

Enabling children to be the best that they can be!

This week's
whole
school
attendance
rate is
95.6%

HORWOOD AND NEWTON TRACEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 8th November 2024



Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term. The children have settled in well and are showing an abundance of motivation and enthusiasm with their learning across the school. This week we are continuing with our learning to learning skill which focuses on risk taking. It has been lovely to see so many children gaining confidence to 'have a go' and embrace new challenges.

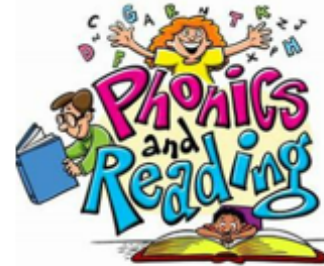


Review of Support Plans

This week staff have come together in our weekly staff meeting to review our support plans for those children accessing additional support across the school. Class teachers will be contacting parents to arrange meetings to discuss the new support plans in place for this half term and moving forward. At HNT, we believe that all teachers are teachers of SEND, and our careful planning enables all children to be stretched and challenged allowing them *To Be the Best We Can Be*.

Parent Workshop – Early Reading and Phonics

We would like to invite parents of children in reception and year 1 to join us in class 1 next Tuesday 12th November at 3pm. Mrs Radley will be leading a session on the phonics programme we use at HNT and sharing ideas on how you can best support your children with their reading development and fluency at home. Please do come along and join us for this session.



Devon Family Hubs

Please find below a link to a valuable website that offers a range of support and advice for parents. The link includes on line training and guidance as well as opportunities to join support groups and meeting locally with other parents.

Action for children

Remembrance Service – Monday 11th November

Thank you to our parents and carers who have purchased a poppy from the school this week. All money collected will be returned to the British Legion following our assembly at the Gospel Hall on Monday morning at 10:40, where the children will observe a minute silence at 11am. Poppies will be able to purchase in school on Monday morning. Everyone is welcome to join us for the service.





Lunchtime Play

Before half term, our sports leaders co-ordinated a range of activities to engage children across the school in active lunchtime play. This week we have seen children participating in netball, basketball and tennis. There has also been a range of opportunities for children to use the quieter end of the playground to read, colour or use a range of construction toys to be creative. A

huge well done to our sports leaders for organising a timetable of activities and preparing our new purchased resources for the playground for everyone to enjoy!

Meeting with Sharada School

On Tuesday this week, our school council group met with staff and children from Sharada School in India. Despite some technical issues with internet connection, the children were able to ask the range of questions they had generated to find out more about our linked school in India. Please see what we found out later in the newsletter!

A huge well done to our School Council team to conducted themselves beautifully throughout the meeting and displayed great confidence when sharing their information with the rest of the school in our assembly on Wednesday.



Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Cook

Halloween Disco

A HUGE thank you to the FRIENDS of HNTPS for organising a fabulous and spooktastic disco before half term. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience. With your help, FRIENDS has raised a fantastic **£120.00** which will be used to buy some much needed new resources for our new intervention space.

WANTED

Any sticks, twigs, wooden boxes that could help support us to create some bug houses for our local habitat to live in during the colder winter months. Any donations would be warmly welcome. Please leave outside class 2.

Thank you.

The Eco Warrior Team



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@hhttps.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.



Please ensure that children remove earrings and other jewellery for PE and have their long hair tied back for safety reasons.

Staffing Update...

Mr Boyle continues to lead the teaching and learning in Class 2 in Mrs Northmore's absence, alongside an existing member of teaching assistant staff and an additional SEND teaching assistant. An advert has gone out today to appoint a class teacher for Class 2 which will begin in January.

Following an interview process this week, we were unable to appoint a TA to replace Mrs Dixon. We have also re-advertised this position to appoint a teaching assistant and mealtime assistant role.

What's on...?

