



HORWOOD AND NEWTON TRACEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



*Enabling children to be the best that they
can be!*

Friday 6th September 2024

Dear parents/carers,

A huge warm welcome back to our new school year. It was so lovely to see the children return to school looking very smart in their school uniforms, excited to share what they have been doing over the summer holidays. Staff have been busy preparing lots of fun activities that have helped to settle the children back into routines and systems across the school day. I would like to take this opportunity to share some key information for our new parents and some changes we have made following our staff meetings we have had prior to the children's first day yesterday.

Smart Start to our morning



Our school day starts as the children arrive at 8:50am. Class 4 are asked to use the front door to make their way to the classroom. Class 3 make their way to their classes through the playground gate. The classrooms will be ready with a range of maths activities for the children to engage in which will support their maths lessons later in the day. Staff will be available until 9am and after this time all children arriving will be asked to come through the main front door. Parents will need to sign their child in with our administrator in the office.

'Yes Please' and 'No thank You' Behaviour Choices

In our assembly this week we have discussed the behaviour that we expect the children to demonstrate whilst they are at school. The children could identify lots of different examples of 'yes please' behaviour choices from being kind and caring, listening and following instructions and always trying their best. We recognise that this is the behaviour we see from many of our children everyday and would like to reward them for this behaviour. Children will receive dojo points when they display 'yes please' behaviour choices. These points will then earn them a range of certificates that will be shared in our weekly celebration assemblies on Friday mornings. We will also have a fortnightly 'tea at 3' for those children who have earned the most dojo points over the fortnight.





As well as 'yes please' behaviour choices, we also discussed 'no thank you' behaviour choices with the children. We have talked through some of the strategies we will use to support the children to make the right choices and help them to get back on track. I will share our behaviour flow charts in next week's newsletter.

School Leadership Team

We would like to form a children's school leadership team to help lead and develop areas of the school with their great ideas and enthusiasm. To be part of a group, the children must apply in writing sharing their reasons why they should be chosen for that particular role. We are seeking keen librarians, sports leaders, school council members, problem solvers and eco warriors. If your child is in year 3 to year 6 and would like a role in our leadership team we ask that they hand their letters to their class teachers by next Friday 13th September. The leadership team will be announced the following week.



Morning and afternoon pick ups



To ensure the safety of our children, please can we ask that parents do not park their cars directly in front or around the school. Parking is available in the village hall car park. This will enable children to enter and leave the school safely. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Weekly Celebration Awards

Starting from next week, each Friday morning we will have a celebration assembly. There will be two certificates given out in each class each week. The first will be a Star Learner award. This will be awarded to a child who has demonstrated a fantastic attitude to their learning and has tried their best. Our second award will be our Learning Behaviour award. Each fortnight, the children will have a focus on a particular learning animal. In our assemblies we will be discussing what it looks like to display that animals' behaviour in our classroom and with our learning. Our focus for the next two weeks will be on demonstrating how we are ready to learn through great listening, asking questions, participating in lessons and being enthusiastic. All children who receive a certificate will be published in the weekly newsletter!



After-school clubs

After School Clubs

We will be discussing the after-school clubs and groups in next week's staff meeting. We hope to share some clubs that will be available to start over the coming weeks.

I'm looking forward to working closely with our families and wider community and getting to know everyone. Please feel free to catch me in the morning or at the end of the school day.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Cook

What's on...?

School Term Dates 2024/2025 - Autumn Term

Last day of school: Friday 25th October 2024

Half-term holiday: Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November 2024

First day of school: Monday 4th November 2024

Last day of school: Friday 20th December 2024

Christmas holiday: Monday 23rd December 2024 to Friday 3rd January 2025

Inset Day: Monday 6th January 2025 - NO SCHOOL

First day of school: Tuesday 7th January 2025

Next Week: W/C 9th September 2024

MONDAY	Class 4: PE (please come to school wearing kit)
TUESDAY	Year 3: Forest School (please ensure kit is in school)
WEDNESDAY	
THURSDAY	Nursery: Forest School (AM) Reception: Forest School (PM) Class 2: PE (please come to school wearing PE kit) Class 3: Year 4 - Swimming (please bring kit)
FRIDAY	Class 1: PE (please ensure PE kit is in school every day) Singing lessons with Rhiannon Wright (private music lesson for those parents that have signed up)

Class 1 (Reception) children

Children will need their full PE kit in school every day as sessions may vary and it is part of the Early Years curriculum to learn how to change independently. Many thanks.

COMING UP....

