This week's whole school attendance rate is 96%

Enabling children to be the best that they can be!

HORWOOD AND NEWTON TRACEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 25th October 2024

Dear parents/carers,

As we come to the end of our first half term, I would like to thank you all for making me feel so warmly welcomed to the community of Horwood and Newton Tracey. The children have settled quickly to the new term and routines and systems have been established across the school. Class teachers have been working alongside the children to develop our learning behaviours in our fortnightly focused skills and embedding these as part of our day to day teaching and learning strategies. Our school leadership teams have embraced the challenges of their new roles and the enthusiasm in our weekly meetings is a joy to see, as they share their ideas and plans for the school in the coming months.

We began this week's assembly looking at our new focused learning skill '***Taking Risks'*** which will continue after the half term. The children thought about what it was like to take risks and how taking risks make us feel. I shared some of the many stories of people who have been successful through the risks they have taken and the determination and self-belief that they had in themselves. We are encouraging the children to think about how they could take a risk in completing the learning in their classrooms and also in playground at break and lunchtimes.

Global Vision Day

On Tuesday this week, I shared some photos and information about our international school in India. The children found out where in the world India was exploring our world map. They also found out how long Mr Thomas had to travel to get to Sri Sharada School and the amazing things that he saw on his journey. The photographs and pictures from Mr Thomas' visit to the school gave the children a wonderful opportunity to understand the similarities and differences with our lives and the lives of others across the world. The children then went off to explore lots of different areas of India including celebrations, clothes, research and fact files and art work. We came back together towards the end of the day to share the fantastic things we had found out from each class. A huge thank you to Mrs Robinson in the kitchen for creating a delicious Indian lunch for the children to enjoy alongside some beautiful Indian music. We will be creating a display of the children's wonderful learning for everyone to enjoy and celebrate outside our school library.

Art Week

This week the children across the school have been exploring a range of artists and their different forms of art. The children in class 1 have looked at creating their own Rangoli patterns and creating and decorating their own Diwali pots. The children in class 2 have looked at Rangoli patterns and Henri Matisse. In class 3 the children have explored Van Gogh 'Sunflowers' creating their own masterpieces as well as looking at the work of Stephen Wiltshire Cityscapes. In class 4 the children have been looking the street artist Banksy. We hope to showcase the children's artwork in our own art expedition after the half term.

Shoebox Appeal – Operation Christmas Child

Your child/ren will come home with a leaflet sharing information on how our families can become involved in supporting the Christmas Shoebox Appeal this year. The Shoebox Appeal supported by The Samaritans Purse, enables children all over the world to have a present to open on Christmas morning. The leaflet gives detailed information on the range of gifts and ideas that you can include in your shoe box and the age ranges you can fill the shoebox for. Please can we ask that any filled shoe boxes are returned to the school within the first week back after the half term break with the label clearly visible on the top of the lid. The shoe boxes will be collected on **FRIDAY 8th NOVEMBER**. Many thanks for your support.

Time Tables Rock Stars

We have secured a license at HNTPS for Time Table Rock Stars program which will support our key stage 2 children (year 3 to 6) to learn and remember their multiplication facts for quick recall. This will enable all our children to make greater connections when using and applying their multiplication skills to other areas of the maths curriculum such as fractions and problem-solving activities. The children have been set up with a username and password and have had this information stuck into their reading dairies. We hope that the children will log onto their account and access their platforms over the half term break.

Remembrance Assembly

On Monday 11th November, the children and staff will be gathering in the Gospel Hall to pay our respects to the men and women who lost their lives during the war and conflict around the world. The children will be laying class wreaths and the children in key stage 2 will lead the assembly with some prayers and thoughts for remembrance. Parents and carers are welcome to join us in the Gospel Hall at 10:45am and we will finish the assembly at 11am by carrying out a minute silence.

Just to remind all our parents and carers that school is closed next week for the half term holidays. We are looking forward to welcoming all our children back to school on **Monday 4th November**.

Wishing you all a wonderful half term break,

Mrs Cook

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!

Year 5 London Trip payment instalments have been set up on Parentpay. Please log into your account to see the payment plan.

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 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 note that starting after the half-term holidays, if your child experiences a bump or medical incident during the day, we will log the details on our new online platform, MEDICAL TRACKER. You will be notified via email through the Medical Tracker system

Poppies will be available in school to purchase on the first week back - more information to follow.

A huge thank you to all of our FRIENDs at HNTPS who have kindly given up their time to organise a fun Halloween disco for the children to enjoy. We hope everyone has a great time.

What's on...?