Next Week: W/C 11th November 2024

Monday

- Remembrance Service - Lovacott Gospel Hall at 10:50am
- Running 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.)
- Reading Phonics workshop at 3pm - RECEPTION CLASS parents and carers

Wednesday

- Class 3: PE (please come to school wearing kit)
- Team Cross Country Event at High Bickington Academy - selected children

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

- Children in Need - wear pyjamas to school day! £1 via Parentpay
- 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.

Advance Dates for your Diary

Monday 11th November	Remembrance Service, Lovacott Gospel Hall at 10.50am
Thursday 21st November	TEMPEST Photography (Individual and Family Portraits)
Friday 29th November	Reception Class - Vision Test (Opt out email has been sent to parents)
Wednesday 11th December	9.30am Nativity Performance 5.30pm Nativity Performance (Village Hall)
Thursday 18th December	Christingle Service (Classes 3 and 4) at 2.45pm

Dates for your diary....

School Term Dates 2024/2025 - Autumn Term

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 we have been learning in class this week?

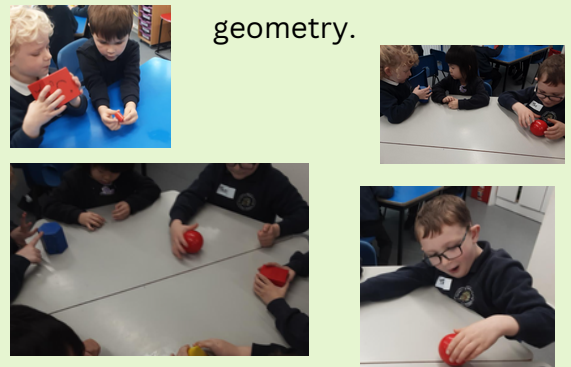
Foundation Stage Class (N & CLI)

We have been busy discovering how we celebrate special days such as November 5th and Diwali. We have enjoyed dressing up and acting out a story about a Princess called Sita and a Prince called Rama. At the end of the story they follow the light from lamps to find their way home.



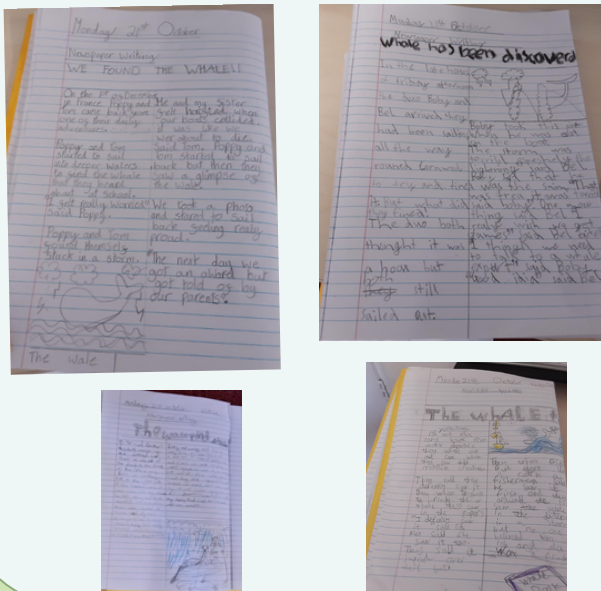
Class 2

This week Class 2 have begun new topics in science and geography in seasonal changes and daily weather patterns, which have seen the children out and about, making observations and asking questions as to why the environment around them is showing signs of change, and what this might mean for the kind of weather we experience here Devon and the wider UK. The children continue to also work hard on fundamental skills such as reading and handwriting, and the maths focus is on addition and subtraction as well as geometry.



Class 3

Class 3 have been working on completing their newspaper reports on our class text 'The Whale'. The children have used direct and reported speech in the writing as well as remembering to write in the past tense about the event. Well done everyone!



Class 4

Class 4 have been busy making stencils for their artwork based on Banksy. We've also spent time continuing our work on fractions as well as starting our new writing unit based on Shackleton's Journey; we've been looking at formal language and setting descriptions.