23rd to 27th September	Appledore School's Week
Wednesday 25th September	Visiting Author (Philip Argyll) - providing workshops for all children (nursery to year 6)
Monday 7th October	Flu Immunisations in school (NHS TEAM visit)

Private Music Lesson Information this term:

Hello HNTTP music students' parents!

I hope you've had a good summer and that I'll be seeing some old and new faces for music lessons this year!

Music lessons will be starting again in the second full school week of September - On Thursday September 19th (awaiting final confirmation from the school!)

**Lessons offered are Piano / Keyboard, Drums, Guitar and Ukulele.
Any questions or other enquiries please get in touch at this email -
tworiversmusiclessons@gmail.com**

Lunch menu: W/C Monday 9th September 2024

Our meal price is £2.55 per day for Class 3 and 4 children. Classes 1 and 2 children qualify for Universal Free School Meal funding.

Jacket Potatoes with a choice of toppings are available every day.

Fresh fruit, salad & wholemeal bread are available daily. Gentle reminder: we are a nut free school.

09/09, 23/09,
07/10, 21/10

Menu - Week 1

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Meat/ Fish	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fishcakes	Chicken Korma	Macaroni Cheese	Roast Gammon	Ham Panini/Roll
Vegetarian	Veggie Fingers/Filled Jacket Potato	Veggie Curry/Filled Jacket Potato	Cheese or Tuna Wrap/Filled Jacket Potato	Veggie Burger/Filled Jacket Potato	Cheese or Tuna Panini/Filled Jacket Potato
Side	Chips/Pasta/Baked Beans/Peas	Rice/Mixed Veg	Garlic Bread/Sweetcorn	Roast Potatoes/Vegetables/Gravy	Garlic Potatoes/Fruit and Salad Selection
Dessert	Chocolate Cake & Chocolate Sauce/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt	Banana Muffins/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt	Australian Crunch/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt	Ice Cream & Fruit Jelly/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt	Cherry Shortcake/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt

Contacting the School Office

The school office is manned on
Monday to Friday **MORNINGS ONLY**

Please **RING** the school on 01271 858373 if you have an **URGENT** message during the afternoon or ensure that you email in the morning.

The FRIENDS of HNTPS

The Friends of HNTPS would like to thank everyone that came along or donated prizes to our last bingo fundraiser on the 8th of June, we raised a whopping £930.

Together with a generous grant from Cllr Frank Biederman part of the fundraising total went towards purchasing a replacement shed for the school to use in the Parish Playing field.

A hardworking team of Dads spent a sunny Saturday demolishing and constructing!





Horwood and Newton Tracey Primary School
Friends PTA



Get Involved!

- Research shows that when parents are involved children do better

Why?

- A great chance to be involved, make important decisions and make a difference
- Meet friends and be a part of something special!

What Happens?

- Informal meetings, approx. 4 per year, to plan fundraising events



PLEASE JOIN US AT OUR NEXT FRIENDS PTA MEETING



WHEN?

Thursday 26th
September
7.45pm

WHERE?

Hunter's Inn,

We are currently seeking a new Chairperson so if you think you have what it takes, come along!

Looking Forward To Seeing You All Soon.

Community Information

Any articles which appear in the school newsletter, that have not been organised by or on behalf of the school, have not been verified by TEAM Multi-Academy Trust as to the suitability for children. The news items are for parent information only.



**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT** **COFFEE MORNING**
Saturday 28th September
St Michael's Church, Horwood
10am to 12.30pm
Donations of cakes and baked goods would be gratefully received

CHATTERBOX

A community get together with a **cuppa** and a **cake** in St Michael's Church, Horwood.



Thursday 12th September

from 2.00pm until 4.00pm

Meet old friends, make new ones.

A warm and chatty welcome to all.

Please bring your own mug. Also, a small donation to help cover the costs would be appreciated.

Newton Tracey Church

COFFEE *and a* CHAT



Wednesday 18 September

at The Hunters Inn

10 – 11.30

Everyone is very welcome

THE WOODCOTT PLAYERS

We will be holding a meeting on **4 October** at 7.30 in Lovacott Village Hall.

Come along and see what we are planning for 2025 – we are an enthusiastic group and enjoy many laughs together!

We're always on the lookout for new people to join us, and are particularly short of children so would love to hear from parents who think their children might like to perform. We'd also love to hear from anyone who has the time and ability to help us with advertising.

Hope to see you on the 4th October! Pat Ford – 07452 833222

APPLEDORE BOOK FESTIVAL

FAMILY FUN DAY

Saturday 14th September,
10.30am-3pm

FREE

Registration at ABF Gazebo in Churchfields Car Park

Join us for a Family Trail Blaze through Appledore Village

Pick up your free Trail Sheet from the Registration Tent and see how many activities you can do!

