This week's whole school attendance rate is 95%

Enabling children to be the best that they can be!

HORWOOD AND NEWTON TRACEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

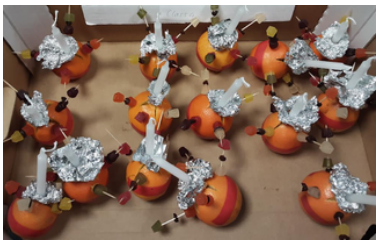
Friday 20th December 2024

Dear parents/carers,

As we come to the end of our first term, I would just like to say how incredibly proud I am of all our children across the school. They have demonstrated great determination, focus and resilience which has shown in their learning and attitude this term. We have seen the children grow and flourish in the many areas of our focused ethos school values which as enabled them to embed key skills not only in their learning but also in their relationships with each other. We look forward to continuing to build on the key skills and knowledge the children have developed this term as we move forward into the spring term.

Christingle Service

A huge thank you to our parents, families and wider community who came along to our beautiful Christingle Service on Wednesday afternoon. The children's retelling of the Christmas story, the meaning of Christingle and their fantastic singing was a joyful, and a wonderful way to end the school year. A huge thank you to all our staff in preparing the children for the service and helping the children to create their Christingles on Wednesday morning.



PE and Forest School Dates for the Spring term

Please make sure that you check the What's on section of our newsletter to find out what your child/ren will be doing in their PE/forest school sessions after the Christmas break. All equipment can be brought into school at the beginning of each week to ensure that your child/ren have everything they need.

Staff Updates for the Spring Term

Thank you to those parents who were able to come along to our class 2 and 3 parents meeting after school on Wednesday. I have outlined the staffing for January when we return back on Tuesday 7th January, which will be in place for the first half term (until February 14th).

Class 2 Mrs Cook (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday)
Mrs Tonkin (Thursday and Friday)

Class 3 Mrs Tonkin (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday)
Mrs Carter (Thursday and Friday)

Mrs Carter will be teaching Wednesdays from the middle of January to the end of the half term. After the half term we look forward to welcoming Mrs Dorrell to our team at HNT who will be teaching full time in class 2. I will return to teaching class 3 after the half term break.

Meet our new staff members

Mrs Dorrell
Class Teacher
Class 2

My name is Mrs Dorrell and I'm absolutely delighted to become part of your wonderful school community here at Horwood and Newton Tracey Primary School.
I am very much looking forward to meeting all of the children and getting to know them over the coming weeks. I would like to thank them for the warm welcome received during my interview day.
A bit about me... I live in Bideford with my husband, two children, three guinea pigs and rabbit, Waffles. On the weekends, we enjoy spending quality time together, going on adventures and relaxing.
As an experienced teacher and parent, I understand your child might feel nervous about having a new teacher. Please be assured that Mrs Stoner and I will be there to support them through this transition every step of the way.
I wish you all a safe and peaceful Christmas break. Mrs Dorrell

Hi, I'm Mrs. Vanhecke, and I'm so excited to start working with children all across the school in January! I'm a qualified SEND teaching assistant with lots of experience helping children with different learning needs. I'm really passionate about making sure every child feels supported and can do their very best. I can't wait to meet everyone and be part of your school community! Mrs Vanhecke

Mrs Vanhecke
Teaching Assistant

I would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas with your family and friends. We look forward to seeing all our children back at school on **Tuesday 7th January at 8:50am.**

Merry Christmas and a happy New Year from the staff at Horwood and Newton Tracey Primary.

Mrs Cook

What's on...?

W/C 6th January 2025

Monday	Inset day - school closed
Tuesday	• Year 2: Forest School in the afternoon • Year 1: Invasion games
Wednesday	• Years 3 & 4: 15/01, 22/01, 29/01, 05/02, 12/02 Falcons Gymnastics sessions • Years 5 & 6: PE (tennis and football) please come to school wearing your PE kit.
Thursday	• Class 1: Forest School in the afternoon
Friday	• Celebration Assembly at 9:00am in Lovacott Gospel Hall - parents and carers welcome to join us • Class 1: PE in the afternoon

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 - 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

Spring Term Clubs

Romar Sports Club: Key Stage 1 Games

When: Mondays, 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM
Where: Playground
Who: Open to Class 2 and Year 3
Places Available: 16 only
Start Date: Monday, 13th January
Cost: £30.00 per child for 10 sessions (£3.00 per session)