Next Week: W/C 4th November 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

Tuesday

- Year 5: Forest School (please ensure kit is in school)
- Music lessons with Jeffers Mayo (private lesson for those parents that have signed up.)

Wednesday

- Class 3: PE (please come to school wearing kit)

Thursday

- Nursery: Forest School (AM)
- Reception: Forest School (PM)
- Class 2: PE (please come to school wearing PE kit)
- Class 4: Year 6 - Swimming (please bring kit)
- Book Club - 3:30pm to 4:15pm

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 - 3:30pm to 4:15pm

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

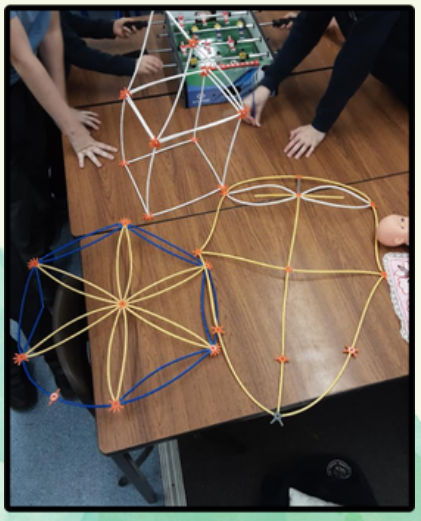
First day of school: Tuesday 7th January 2025

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



Some great construction at Breakfast Club this week!

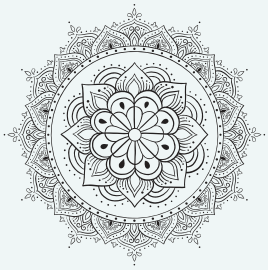
What do have we been learning in class this week?

Class 1

Class 1 took great interest in watching a clip from CBEEBIES about Anohska and her family who live in Bangalore in India. We then created rangoli patterned plates and divas. After half term we will learn more about the Hindu festival of diwali.

Class 2

Class 2 have been learning about information text and have been writing their own animal fact files. We enjoyed our global vision day and had lots of fun creating our own rangoli patterns.



Class 3

In class 3 this week the children have been exploring the work from the artist Vincent Van Gogh. We had our own masterclass to produce our interpretation of his famous Sunflowers paintings. I'm sure you will agree, they have done a fantastic job!

Class 4

Class 4 have spent the last 6 weeks exploring dance during their PE lessons. We have learnt about some typical steps you would find in the style of Rock and Roll and we have then choreographed their own routine. This week we showcased our learning to class 3 and 1. Class 4 showed great enthusiasm and resilience during this unit of work.Well done class 4!

Nursery

This week has been all about Pumpkins. We made pumpkin muffins, hammering pegs into a pumpkin developing our fine motor skills and investigating what's inside a pumpkin. We even had time to make tiger masks during our whole school global day about

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:

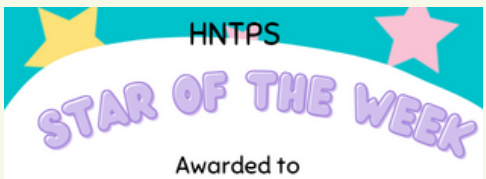
Class 1 & 2: Phoebe

Class 3 & 4: Austin

Pupil Learning Awards This Week

Class 1	Kara for 'a beautiful rangoli pattern'
Class 2	Demelza for 'being thoughtful and kind to others'
Class 3	Isabelle for 'always trying her best and for working hard'
Class 4	Yana for 'always being engaged in your learning'

Class 1	Amelia for 'trying to say new words in Spanish'
Class 2	Elliot for 'a positive attitude to learning and challenging himself in maths'
Class 3	Emily for 'being brave when things got challenging'
Class 4	Aiden for 'always being willing to have a go at everything'



Nursery	Freya for 'really trying hard in all nursery activities and always being happy.'

Ayden R , Bella G, Luca, Ted, Amelie, Carter, Eve, Isabel, Kenzie, Molly, Thomas B, Martha W, Alina, Eben,

Celebrating children's successes

On Saturday Archie did his second tennis competition, with tough older ones and made it to a tie break. Amazing achievement only being 5 years old!

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.

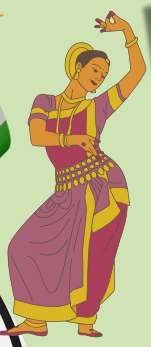
Sports' Leaders Update:

Sports Leaders Update
Our sports leaders have been busy putting together a plan of a range of activities that will engage all our children in active play during lunchtimes. We have had a delivery of our new sports storage containers and can wait to fill them with our new play equipment when they arrive next half term!

