of these risks turn into actual problems; and if children never face any risks, they never learn how to deal with them. By helping your child

understand what the risks are, you can play a big part in preventing them from turning into problems. You can find out more about how children use social media, the apps they use, the risks they face, how to use privacy settings, and advice and tips about how to talk to your children at:

- [www.childnet.com/sns](http://www.childnet.com/sns)
- [www.internetmatters.org](http://www.internetmatters.org)
- [www.nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety)
- [www.parentzone.org.uk](http://www.parentzone.org.uk)
- [www.thinkyouknow.co.uk/parents](http://www.thinkyouknow.co.uk/parents)
- [www.askaboutgames.com](http://www.askaboutgames.com)

## Autumn Term dates for your diary:

Mon 1 Oct	School Harvest Festival food collection begins
Thurs 4 Oct	Italian-themed school menu
Fri 5 Oct	Individual and sibling school photos
Tue 9 Oct, 2pm	Seedlings Grandparents day workshop
Thurs 18 Oct, 4-5pm	PTFA school disco for EYFS and KS1
Thurs 18 Oct, 5.15-6.15pm	PTFA school disco for KS2
Fri 19 Oct	Reception Number Jack Day - Reception children to wear an item of clothing with a number on with the rest of their school uniform
Fri 19 Oct	School Harvest Festival food collection ends
Fri 19 Oct	House treat for winning House group
Mon 22 - Fri 26 Oct	Half term
Thurs 1 Nov, 2-3pm	Reception September 2019 intake Parents/ Carers meeting
Tues 6 Nov	Fireworks display for Reception children - children will watch a fireworks display from the sports arena
Weds 7 Nov, 2pm	SCR ukulele concert for parents
Fri 9 Nov	Remembrance event
Mon 12 November, time tbc	Reception Autumn walk - parent/carer volunteers needed
Mon 12 - Fri 16 Nov	Anti-Bullying Week
Mon 12 Nov	Odd Socks Day - wear odd socks for Anti-Bullying Week
Tues 13 Nov	Flu immunisations for Years Rec-5
Fri 16 Nov	Children in Need fundraising
Tues 20 Nov, 3.30-6.30pm	Parent and pupil evening - please bring your child/ren along to be involved in their learning
Thurs 22 Nov, 4-7pm	Parent and pupil evening - please bring your child/ren along to be involved in their learning
Fri 23 Nov, 2-3pm	Seedlings: Story cafe
Mon 26 Nov, 2pm	4KG violin concert for parents
Fri 30 Nov, time tbc	Choir carol singing at John Lewis

## Autumn Term dates for your diary contd:

Mon 3 Dec	Reception Yaxley Church visit - parent/carer volunteers needed
Friday 7th Dec, 2pm	Choir carol singing at Avery House
Weds 12 Dec, 5-6pm and 6.30-7.30pm	Orchestra - Hampton College Christmas Concert (two performances)
Thurs 13 Dec, 2 and 5 pm	Reception Nativity performances
Fri 14 Dec, time tbc	Choir carol singing at St Edmunds Court
Fri 14 Dec, 2-3pm	Seedlings Story Cafe
Mon 17 Dec, 3.30-5pm	Christmas Fayre
Tues 18 Dec	Reception Christmas Party
Tues 18 Dec, 2.30pm	Afternoon tea with Headteacher for 100% attendees
Weds 19th Dec	Christmas jumper day - wear a Christmas jumper with the rest of their school uniform
Weds 19 Dec	Christmas dinner day
Weds 19 Dec	End of term

## Year 5/6 football club - watch this space!

Mr Collins will soon be holding trials for the Year 5/6 football team. As soon as a date is arranged for these we will send out a letter with more details. Please note that this is not a club but a school team that will be playing competitive matches and not all children who try out will make the team. Many thanks.

## Operation Christmas Child

It's that time of year again; over the last seven years, Hampton Vale Primary School are very proud to have provided at least 700 shoeboxes of Christmas presents for children all over the world, showing them that there are people who care and are thinking about them.

On 19th October there will be assemblies explaining to the children what to pack in their box and who might receive a box and giving them a leaflet to bring home. After this,



the children can start creating their boxes! We will be collecting until at school 17th November.

## Leading Parent Partnership Award - Raising achievement by involving parents and carers in the work of our school

Involving yourself in your child's education is an exciting challenge, with excellent benefits for your child, for the school, for you and for the local community. Research has identified that at age 7, a parent's influence on a child's learning is six times that of their school, and at 11 is 29% greater. Increased parental involvement can raise achievement by at least 18%.

As a school we are using the Leading Parent Partnership Award (LPPA) to help strengthen our school's partnership with parents. LPPA is a national award that will help us achieve these long-term benefits:

- contribute to improved pupil attendance, punctuality, behaviour and progress.

- increase parent participation and involvement
- enhance parent's support in their children's learning
- improve communication between home and school

We are forming a working party made up of school staff, children and external partners from our local community to help us achieve these goals, and would like two parents/carers to join the party. If you are interested in getting involved with this or would like more information on the Leading Parent Partnership Award, please contact Mrs Lowe or Mrs Cummings.