Netball Club

When: Tuesdays, 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM
Where: Playground
Who: Open to Year 4, Year 5 and 6 children
Places Available: 16 only
Start Date: Tuesday, 14th January
Cost: £30.00 per child for 10 sessions (£3.00 per session)

Creative Activity Club

When: Mondays and Thursdays, 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM
Where: In school
Who: Open to children of all ages
Places Available: 20 only
Start Date: Monday, 13th January
Cost: £10.00 per child for 10 sessions (£1.00 per session)

Goodbye from HNTPS

We would like to say a huge thank you to Mr Boyle who has been teaching Class 2 for the last nine weeks. We wish you all the best with your move up North to Newcastle. We will miss you!!

What have we been learning in class this week?

Foundation Stage Class (Nursery & Class 1)

The children have worked hard mastering 'Jingle Bells' on the handbells to perform at the Friday Celebration Assembly.

Class 2

We had great fun making our own hats for our party today. Ingredients of peppermint creams coming home today: green food colouring, icing sugar, peppermint oil and condensed milk.

Class 3

The children have used this week to complete their final pieces of writing based on the Michael Morpurgo book 'Coming Home'. They have also had the opportunity to use and apply their maths skills to solve Christmas puzzles and quizzes. We finished our science learning that explored at food chains and created our own food webs.

Class 4

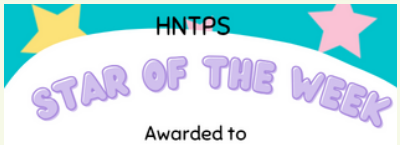
This week class 4 have been finishing off their history learning for the term. We have looked at Shackleton's journey in more detail as well as considering whether his journey should have gone ahead in the first place.

We have also looked at his characteristics and personality and why he is so well remembered even though his quest was a failure.

Pupil Learning Awards This Week

Class 1	Finley for his star elf learning
Class 2	Curtis for fantastic work in Maths this week
Class 3	Aria, Bella W, Imogen and Emily for fantastic singing at our Christingle Service
Class 4	Aiden for working well this week in History

Class 1	Lottie for amazing elf school learning - especially learning handbells
Class 2	Theo for making links between Science and Geography
Class 3	Ronnie W for using and applying his reading skills in his AR quizzes
Class 4	Amelie for making links across your Maths



Nursery	Charlotte, Freya, Adam, Alexander, Charlie, Darcey, Reuben, Harper-Leigh, Olivia, Amelia, Astrid, Betty, Ayda, Phoebe, Niamh, Athena, Theo, Kara, Noah, Lottie, Morwenna, Finley, Rocco

Silver award

Ayden, Amelie, Luca, Ted

Bronze award

Yana

HNTPS
CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

Wednesday 16th December 2024

Classes 3 and 4

I liked it when we switched off the lights and lit the candles. It was so peaceful! Alfie

I loved that I had the confidence to stand up and sing in front of everyone. Aria

I loved lighting the candles. It looked really pretty. The girls' voices were beautiful. Harriet

I was nervous lighting my candle, but I was brave and did it. It was beautiful. Silver

CHRISTINGLE 2024
WEDNESDAY 16TH DECEMBER 2024

HNTPS CLASS 3 AND 4 CHILDREN

ORDER OF SERVICE

It was on a starry Night – sung by children in class 3 and 4

The Christmas story retold by children from class 4

Silent Night – sung by the children in class 3 and 4

The Christingle Poem – Class 3

Oh Holy Night – sung by children in class 3

Meaning of Christingle – shared by children in class 3

Lighting of the Christingles

Hope of heaven – sung by children in class 3 and 4

Final blessing by Rev Ally/Rev Gary

you a merry Christmas – sung by children in class 3 and 4

ELF

ELF School - 16th to 20th December 2024

Foundation Stage Class

This week we have been working for our elf certificates at Elf School and we can all name Santa's reindeer, fly his sleigh and wrap parcels. We can also sing and play jingle bells!

Our Reading Baskets this week.....

have been awarded to:

Class 1 & 2: Betty

Class 3 & 4: Ziggy

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.

Reminder for parents of nursery-aged children

DON'T FORGET

A number of applications have already been received by Devon County Council, but some parents still need to apply online for their child's primary school place in September 2025.