Pupil Learning Awards This Week

STAR LEARNER OF THE WEEK

THIS AWARD IS PRESENTED TO

Class 1

Phoebe for 'careful name writing'

Class 2

Blake for 'always trying his best and working hard'

Class 3

Osha for 'superb writing for the newspaper activity'

Class 4

Bella G for 'producing some beautiful writing'



TAKING RISKS

LEARNING BEHAVIOUR

THIS AWARD IS PRESENTED TO



TAKING RISKS

Class 1

Ayda for 'using her phonic skills to read words'

Class 2

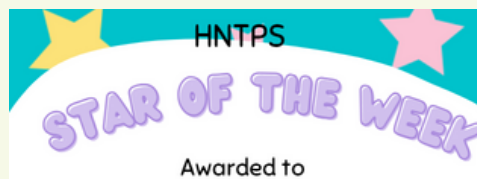
Elle for 'being brave and giving her best'

Class 3

Louis for 'taking risks in Maths'

Class 4

Luca for 'clearly explaining his thinking in Maths'



Nursery

Charlotte for 'really trying to use her words when asking for help'



50 Dojo points

Bronze award

Joe J, Laith, Harper, Ronnie, Chyla, Harriet, Alfie, Seraphine, Isaac, Ruben, Alex, Aria, Kaylan, Sofia, Isabelle F



100 Dojo points

Silver award

Eddie and Darcie S

Celebrating children's successes

Congratulations!

Before half term Bella completed stage 7 for swimming so is now in stage 8!



Congratulations!

Bella achieved 400m in swimming. Well done!



Our Reading Baskets this week.....

have been awarded to:

Class 1 & 2: Rocco

Class 3 & 4: Sofia



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, snugly 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.

Global Schools' Link-up

On Tuesday 5th November, members of our School Council, met up with pupils and staff at the Sharada School in India and asked a variety of questions to find out about what it's like going to school in India.

"Children use pencils in primary school and only start to use pens a few months before they leave primary school so they are ready to use pens when they start secondary school"
George

"The children enjoy participating in a range of activities but they don't have any that take place after school. They do have something called 'I Can Club' where children take part in social activities and help out around the community" Hattie

"The children learn lots of the subjects that we do like maths, science and art. They also learn 3 languages whilst at school - Canada (local language), Hindi and English" Edi

"Children enjoy a wide range of activities outside of school such as karate, dance, painting and singing. They enjoy going on a school visit once a year, this could be to a historical place, the zoo or a local farm" Joseph



"The children sometimes bring their pets to school, this might happen in the kinder garden class (our reception). Children would have birds or rabbits to bring into school. There are no wild animals allowed onto the school site" Molly

"The children bring lunch from home. There are no kitchens to cook food at school" Eve

"At Sharada School they have a group of children who represent the school at meetings. Within this group they have the speaker of the house and the prime minister of discipline" Osha



"Children wear school uniform everyday. The children were wearing their special outfits today as they were performing a dance to the parents and community. Children start school at 3 and leave school at 16 or 18 depending if they want to go onto further study." Imogen

Lunch menu: W/C Monday 11th 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.

Menu - Week 2

11/11, 25/11, 2/12,
16/12

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Meat/ Fish	Cod Fillets or Salmon Fishcakes	Chilli Beef Fajita	Cheese & Tomato Pizza Baguette	Roast Chicken	Hot Dog/Ham Roll
Vegetarian	Veggie Fingers/Filled Jacket Potatoes	Quorne Chilli/Filled Jacket Potato	Cheese or Tuna Wrap/Filled Jacket Potato	Quorn Chicken Fillet/Filled Jacket Potato	Cheese, Ham or Tuna Roll/Filled Jacket Potato
Side	Chips/Pasta/Baked Beans/Sweetcorn	Garlic Bread/Mixed Veg	Potato Wedges/Coleslaw	Roast Potatoes/Veg & Gravy	Garlic Potatoes/Fruit & Salad Selection
Dessert	Sprinkle Cake/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt	Scotch Pancakes & Strawberry Coulis/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt	Gingercake and Custard/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt	Ice Cream & Peaches/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt	Chocolate Cracknell/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt

Children in Need Day - Friday 15th November

We are excited to announce that next Friday, 15th November, we will be joining the nationwide effort to support Children in Need with a fun and engaging fundraising event! To help raise funds for this wonderful cause, we will be holding a Wear Your Pyjamas to School Day! For a small donation of £1, children can come to school dressed in their favorite pyjamas. Funds raised will go directly to Children in Need, helping to support children and young people facing a range of challenges.

