This week's whole school attendance rate is 95.5%

Enabling children to be the best that they can be!

HORWOOD AND NEWTON TRACEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 18th October 2024

Dear parents/carers,

I wanted to begin this week's newsletter by thanking you all for your generous contributions that we have received over the past few weeks for our Harvest collection. Our Harvest Celebration in the Gospel Hall was very well attended and the children confidently shared their prayers of thanks, songs, poems and information about the Freedom Centre to a packed Church. Thank you all for joining us to celebrate. We are looking forward to welcoming back Rev Ally to the school next week to lead one of our whole school assemblies and thank her for coming along to give our children, parents and wider community a blessing at the end of our Harvest Celebration. The Freedom Centre were overwhelmed by the generosity of the food donations they received from the school when I arrived yesterday with a car full for food!



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Parents Consultations

Thank you to all our parents who came along to our parent consultation evenings on Wednesday and Thursday this week. We hope that you found the meetings informative and supportive. We want to work closely with our parents and carers to enable us to best support your child to be the best that they can be. If you were unable to make our parent consultation evenings, please do speak to your child/ren's class teacher/s to arrange another time that is suitable.

Halloween Disco

Thank you to our FRIENDS of HNT who have organised a Halloween disco for all the children to enjoy after school next Friday 25th October. Tickets are now available to purchase from the school office in the morning during school drop off, or just before school pick up at 3:15pm from the front lobby from our school council members. Proceeds from the sale of the tickets will help to purchase furniture for our outdoor reading room which our librarians are keen to get up and running after the half term break.

Mrs Dixon Leaving

It is with sadness that we will be saying our goodbyes to Mrs Dixon who works alongside Mrs Blunt in our nursery. Mrs Dixon has secured a new role in a school closer to home. We would like to take this opportunity to thank her for the fantastic experiences she has given the children in our nursery and wish her good luck in her new role. We are currently advertising to replace Mrs Dixon and will be interviewing after the half term break.

Class 2 Update

We currently have Mr Boyle who is leading the teaching and learning in class 2 in Mrs Northmore's absence. Mr Boyle will be working alongside the support staff in class 2 as the class teacher along with Mrs Davis who is an experienced SEND teaching assistant.



Global Vision Day

On Tuesday next week, we are looking forward to introducing the children to our partnered school Shri Sharada in India. The children will spend the day learning about Indian culture and celebrations, food, music and dance. The School Council are currently creating a range of questions that they would like to ask the staff of Shri Sharada in our online meeting with the teachers when we come back after the half term break. We are looking forward to sharing the learning the children have created in next week's newsletter. For more information about our partnered school, please click on the link below:

Horwood and Newton Tracey Primary School - international partnerships (hntps.devon.sch.uk)

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Cook

School Disco Tickets

£1.00 per ticket

Available from the front lobby at 8.50am and 3.20pm every day next week. Please bring correct change, if possible.

Reminders...

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

A huge thank you to Appledore Book Festival for providing every child in school with their very own Phillip Ardagh book, please enjoy the book with your child.

Please note, class teachers are not available in the mornings as they are busy preparing for the day ahead. If you would like to arrange a meeting with a teacher, please contact the School Office via email admin@hntps.org or telephone 01271 858373. Thank you for your understanding.

Reception and Year 6 parents/carers have received an email this week about the National Child Measurement Programme taking place in the Spring Term. The letter includes an OPT OUT link - all opt outs need to be received by Friday 20th December.

Please could you check that your child hasn't accidentally brought home another child's sweatshirt or cardigan? Thank you for your help!

Please can all parents and carers be reminded to park wherever possible in the Village Hall carpark and walk children to and from school.

FRIENDS' Disco tickets will be available from the school playground after school every day next week. £1 per ticket. Please bring correct change. A big thank you to our school counsellors and the FRIENDs of HNTPS for organising the event.

What's on...?

Next Week: W/C 21st October 2024

Monday

- Class 4: PE (please come to school wearing kit)
- Running Club 3:30pm to 4.15pm
- Colouring Club 3:30pm to 4.15pm CANCELLED

Tuesday

- Year 3: Forest School (please ensure kit is in school)
- Global Visioning Day
- Music lessons with Jeffers Mayo (private lesson for those parents that have signed up.)

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)
- Construction Club - lunchtime
- Yoga Club - lunchtime this week rather than after-school
- HALLOWEEN DISCO - tickets available at school or on the door
- Last day of term

Celebration Assemblies on Fridays

If you are attending our Celebration Assemblies, please ensure that any photographs you take are only of your own child or children and are not shared on the internet or social media platforms. Thank you.

Dates for your diary....