Choose from a range of fun activities including:

- Potato Printing
- Face Painting
- Storytelling
- Photo Quiz
- Steam Train
- Biscuit Decorating
- Lego Workshop
- Giant Jigsaw
- Book Hunts
- Model Making

and much more ...

FREE BOOK & ICE-CREAM FOR EACH CHILD WHO COMPLETES THE TRAIL*

FULL DETAILS ON THE WEBSITE

With thanks to all the local businesses & charities taking part:
Appledore Bookshop, Appledore Chocolate Shop, Appledore Gallery, Appledore Library, Bideford Camera Club, Burton Art Box, Earth Nurse Press, Fire Service, Flame Factory, Hocking's, Johns of Appledore, Market Street Kitchen, Maritime Museum, Number Twenty, SS Freshspring, The Champ, The Royal, The Yard and Uncle Wainwright's

In association with

i am a bookworm 

*While Stocks Last



Get creative with Joseph Witchall
11.00am - 1pm in the Baptist Church.

Drop in sessions by local author and illustrator of Verdy - A Seed for Change in the City

Kindly sponsored by Hocking's



YOUTH CLUB

Thursday 12th September
6-7.30pm

For ages 8 and upwards,
in Newton Tracey Church.

There is a small charge of £2 per child.

For more information ring Kate on 01271 858268

Lovacott Little Library

Your Community Honesty Library

Open to everyone, with a wide selection of books across the genres to cater for young and old.

The first Monday of every month
2pm - 3pm in Lovacott Village Hall

As well as the monthly Little Library in the Village Hall, there are also selections of books in both Horwood and Newton Tracey churches, which will be rotating regularly. Both churches are open daily, so we encourage you to visit and explore the wonderful collection.

**MONDAY
2nd
SEPTEMBER**



PLASTIC FREE

NORTH DEVON

CROYDE Beach Clean

Thursday August 29th, 10am – 12pm

Croyde beach main car park

- Meet at the main beach entrance.
- Free parking for beach cleaners (please record your number plate on the sign in sheet).
- Equipment provided.
- Please note - if you are planning to bring dogs, Croyde beach has a "no dogs" policy from 30th April to 1st October.

Big SAUNTON Beach Clean

Sunday September 15th, 11am – 1pm

Saunton beach car park, Braunton

Get some fresh air, feel good and do good!
Come down anytime between 11am and 1pm.

- Free parking for volunteers
- Hot drinks will be provided (in a reusable cup only) by the wonderful Saunton Break Cafe - Remember to bring your own cup!
- Beach cleaning equipment is provided but if you have your own, bring it with you.

TARKA TRAIL Clean-up

Friday September 20th, 9.30am – 5.30pm

We will be hosting a Tarka Trail Estuary Clean up on **World Clean Up Day 2024** from Chivenor to Bideford. We are looking for businesses and groups to host cleans along the route and there will be a few opportunities for the general public to get involved too (details to be released early September).

If you're interested in hosting a clean along the route, please get in touch via email.

BARNSTAPLE REPAIR CAFÉ

Saturday September 21, 10am – 1pm

Barnstaple Pannier Market

This is a FREE service! Come along any time between 10am-1pm at Barnstaple Pannier Market to bring your items back to life, learn new skills, save money and the planet!

This month we aim to offer:

- Textiles repairs – such as replacing zips and buttons (bring your own zips and buttons), darning teddy bears, simple alterations, visible darning
- Small electrical & mechanical repairs – such as radios, headphones, cameras etc
- IT Support – For software-related problems that you can bring with you (such as laptops and tablets), and general IT advice on most subjects specialising Windows & apps software problems (less familiar with Apple products)

However, as we rely on volunteers, we can't always guarantee that all these skills will be available. If you have any questions, email info@plasticfreenorthdevon.org at least 48 hours before the event to give us time to respond.

PLEASE NOTE:

We are NOT a professional repair service, so please don't bring us 'fancy' repairs like wedding dresses – just drop us a message if you're not sure.

For further information on any of these events go to

www.plasticfreenorthdevon.org/whats-on-listing

or email info@plasticfreenorthdevon.org

Year's 6+7 Girls Rugby

Barnstaple Rugby Club

Friday's @6:30pm

Rugby is a game for all shapes, sizes and abilities

We are a new, friendly and welcoming girl's team.

You can play with us even if you currently play for another team or club

No experience needed, just turn up and give it a go!



info.barnstaplerugby@gmail.com for more information...

...or just turn up on Friday and play!