Donation Information:

The £1 donation can be made through ParentPay. We will send an email next week with a link to make the payment once it becomes available on ParentPay.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity. We hope this event will help show our pupils the power of kindness and community.



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.

Newton Tracey Church

COFFEE and a CHAT



Wednesday 20 November

at The Hunters Inn

10 – 11.30

Everyone is very welcome

THE WOODCOTT PLAYERS

proudly announce their 2025 Panto...

Jay the Jiant

There will be three performances:

Saturday 22 March 2025 – afternoon and evening

Sunday 23 March 2025 – afternoon only

First read-through is on October 25 in The Hunters Inn, thereafter every Friday in November in the Village Hall from 7.30 to 9.00, before breaking for Christmas. We start up again on January 17, and will then meet every week through to the week of our performances.

We're always on the lookout for new people to join us, particularly children, so if you, and/or your children, would like to get involved

please contact Pat Ford on 07452 833222

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 Honest Library

**THE FIRST MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH
from 2pm – 3pm in Lovacott Village Hall**

**MONDAY
4th
NOVEMBER**

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There are also some books in Horwood and Newton Tracey churches, which will be rotated regularly. Both churches are open daily.

Lovacott Little Library

Your Community Honest 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**

CHATTERBOX

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



Thursday 14th November

from 2.00pm until 4.00pm

Meet old friends, make new ones.

A warm and chatty welcome to all.

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

Welcome to

LOVACOTT GOSPEL HALL

For Praise, Thanksgiving, Dedication and
Early Carol Songs

Lord God Almighty

Sunday 24th November, 3.30pm

Light Refreshments Afterwards

Trevor Milton

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.



FRIDAY 12TH NOVEMBER

Children In Need

**WEAR YOUR
PYJAMAS TO
SCHOOL DAY**

AT HNTPS

Thank you for your continued support and generosity. We hope this event will help show our pupils the power of kindness and community.

Recommended donation: £1 per child





Horwood Lovacott and Newton Tracey Parish Council invites nominations for CITIZEN OF THE YEAR Award.

Do you know someone who has gone over and above in the community, has made a difference to the community and given time and effort for the community?

Please send your nomination(s) to the Parish Clerk: Mrs Sue Squire at hlandntparishcouncil@gmail.com or post to Haxlea, 2 Threeways, Bratton Fleming, Barnstaple, EX31 4TG by the deadline date of 30 November 2024.

BABY AND TODDLER STAY & PLAY

Held every Friday during term time at Little Learners, Newton Cross.
9.30am - 11.00am

These are free sessions giving children a chance to meet new friends and for parents to catch up.
Contact Lynda on 01271 858881 for more information

CELTISH
Nigel Cameron & Julie Cameron-Hall

ADVENT CONCERT
Mon 25th Nov 7.30pm
The Clinton Hall, Merton
(Okehampton, Devon, EX20 3EQ)
Admission by donation. Interval refreshments

'A glorious light has dawned'

Further info: Tel. Martin Warren 01409-281424 | celtish.org

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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03300415493 for more info or follow QR codes

Alverdiscott Community Hall and Friends of All Saints Church

Christmas Quiz

Saturday 7th December
7pm for 7:30pm

Teams of up to 6 people - £5 per head
Includes refreshments, with licensed bar

Book your place with Liz White 01271 858441 or bulworthy@aol.com

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!

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

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

WICKETZ

STARTING SEPTEMBER 25

Free Cricket Sessions

Pilton Community College, Barnstaple, EX31 1RB
Wednesdays 4:30-5:30pm

OPEN TO BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 5-16 OF ALL ABILITIES

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

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