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

School Term Dates 2024/2025 - Spring Term

First day of school: Tuesday 7th January 2025

Half-term holiday: Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February 2025

Last day of school: Friday 4th April 2025

Easter holiday: 7th April to 21st April 2025

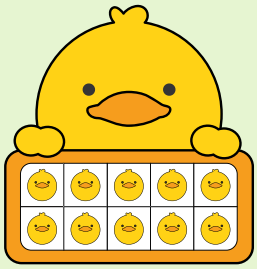
First day of school: Tuesday 22nd April 2025

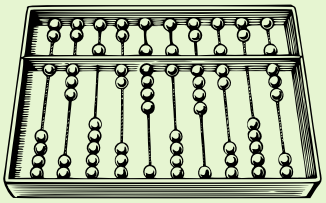


What do have we been learning in class this week?

Class 1

This week we have been helping Mrs Hickety Pickety and Mrs Quackers with their counting. They are not very good at recognising which of them has more and which has less or fewer.





Class 2

This week we have been learning about fact families using adding and subtraction and writing these as number sentences. In music we explored the different parts of a violin, with Mr Boyle kindly playing some songs for us all to enjoy.



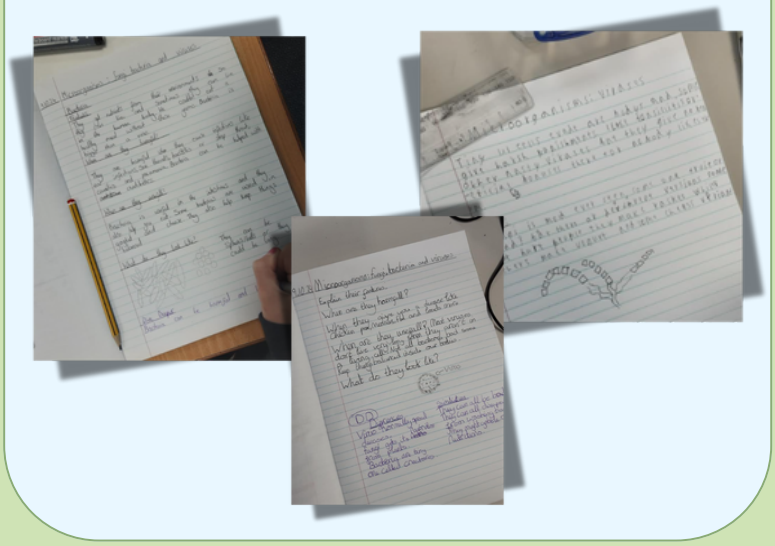
Class 3

Class 3 enjoying their new books - Furry Purry Bean Cat or the Grunts - which were generously given to us by The Appledore Book Festival. We enjoyed the visit from Philip Ardagh (the author) and are loving reading his books now.



Class 4

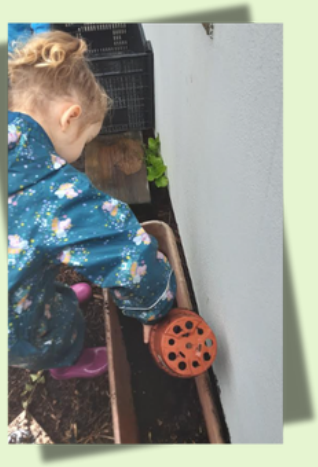
We have been learning about microorganisms in science and can explain differences and similarities between viruses, bacteria and fungi. We've been creating classification keys so that we can sort them.



Nursery

We planted daffodil bulbs in our nursery garden ready for spring. All nursery children have been given a story book called bunnies on the bus by the author Phillip Ardagh who came to visit us a few weeks ago. Please enjoy the story with your children the illustrations are fantastic.







Our Reading Baskets this week.....



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 9:00am.

have been awarded to:

Class 1 & 2: Theo M

Class 3 & 4: Hattie

SPORT LEADERS' NOTEBOOK

Sports Leaders update

Our sports leaders have been observing the use of the playground over this half term and thinking of creative ways to best make use of the space we have in our playground and outside class 2. We have already carried out an audit of all the equipment and thrown away items that were damaged or broken. We have also placed a new order of equipment and the sports leaders are looking forward to setting the activities up for all the children to access. Lunchtimes will also provide a quieter space for those children who would like to play with lego, get creative with art and colouring, produce their own comics or read a book in our outdoor library. We hope that the wide range of activities available to all the children will provide something for everyone to enjoy.

The sports leaders have put together a timetable of a range of activities that will be available during lunchtime play after speaking and surveying the children across the school. Next week in our school assembly they will be sharing their ideas and plans for our lunchtimes which will begin after the half term break.

