



HORWOOD AND NEWTON TRACEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 13th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children across the school have settled well this week and have been responding extremely well to our behaviour reward system, with many children earning themselves dojo points for displaying yes please behaviour.

We have created certificates to reward the children for their dojo points:

50 points – Bronze certificate

100 points – Silver certificate

200 points – Gold certificate

400 points – Super Gold certificate

800 points – Platinum certificate

1,000 points – Head teacher Award



Parents will be able to log into their children's dojo account to see the number of points their children have achieved so far and discuss with them why they were awarded their dojo points. Certificates will be given out as part of our weekly celebration assemblies on Friday morning alongside our super learner and learning to learn certificates.

Let me Introduce myself...

I thought I would take this opportunity to introduce myself to our parents and wider community. I have been teaching for over 20 years and have taught in a range of schools across Devon and have spent over 10 years teaching in a multi-cultural school in North London.

My most recent posts were leading small rural schools with Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust, before taking the post of Deputy head at Okehampton Primary.

I have a passion for English and writing and enjoy exploring texts through drama and roleplay, bringing enjoyment and understanding for the children.

I live in North Devon with my husband, three children who are now all at secondary school (our youngest started secondary this year) and our little dog Rory. In my spare time I love travelling and embracing new cultures and experiences. At weekends you will find me exploring the beautiful walks and beaches that we are fortunate to have our doorstep here in North Devon.

I am excited to be working alongside our parents and wider community of Horwood and Newton Tracey.

Please do come and introduce yourself, I am on the gate every morning and afternoon.



Mrs Janine Cook
Head of School



Lunchtime and After School Clubs

We are offering the following clubs during breaktime and after school - please discuss this with your child.

If your child is interested and would like to join one of these clubs, **please wait** until our email has been sent out next week. This will have all of the details about charges and how to book.

The clubs will begin the week of Monday 23rd September.

There will be a small charge for the after-school clubs to cover costs of running the club.

I will be speaking to our newly elected Sports leaders and School Council about the range of sporting activities they would like to see across the school in the coming weeks. I will also be meeting weekly with our school leadership groups at lunchtimes and putting together their action plans for the development of their chosen area of interest. We hope to share their ideas with you in our future newsletters!

Day	Time	Club	Adult leading the club	Available for	Maximum Number of children
Monday	3:30- 4:15pm	Running Club	Mrs Hopkins	Year 3 to 6	12
	3:30- 4:15pm	Colouring Club	Mrs Nothmore	All year groups	20
Tuesday	3:30- 4:15pm	Cooking Club	Mrs Radley	All year groups	8
Thursday	3:30- 4:15pm	Book Club	Mrs Carter	All year groups	10
Friday	lunchtime	Construction club	Mrs French	All year groups	15
	3:30 – 4:15pm	Yoga Club	Mrs Mc Kenna	Year 1 to 6	12



Home Learning

This week children from year 2 to year 6 will be coming home with home learning to complete.

This will a piece of maths to consolidate the skills and strategies they have been learning across the week in class. The children will also have some spellings to practice at home which will be tested across the week in class.

We are asking that home learning is returned to school each Tuesday morning as it will be marked within their maths lessons so we can revisit any misconceptions the children may have with particular areas of maths.

Children in EYFS and Year 1 will continue to read daily and will have some phonics activities to complete at home to consolidate their learning at home. We encourage all children across the school to read daily and complete their reading record books.



Our Reading Basket

At HNTPS, we encourage all of our children to read daily as it supports so many areas of the curriculum, developing vocabulary and imagination for story writing as well as knowledge and understanding of the wider world.

Next week we will be introducing a EYFS and Key stage 1 as well as a key stage 2 reading basket.

Children who have 4 or more entries in their reading log books (completed by an adult) will be entered into our reading draw. This will take place each Friday during our celebration assembly.

The children will then be able to take the reading basket home for the weekend full of a range of books, comics and magazines as well as a snuggly blanket with chocolate and marshmallows to enjoy a cosy read with their grown ups at home.



Information about upcoming Flu Immunisations

The Flu Immunisation NHS Team are due to visit our school on the 7th of October 2024. In order to access the online consent

form, please enter or click on the following link:
<https://www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

PLEASE ENSURE YOU ENTER THE FULL UNIQUE SCHOOL REFERENCE CODE. The code for our school is: DV113154

Please submit your consent form by midday on the 2nd of October 2024 to ensure your child receives their vaccination.