Closing Date for applications: 15th January 2025

Year 5 London Residential 2025

Reminder: payment instalment links for the Year 5 residential to London are available in your Parentpay account. Full payment is required by 17th January 2025

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Lunch menu: W/C Monday 6th January 2025

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 - 1st Week Back

	Monday	Tuesday 07/01	Wednesday 08/01	Thursday 09/01	Friday 10/01
Meat/ Fish	CLOSED	Cod Fillets/ Salmon Fishcakes	Cheese & Tomato Pizza Baguette	Roast Chicken	Hot Dog/Ham Roll
Vegetarian	CLOSED	Veggie Fingers/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	CLOSED	Chips/Pasta/ Baked Beans/Peas	Potato Wedges/ Coleslaw	Roast Potatoes/Veg & Gravy	Garlic Potatoes/Fruit & Salad Selection
Dessert	CLOSED	Sprinkle Cake/ Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt	Gingercake and Custard/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt	Ice Cream & Peaches/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt	Chocolate Cracknell/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt

School Christmas Dinner

Thursday 19th December 2024

A massive well done to Mrs Robinson and the team for their delicious Christmas dinner on Thursday! It was absolutely beautiful and very tasty. 100 meals served and smiles the whole way through!! Thank you very much to the ladies!

This marked Mrs Robinson's 37th year of cooking Christmas Dinner at our school!! We are very lucky to have her on our team!

TEAM Vacancies

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Pupil Sporting Achievements

WELL DONE to Ted and Luca who at their awards night both won fighter of the year in Maui Thai and kickboxing respectively

Curtis got two awards last night at his Little Ninjas presentation evening.
1 for being most improved little Ninja and a medal for breaking a board. Well done Curtis!

Family Groups Christmas Hampers

Prize Draw: Wednesday 16th December

A huge thank you to the FRIENDS of HNTPS for organising such a fantastic event and raising such an amazing amount to help support our children!

Friends of HNTPS

Christmas Hampers

THANK YOU

The FRIENDS of HNTPS would like to extend a huge thank you to all families for supporting our Christmas Hamper Raffle this year!
You have all be so generous with your donations and in purchasing raffle tickets.

Thanks to your generosity we have raised

£606.00

A big thank you also goes to Mrs Robinson for beautifully wrapping the hampers - which looked amazing

Winners were drawn at the Christingle Service on Wednesday and school will be in contact with the lucky winners to arrange collection

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

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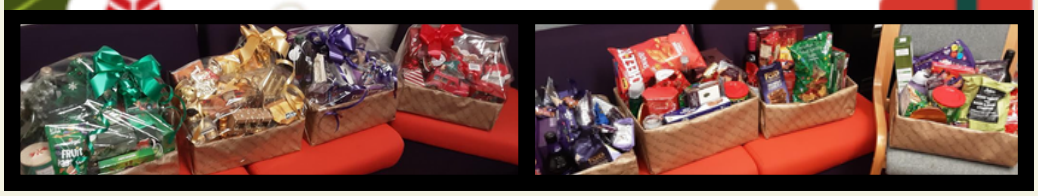

Children's raffle prize:

Well done to Penelope for winning the children's raffle prize!

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.

NHS
Providing NHS services

Most pharmacies can help you with seven common conditions without needing a GP appointment

- **Sinusitis** (adults and children aged 12 years and over)
- **Sore throat** (adults and children aged 5 years and over)
- **Earache** (children and young adults aged 1 year to 17 years)
- **Infected insect bite** (adults and children aged 1 year and over)
- **Impetigo** (adults and children aged 1 year and over)
- **Shingles** (adults aged 18 years and over)
- **Urinary tract infection** (women, aged 16 to 64 years)

Ask your pharmacy for more information about this free* NHS service

Visit your Pharmacy First!

*NHS prescription charge rules apply where a medicine is supplied

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

FOUNDATION HUBS

DEVON CRICKET FOUNDATION

TASTER SESSION
5 DECEMBER 2024
PARK COMMUNITY SCHOOL
EX32 9AX
5:30 - 7 PM

WEDNESDAYS
8 JANUARY - 5 FEBRUARY 2025
& 5 MARCH - 2 APRIL 2025
7PM - 8:30 PM

Open to all state school girls Years 6 - 10*

*Players in the Devon Cricket Performance Pathway are not eligible.

Sign Up

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NORTH DEVON GIRLS' HUB

VENUE
Pilton Community College
Chaddiford Ln
Barnstaple
EX31 1RB

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, particulary children, so if you, and/or your children, would like to get involved
please contact Pat Ford on 07452 833222