'I'm really excited to get some new basket ball hoops and new equipment'. Charlie

'I'm excited to teach kids to play some new sports'. Carter

'I'm looking forward to helping others learn different sports'. Isabel

'I can't wait to encourage other children to learn different sports and help others who don't really like sport'. Bella

'I'm excited that I'm going to teach people sports'. Eben

'I'm really looking forward to doing different sports'. William

'I'm looking forward to helping play different sports everyday'. Sofia

'I'm looking forward to teaching people different sports and sharing my skills with them'. Ted

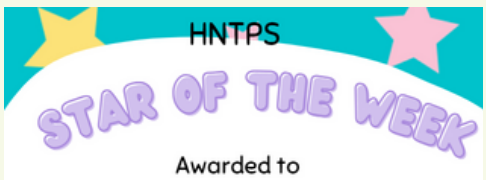
Pupil Learning Awards This Week



Class 1	Rocco for 'excellent blending to read words independently'
Class 2	Clara for 'showing a positive attitude to learning'
Class 3	Hattie for 'her consistent approach to her learning and for how hard she always works'
Class 4	Ayden for 'giving positive and thoughtful feedback during PE'



Class 1	Finley for 'keeping going when he is feeling tired'
Class 2	Teddy for 'showing great resilience in his learning'
Class 3	Wilfred for 'never giving up and always having a go'
Class 4	Ruben for 'never giving up'



Nursery	Harper-Leigh for 'being such a lovely friend at nursery'



Wilfred (C3), Hattie (C3), Elise (C3), Austin (C3), Bella W (C3), Emily (C3), Charlie W (C4), Olivia (N)

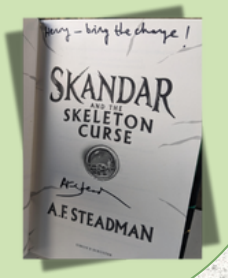
Celebrating children's successes

Elle was invested at 1st Tawstock Beaver Colony last night



Henry S. was thrilled to meet A.F. Steadman, the award-winning author of the Skandar series, at a book signing in Exeter. She signed his copy of her latest book with the message, "Henry, Bring the change!"





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 and leave a voice message. This will be picked up at 3pm when our messages will be reviewed. Alternatively, please ensure you email in the morning when Carla is in the office.

Nursery News

Dear parents/carers,
I just wanted to let you know that I will be leaving HNTPS and my last day will be Friday 25th October. I have been offered an opportunity that fulfils my career progression and ambitions. I have had such a memorable time over the last 5 years and it has truly been a pleasure to work with you and your children and watch them grow and flourish. I will always think of each of them fondly and I will look forward to hearing about their accomplishments as they grow up.
Wishing each of you all the best always, Mrs Dixon x

Lunch menu: W/C Monday 21st October 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

Next half term

04/11, 18/11, 02/12, 16/12	Menu - Week 1				
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Meat/ Fish	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fishcakes	Chicken Stew & Dumplings	Macaroni Cheese	Roast Gammon Joint	Ham Panini/Roll
Vegetarian	Veggie Fingers/Filled Jacket Potato	Veggie Stew/Filled Jacket Potato	Cheese/Tuna Wrap/Filled Jacket Potato	Veggie Burger/Filled Jacket Potato	Cheese or Tuna Panini/Filled Jacket Potato
Side	Chips/Pasta/ Baked Beans/Sweetcorn	Mixed Veg	Garlic Bread/ Sweetcorn	Roast Potatoes/ Vegetables/ Gravy	Fruit and Salad Selection
Dessert	Chocolate Cake & Chocolate Sauce/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt	Raspberry Muffins/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt	Apple Crumble/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt	Ice Cream & Custard Biscuit/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt	Oat Crunchie/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt

School Attendence letter reminder

Dear families,

I am writing this letter, which you will receive twice a year in line with Devon's guidance, to update you on fines for unauthorised absence. TEAM is following statutory guidance and does not issue or receive money from these fines. The text below is a standard letter sent to all parents, regardless of which school their child attends or their current attendance record.

In September 2013, an amendment to the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006 came in to force and greater clarity was introduced to the issue of schools authorising absence requests. In addition on 19 August 2024, an amendment to the Education (Penalty Notices) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 came into force and set out a new National Framework for issuing penalty notices. These changes reinforced the Government's view that every minute of every school day is vital and that pupils should only be granted authorised absences by the school in 'exceptional circumstances'.

A family holiday is not normally considered by the Government to be an 'exceptional circumstance' and therefore will not be authorised by this school.