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	- Celebration Assembly at 9:00am in Lovacott Gospel Hall - parents and carers welcome to join us - 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)

Dates for your diary....

23rd to 27th September	• Appledore Book Festival Schools' 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) - please ensure you have either OPTED IN or OPTED OUT using the online link sent via email
Wednesday 16th October	• Harvest Festival in Lovacott Gospel Hall - we will provide more details in coming weeks. • Parent Consultations 3.50pm to 6.00pm (letters will be sent home in the next couple of weeks)
Thursday 17th October	• Parent Consultations 3.50pm - 6.00pm (letters will be sent home in the next couple of weeks)



What have we been learning in class this week?

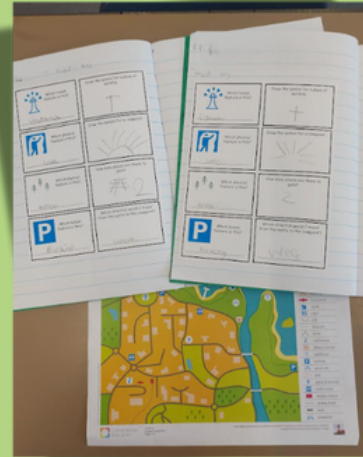
Class 1

This week in class 1 we have been sorting by colour, talking about our favourite colour, and matching colours to our feelings, using the book "The Colour Monster" by Anna Leenas.



Class 2

Class 2 have had a great first week back. They have immersed themselves in our geography, where they explored a map and identified what the different symbols represent. They have started to learn different sea shanties and have come up with their own actions to go alongside.



Class 3

In our reading sessions this week, class 3 have been finding out all about Big Ben. Using all the information we had learnt, we then created our own fact files to present our information. We are hoping to publish some of these to share in the library for other children to enjoy.



Class 4

Class 4 thoroughly enjoyed their first PE session of the term. The dance lesson was fully embraced by all the children and we were extremely proud of their attitude to learning. A great start to the year, well done.



Nursery

Our first week back at school. The colour monster has helped us understand how we feel each day at Nursery. We have loved reading the story and enjoyed putting the correct colour pompom in the jar to match the feeling. Everyone has painted and decorated their birthday crown ready for their next birthday.



Polite reminder: We serve breakfast between 7.45am to 8.15am



Breakfast Club

HEALTHY!

ART & CRAFTS!

GREAT START TO THE DAY!

BOOKS!

FRIENDS!



If you haven't already done so, please ensure payment has been made for your child's September and October sessions.



LOTS OF FUN! There's still time to sign up for Sept & Oct! Ask for more details in the office

HAPPY!



Pupil Learning Awards This Week



Class 1

Astrid for 'super listening'

Class 2

Demelza for 'working hard with a positive and independent attitude'

Class 3

Louis for 'finding and exploring strategies to support his maths learning this week'

Class 4

Eddie for 'coming back to school with a great attitude'

Class 1

Morwenna for 'trying her best'

Class 2

Penelope for 'always being ready and sitting beautifully on the carpet'

Class 3

Imogen for 'engagement in our lessons and completing her learning to the best of her ability'

Class 4

Isabel for 'being organised, engaged and independent'



Nursery Award

Darcey for 'following the nursery rules'



Celebrating children's sporting successes

Ayden competed in a trampolining competition in Denmark over the summer and achieved a bronze medal for trampolining and gold for double mini tramp. Well done!



Well done to Elise for achieving Star of the Week in her gymnastics club.



Eben played a cup match on Saturday, the team won and he was awarded most improved player. Well done!

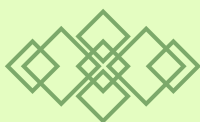


Well done to all of our children! Don't forget, if your child has achieved something out-of-school, please send in a photo with a brief description and we will ensure it is celebrated in our newsletter.

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.**



Lunch menu: W/C Monday 16th 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.

