

HORWOOD AND NEWTON TRACEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 20th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been so lovely to see the gorgeous sunshine this week and hear the children playing with the range of activities available for them to access during break and lunchtimes in the playground. As we come to the end of our second full week, the children across the school have settled well into classroom routines and are engaging well with the range of learning activities across the curriculum. We have had some new children join the school this week and our children have made them feel so warmly welcomed which has helped them to settle quickly into their new classes.



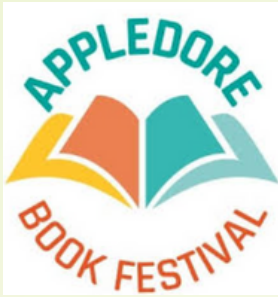
In Monday's assembly we looked at the range of emotions that we all encounter. We discussed as a school the reasons why we may feel these emotions and how we manage those big emotions when they arise. The children reflected on how this makes our body feel and the type of choices we may choose to make, that may not necessarily at the time, be the best choices. I left the children thinking about their behaviour and the impact this has on others and to think about the strategies they could use in their classrooms to support each other to overcome and talk about these big feelings. Staff will continue with this work through our PSHE (Personal, Social Health Education) lessons this half term.

Meet Our School Leadership Team

We were inundated with several letters of application from children across key stage 2 for our new leadership responsibilities. Staff and I have been looking at the range of skills and ideas that have come from the children and are pleased to announce our new school leadership team.



I am looking forward to meeting with the groups over lunchtime next week to begin to pull our action plans together and share with you their ideas to continue to improve the school in various areas.



Appledore Book Festival

Next week, we are looking forward to welcoming Phillip Argyll into school. He will be spending time in each class sharing some of his books with the children and inspiring them to use their own imaginations in their writing! We have been kindly donated books to the school which the children will bring home with them next week.

Curriculum Newsletters

Over the last few days, we emailed our Curriculum newsletters from class 2, 3 and 4. These will give our parents an overview of what the children will be learning across the curriculum this half term. If you have any artefacts or knowledge/expertise that would help to support a particular subject area, please speak to your child's class teacher. We hope that the curriculum newsletters will help our parents to engage in conversation with their children about what they are learning at school. Class 1 children receive a weekly update which will inform them about what the children will be learning across the week. Our parent consultations have been arranged for 16th and 17th October to discuss how your child has settled into the new school year and the areas we are currently working on supporting them with in class. Please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher before then if there is something you would like to discuss.

Home Learning

Each Friday children in years 2 to 6 will be given a piece of maths learning to complete at home. This will focus on the learning that they have completed across the week in our maths lessons. This learning will be marked with the children within their maths lessons on Tuesday morning to provide time to go over any misconceptions they may have and build upon their knowledge in readiness for their next steps. We ask that our parents encourage their children to complete this home learning and return it to school each Tuesday. They will also have a group of spellings to learn to support with their reading and writing.





Our Reading Baskets

This week we introduced our new reading baskets. The reading basket will be awarded to a child from class 1 or 2 and in class 3 or 4 who have completed 4 or more reads at home and had their reading logs completed by an adult. Research shows that children who read regularly not only increase their vocabulary, develop ideas and build knowledge but also

“Families who enjoy reading together have more opportunities for discussion, developing empathy and attachment.” National Literacy Trust

Please click on this link to read more [Reading to children is so powerful, so simple and yet so misunderstood](#) | [National Literacy Trust](#)

Children who are awarded the reading basket will have the opportunity to take the basket home for the weekend and enjoy the range of lovely books, snuggly blanket, hot chocolate and marshmallows with their family. We ask that the reading basket is returned to school on Tuesday so we can prepare the basket for the following weekend. The draw for the winners will take place each week in our celebration assembly which we invite our parents to join us for in Lovacott Gospel Hall at 9:10am.

After School Clubs

Our after-school clubs will begin next week. If you would like your child to participate in an after-school club, please contact the school office. Unfortunately, we are limited to the number of children we can have in each club. If your child has been unable to take part in a club this time we can add them to our reserve list. If your child is unable to make a club, please do let us know and we can offer that place to another child. All clubs finish at 4:15pm. We ask that parents collect their children from the front of the school.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Cook

Reminders...

Come and join us at our Celebration Assemblies, every Friday morning at 9:00am in the Lovacott Gospel Hall, opposite the school. Everyone is welcome!



For more information about music lessons with Jeffers or Rhiannon, please contact the office or check out our school website.