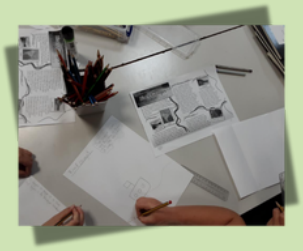
GLOBAL Vision Day

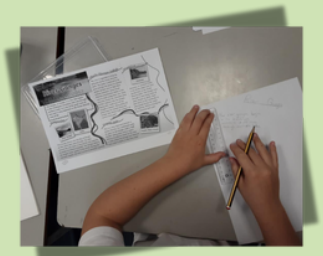
Wednesday 22nd October 2024

INDIA



‘I enjoyed Global day as I got to find out more about Indian culture and try some food they eat.’ Elise





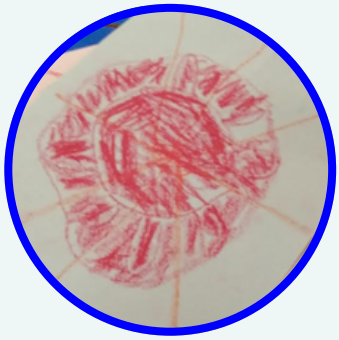
‘I like the food because it was yummy’. Curtis

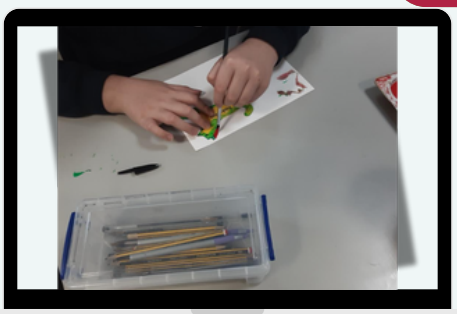
‘I liked finding out about the life they live in India’. Darcy

‘I liked learning about the Indians because it was fun to learn about Diwali.’ Jude

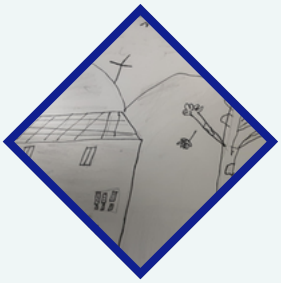
HNTPS ART Week

W/C 21st October 2024





'I enjoyed creating our sunflowers'. Bella



'I enjoyed exploring different techniques and styles of art such as Banksy'. Martha

'I like all of the new colours - they were very pretty'. Betty

'I like all of the colours in the patterns'. Jude

Lunch menu: W/C Monday 4th November

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.

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

Goodbye Mrs Dixon!

Today we said our goodbyes to Mrs Dixon who has worked alongside Mrs Blunt in our nursery. We would like to thank her for her dedication to the children, staff and community of Horwood and Newton Tracey and wish her the very best in her new role.

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

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

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

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TIVERTON MUSEUM of Mid Devon Life

SATURDAY 26TH OCTOBER

JOIN TIVERTON MUSEUM'S WRITER IN RESIDENCE, EMMA PHILLIPS FOR THIS SPOOKY SESSION AND CREATE YOUR OWN 'WHAT'S IN A SPELL?' POEM

SESSIONS RUN FROM 11.00 – 11.30 & 11.30 – 12.00
SUITABLE FOR AGES 7-12. INCLUDED IN NORMAL ADMISSION
LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE – PLEASE RESERVE YOUR SPACE ON ARRIVAL
CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

TIVERTON MUSEUM of Mid Devon Life

HALLOWEEN HALF TERM

A SPOOKY PROBLEM!
An evil wizard has cast a spell over the museum. Can you solve the clues to find the magic word and break the spell?
Younger visitors can spot our pumpkins around the museum.
Part of normal admission.
26 OCTOBER - 2 NOVEMBER

FAMILY FRIGHT NIGHT!
Visit the museum by torchlight (it will be darker from 6pm) and find the museum ghosts! £3 per child plus normal admission for adults (museum members half price admission and £2 per child). Please bring your own torch.
TUESDAY 29 OCTOBER, 5:30-7:30PM

HALLOWEEN CRAFT
Make spider headbands! £3 per child with paying adult (£2 per child with a museum member). Drop-in.
TUESDAY 29 & WEDNESDAY 30 OCTOBER, 10:00-12:00

FRIGHT NIGHT!
Join us for an **Adults Only Fright Night!** Dare you brave the museum at night? Normal admission (museum members half price admission). Please bring your own torch.
FRIDAY 25 OCTOBER, 7:00 - 9:00PM

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

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Brave Spaces

03300415493 for more info or follow QR codes

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