Menu - Week 2					
16/09, 30/09, 14/10	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Meat/ Fish	Cod Fillets or Salmon Fishcakes	Beef Bolognaise & Spaghetti	Cheese & Tomato Pizza Baguette	Roast Chicken	Hot Dog/Ham Roll
Vegetarian	Veggie Fingers/Filled Jacket Potatoes	Quorn Lasagne/Filled Jacket Potato	Cheese or Tuna Wrap/Filled Jacket Potato	Quorn Chicken Fillet/Filled Jacket Potato	Cheese or Tuna Roll/Filled Jacket Potato
Side	Chips/Pasta/Baked Beans/Peas & Sweetcorn	Mixed Veg	Potato Wedges/Coleslaw/Sweetcorn	Roast Potatoes/Veg & Gravy	Garlic Potatoes/Fruit & Salad Selection
Dessert	Sprinkle Cake/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt	Scotch Pancakes & Strawberry Coulis/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt	Lemon Drizzle Cake/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt	Ice Cream & Peaches/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt	Australian Crunch/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt

WELL DONE TO MRS ROBINSON IN THE SCHOOL KITCHEN!

Today, we had an unexpected visit from the Devon Environmental Health Team. We're thrilled to share that Caroline Robinson, our Catering Manager received another 5-star rating for Food Hygiene. This is fantastic news, and we're all very proud of the exceptional kitchen and catering provision at HNTPS.



Important information for all parents - for all year groups

FREE SCHOOL MEALS & PUPIL PREMIUM

If you think that your child is entitled to free school meals but haven't made an application then the Free School Meal Team have a platform that enables you to make a quick application online where your eligibility can be assessed and an outcome can be given instantaneously.

To apply for free school meals please visit the
<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

If you have any other queries relating to free school meal entitlement you can email the team at
freeschoolmeals@devon.gov.uk.



Our Parent Guide to



What is the pupil premium?

Introduced in 2011, the pupil premium is a sum of money given to schools each year by the Government to improve the attainment of disadvantaged children. This is based on research showing that children from low income families perform less well than their peers. The pupil premium is intended to directly benefit the children who are eligible, helping to narrow the gap between them and their classmates.

Is your child eligible?

Schools are given a pupil premium for:

- Children who have qualified for free school meals at any point in the last six years. The school receives approximately £1,480 for each child.
- Children who have been looked after under local authority care for more than one day. These children are awarded a premium of £2,570.
- Service pupil premium for those children who have a parent currently serving in the armed forces or whose parent is in receipt of a pension under the armed forces compensation scheme. These children are awarded £340.

Can you influence how the premium is spent?

There is no obligation for a school to consult with you on how the money is used. However, all schools have to show how they are using their premium on their website. The impact of the funding is assessed annually by Ofsted through their analysis of performance data. It is also an important focus for the Ofsted inspection framework.

How is it spent?

Ways in which we spend our fund include:

- Extra one to one and small group support
- Employment of extra teaching assistants
- Catch up session for children needing extra help
- Breakfast club support – up to 50% funding
- Funding educational trips – day trips 100% funded and up to 50% funding for UK residential trips

- Music lessons for children who cannot afford to pay for them – up to 50% funding
- Paying for additional help such as speech and language therapy or family support.
- Investing in resources that boost learning such as laptops and tablets.

How to claim pupil premium

Your child may be eligible for free school meals – and accordingly pupil premium – if you receive any of the following benefits:

- Income support
- Income-based jobseekers allowance
- Income-related employment and support allowance
- Support under Part IV of the Immigration and Asylum Act
- The guaranteed element of state pension credit
- Child tax credit, provided that you are not entitled to working tax credit and have a gross annual income of £16,190 or less
- Universal credit.

Please contact school if you think you may be eligible. We will advise you on what you need to do to register. From September 2014, all children in Reception and Year 1 and 2 became eligible for free school meals, regardless of their family income, but only the children who would have qualified for free meals under the above income-based criteria will receive pupil premium.

Importantly, even if your child receives free school meals as a reception/Yr1/2 child they may still be eligible for pupil premium. So, if your child qualifies for free school meals, it is very important that you tell us – even if they bring a packed lunch – as this enables us to claim pupil premium.



Any successful applicants by the end of September 2024,
will be given a £10.00 book voucher for their child.



The FRIENDS of HNTPS



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

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



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 we will be rotating regularly. Both churches are open daily, so we encourage you to visit and explore the wonderful collection.

MONDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER



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

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

*Not for resale

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 Services, Flame Factory, Hocking's, John's of Appledore, Market Street Kitchen, Maritime Museum, Number Twenty 55 Freshopping, The Champs, The Royal, The Yard and Uncle Warrington's.

In association with **i am a bookworm** **DK**

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



Newton Tracey Church

COFFEE and a CHAT



Wednesday 18 September
at The Hunters Inn
10 – 11.30
Everyone is very welcome

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



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

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