**Tuesday 24th September
Class 2 trip to Northam Burrows. Please ensure you have sent a consent email to admin@hntps.org. A payment link is available on your Parentpay account. Thank you.**



**Wednesday 2nd October
Class 4 trip to the John Wesley New Room in Bristol. Please ensure you have sent a consent email to admin@hntps.org. A payment link is available on your Parentpay account. Thank you.**

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 23rd September 2024

MONDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Class 4: PE (please come to school wearing kit)• Running Club 3:30pm to 4.15pm• Colouring Club 3:30pm to 4.15pm
TUESDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 3: Forest School (please ensure kit is in school)• Music lessons with Jeffers Mayo (private lesson for those parents that have signed up.)• Class 2 trip to Northam Burrows.
WEDNESDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Visit from author Philip Argyll, as part of Appledore Book Festival - Nursery to Class 4
THURSDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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)• Book Club 3:30pm to 4:15pm
FRIDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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)• Construction Club - lunchtimes• Yoga Club 3:30pm to 4:15pm

Dates for your diary....

Wednesday 2nd October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Class 4 trip to John Wesley Rooms, Bristol
Monday 7th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Flu Immunisations in school (NHS TEAM visit) -
Wednesday 16th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parent Consultations 3.50pm - 6.00pm (letters will be sent home in the next couple of weeks)

Our Reading Baskets this week.....



have been awarded to Penelope and Ronnie T

What do have we been learning in class this week?

Class 1

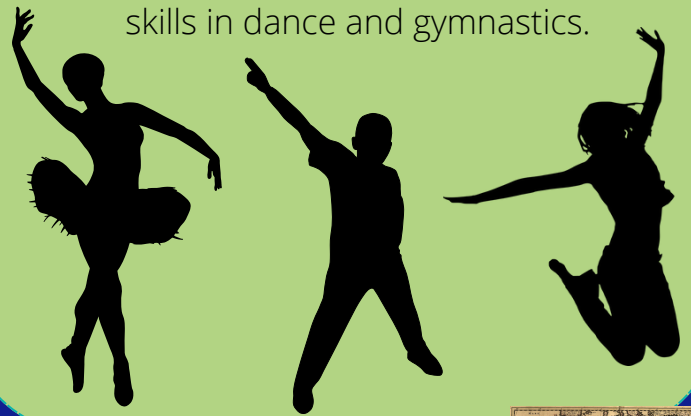


This week in class 1 we have been finding out about apples. We have cut apples open and found the seeds, core and flesh. We have learnt the names of different varieties and used a Bradley apple to make apple muffins!

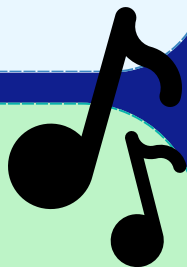


Class 2

In this weeks Geography the children have been learning about the different oceans of the world. They have also made a great start to their PE lessons and are learning fundamental movement skills in dance and gymnastics.



Class 3



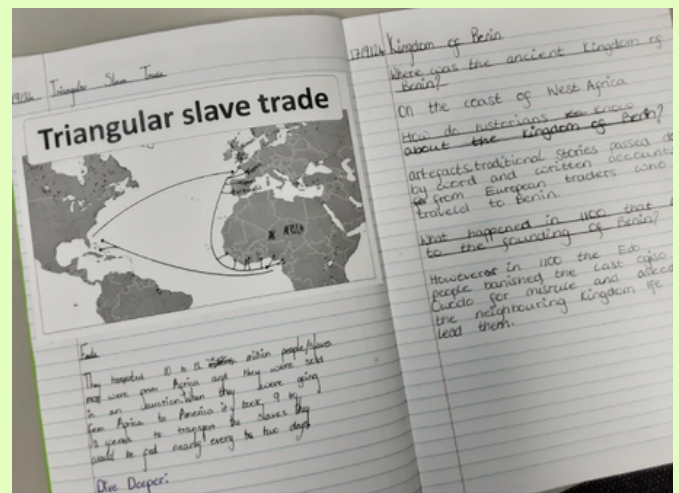
This week the children in class 3 were excited to receive their own recorder in our music lesson. We will be focusing on learning some simple notes and are hoping with lots of practice and rehearsals we will be able to perform some tunes we have been learning by the end of this half term. We had great fun today trying to play a range of notes, placing our fingers in the correct way and not blowing too hard!



Class 4



Class 4 have started their learning on the transatlantic slave trade. We have learnt about the journeys that were made and the items that were traded. We have also started to learn about the kingdom of Benin and its significance.



Nursery



We have looked inside an apple, naming the different parts, skin, leaf, flesh, core and seeds. We have also been busy drawing apples with pastels.



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

Breakfast Club



ART & CRAFTS!

BOOKS!

FRIENDS!

GREAT START TO THE DAY!



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

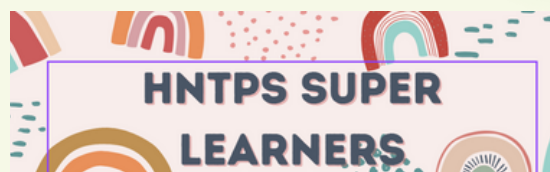


LOTS OF FUN! There's still time to sign up for Sept & Oct! Ask for more details in the office

HAPPY!