I must take this opportunity to remind you, that should you choose to take your child out of school without the authorisation of the school, then Parental Responsibility Measures could be instigated. This could mean receiving any of the following;

- A Penalty Notice
- A summons to the Magistrate Court which could result in a fine of up to £2,500 and/or a term of imprisonment for up to 3 months.

Schools are required to notify the Local Authority if a pupil has a number of unauthorised absences. Unauthorised absences can be acquired when;

1) Leave has been requested, but the circumstances are such that the school is unable to authorise the leave and it is taken anyway.
2) Leave is not requested and/or the school has grounds to believe that the child has been taken out of school for an avoidable reason (example – a family holiday). Only the Head teacher can authorise an absence. This year there have been occasions when schools have been notified that the pupil is sick, but the school later discovers and reasonably believes that the reason given for the absence is not genuine.
3) A child continually arrives late after the registration period has closed.

This school will notify the Local Authority in all of the circumstances listed above.

Should a Penalty Notice be issued as a result of unauthorised absence then one notice will be issued to each parent/carer for each child involved. In addition to natural parents and any person with parental responsibility, any person considered to have day to day care and control of a young person is deemed to be a parent in matters relating to education and school nonattendance (s576 Education Act 1996).

From 19th August 2024, following changes to secondary legislation, the amount charged in a penalty notice was increased.
The first penalty notice issued will be charged at £160 if paid within 28 days. This is reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days.
The second penalty notice issued will be charges at a flat rate of £160 if paid within 28 days. If a Penalty Notice goes unpaid after 28 days, then court proceedings will be initiated.

For further information or to discuss this, please feel free to contact me on: **dpolak@team-mat.org.uk**

Yours sincerely,

Dan Polak
Director of Education

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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

The Friends of HNTPS

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.

The **AGM** of ***The Woodcott News,*** and the ***Woodcott News Supporters Club***, will be on Wednesday 13th November in Lovacott Village Hall, starting at 7pm.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH

SUNDAY LUNCH

Alverdiscott Community Hall

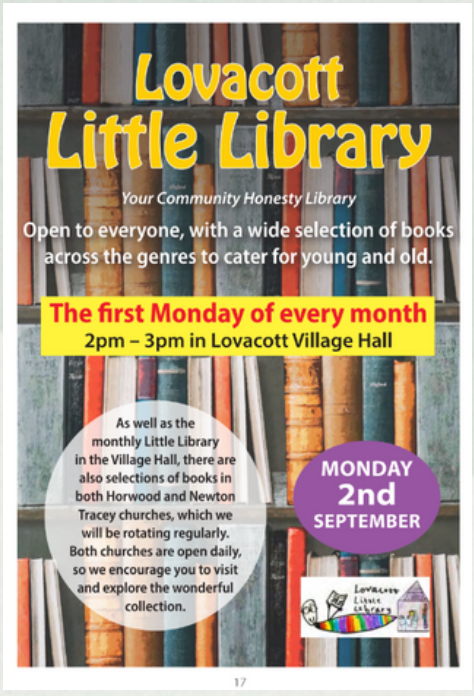
24th November

12.30pm for 1pm



Tickets £20
2 course meal with a glass of wine

Book your place with Louise Saunders 01271 858522 • louisesaunders4bp@gmail.com



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COMING UP ~ EVENTS AND NEWS

Join us on Saturday 12th October for this lovely day of activities

CELEBRATE GREAT TORRINGTON!
We have lots of activities planned for all the family in Castle Community Hall and Gardens. Come along to take part or just to see what is going on.

Activities start at 10am, finishing at 1pm. Some have specific times as follows:
10-10.30am Decorate a cupcake with ForknFeast Cafe. (Numbers limited)
11am Chair Yoga with Ruth Chambers

Running all morning are:
Dig the Castle Artefacts with Emily Wapshott * Bulb planting * Sound bathing with Zita Costello * Dog obedience and agility with Woof and Whistle *
Dressing up in 1646 costume - take a 1646 selfie! * Vintage board games to try *
Commons Conservators tombola * Tarka Valley Railway * Find the fairy doors *
Guess the Dahlia! * Photographic exhibition
We can't wait to see you!



Celebrate Great Torrington is a community led event celebrating our town.
It is a partnership between the library and people of Great Torrington.
Join us in Castle Community Centre & Gardens for:
Dig the Castle Artefacts · Bulb Planting · Sound Bath
Dog Obedience & Agility · Find the Fairy Doors · Chair Yoga
17th Century Dressing Up · Music · Vintage Board Games
Cooking · Photo Exhibition & more!

Saturday 12th October 10am - 1pm

Like our page on Facebook for updates of what's on and when! @torringtonlibrarydevon

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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
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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!