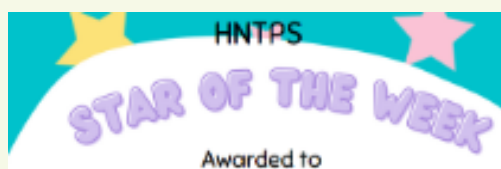
Pupil Learning Awards This Week



Class 1	Theo for 'great work in Floppy's phonics'
Class 2	Elle for 'persevering and not giving up with your learning'
Class 3	Joseph for 'amazing descriptive language for our setting piece of writing'
Class 4	Darcie for 'always being helpful in class'



Class 1	Betty for 'a great attitude to learning!'
Class 2	Ronnie for 'being ready and always showing amazing listening'
Class 3	Elise for 'always being ready to learn and following all instructions'
Class 4	Eve for 'always challenging herself'



- Charlie for 'always being a great help around the nursery especially with this friends'
- Darcey for 'following the nursery rules'

MEET OUR SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TEAM



ECO WARRIERS:

Ronnie T, Ziggy and Wilfred



SCHOOL COUNCIL

Hattie, Imogen, Joseph, George, Edie, Eve, Harriet, Molly, Tom and Osha



LIBRARIANS

Theo, Darcie, Seraphine, Amelie, Isabelle, Aria, Emily, Elise, Bella G, Ayden and Nancy



SPORT LEADERS

Isobel, Eben, Carter, Charlie, Ted, William and Sofia



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.

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.

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



Dear Parents and Carers

WE NEED YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT!

Asda, Joe Wicks and the Charity Parentkind, have teamed up to create the "Cashpot for Schools" initiative, providing funds to primary schools across the UK.

To support our school, all you need to do is opt-in through the Asda Rewards App, and shop online or in-store in your usual way.

The scheme is running to the 30th November 2024 and every time you shop using the Rewards App 0.5% of the value of your shop will be donated to your chosen primary school. The donations are made by ASDA and will come at no additional cost to you.

In addition to boost funds ASDA has given every school £50 to get started and will donate a further £1 every time someone opts in to support our Primary School.

Signing up for the initiatives only takes a couple of minutes via the Asda Rewards App, and we have explained this process below: -

1. Download the ASDA Rewards App
2. Register an account (this will be the same login as your ASDA groceries account if you already have one)
3. Opt in to the Cashpots for Schools
4. Select "Horwood and Newton Tracey Primary School" from the drop-down menu of schools – you can search by typing the name or using the postcode, which is EX313PU
5. Start shopping in-store or online at Asda and George and watch the Cashpot for school start to fill up!!

The Cashpot for Schools will not affect your own Cashpot Rewards benefits that you get and will not cost you a penny!! All funds are donated from ASDA based on the value of your spending.

As at today the current amount raised for our school is £81.32

This initiative is available to all, so please start spreading the news to friends and family and help us raise funds for our school.

Thank you all for your support

Our Celebration Assembly Today



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

WOMEN'S

DROP IN

Children welcome

"We amplify the voices that fight to be heard elsewhere"



An opportunity for women to access some support and make referrals to other services

Every other Wednesday 12-2pm
starting 18th September

Yeo Valley Hub (access via Sunflower Road)

Contact Brave Spaces: 01271 371499 or
bravespacesnd@encompass-sw.org.uk

Supported By:



03300415493 for more info or follow QR codes

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






Super 1s



STARTING SEPTEMBER 25

Free Inclusive Cricket Sessions

**AGES 12-25
ALL DISABILITIES WELCOME!**

**CHALLENGE YOURSELF
BE MORE ACTIVE
IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS
MAKE NEW FRIENDS**

**Pilton Community College, Barnstaple
EX31 1RB**

Wednesdays 5:45-6:45pm

**CONTACT
Damian Price
damian.price@devoncricket.co.uk**

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DEVON CRICKET FOUNDATION
www.devoncricket.co.uk/super1s



**TUESDAY 8TH OCTOBER
ALVERDISCOTT VILLAGE HALL**

**DOORS OPEN 6.30PM
EYES DOWN 7.30PM**

FREE REFRESHMENTS | RAFFLE | GREAT PRIZES

**RAISING MONEY FOR
MISSION: UNBREAKABLE
NORTH DEVON HOSPICE**

**NO BOOKING REQUIRED
FOR MORE INFO PLEASE CONTACT LINDSEY
ON 07917 867620**

North Devon Hospice

**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!




WICKETZ



STARTING SEPTEMBER 25

Free Cricket Sessions

**OPEN TO BOYS AND GIRLS
AGES 8-16 OF ALL ABILITIES**

COME ALONG TO YOUR LOCAL WICKETZ HUB FOR FUN CRICKET GAMES, ACTIVITIES AND COACHING!

**Pilton Community College, Barnstaple
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Wednesdays 4:30-5:30pm

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