



HORWOOD AND NEWTON TRACEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Enabling children to be the best that they can be!



Friday 23rd February 2024

Dear parents and carers,

It has been good to welcome the children back after the half term break and what a busy week we have had. At Horwood and Newton Tracey School and as part of TEAM Academy Trust we plan our curriculum to teach good learning habits; foster aspirations for the future and build self-esteem whilst the children learn about their communities, so that every child can reach their full potential.

Many of you will now have heard the news that I will be leaving HNTPS at the end of the summer term.

Initially my role was set up as a secondment due to where our school was in the academisation process with TEAM Academy Trust. After academisation, it was my hope to continue in the role.

However, after careful deliberation I have decided that I am not prepared to continue in the role beyond the end of the academic year. This is not a decision I have taken lightly; I want the very best for the school and I am proud of the work we have done so far. I have a young family who will now be pleased I have more time for them.

I feel incredibly fortunate to have had the opportunity to work alongside the dedicated staff at the school. It has been a privilege to start the work of enabling the school to make the most of being a part of a larger family of schools. We have already grown our curriculum, competed in many sporting events, and residential to name but a few and this is just the start.

As part of TEAM academy trust, we are very fortunate to have a senior leadership team who know the school well, and can ensure stability through this period. The positive steps that we have taken this year through the process of joining the trust will help the school to continue to grow. We are committed to ensuring a smooth transition and maintaining the high standards of education and care that Horwood is known for.

We value your input and encourage you to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Best wishes, Mr Hick



Dates for your diary....

Date	Event
Monday 26th February	Colouring After-school Club 3.30pm - 4.15pm
Tuesday 27th February	Cooking After-school Club 3.30pm to 4.15pm
	Cosmic Yoga After-school Club 3.30pm to 4.15pm
Thursday 29th February	Coding After-school Club 3.30pm to 4.15pm
Advance notice:	Tuesday 5th March - Vision Screening Team for Reception Class

Emails are monitored between **7.40am - 3pm** (Mon to Thurs) and between **7.40am - 12.20pm** (Friday)

If you need to speak to someone urgently please call the school number 01271 858373. If no one answers, please leave a message and someone will contact you as soon as they can.

**ATTENTION
PLEASE** !

TEA AT TWO

This week, Tea at Two is awarded to:

Class 1: Penelope and Clara

Class 2: Abel and Austin

Class 3: Bella W and Joseph

Class 4: Sophia and Alfie



for behaving exceptionally in school this week

PRESENTATION HERO

This week, our Presentation Hero award goes to:

Kaiden (Class 4) and Blake (Class 2)

Our Presentation Hero is awarded to two children across the school each week who always present their work carefully



Local Governing Body update:

As your LGB we felt it was appropriate to write out to parents and the wider school community following yesterday's announcement that HNTPS will be seeking a long term Head of School following the conclusion of John Hick's secondment at the end the summer term.

These type of changes can be unsettling but the LGB would like to reassure you all that we will actively be working together with TEAM to recruit our next Head of School and to ensure the best possible outcome for HNTPS. If any staff or parents have concerns about this process or would like to know more about our involvement you are more than welcome to contact us in the interim.

Claire Legg: clegg@hntps.org

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2023/2024

Spring Term

Last Day: 28th March 2024

Summer Term

First Day: 15th April 2024

Bank Holiday: 6th May 2024 (school closed)

Half-term: 27th-31st May 2024 (school closed)

First Day: 3rd June 2024

Last Day: 23rd July 2024

FOREST SCHOOL/PE DAYS

Nursery: Forest School on Thursdays

Reception: Forest School on Thursday afternoons, PE on Fridays - please can all PE and Forest School kits stay in school.

Class 2: Yr2: Forest School on Tuesday afternoons - bring in Forest School kit on the day. Yr1: PE on Tuesday afternoons, children to wear PE kit into school on the day.

Class 3: Tennis on Wednesdays. Children will need to come to school wearing their PE kit every Wednesday.

Class 4: will be going to Falcons gymnastics on a Wednesday. Children will need to come to school wearing their PE kit on Wednesdays.

WE KINDLY REQUEST THAT...:

- If your child is poorly, please report their absence to the school office on 01271 858373 or email admin@hhttps.org by 9.30am
- All medical appointments are to be advised in advance please to the school office
- Any other absences must be applied for via an absence request form
- Please supply your child with a refillable water bottle every day
- Warm coats for outdoor play if it's wet or cold!

Spring Dinner Menu

Meal price is £2.50 per day for Class 3 and 4 children, Classes 1 and 2 qualify for universal free school meal

Jacket Potatoes with a choice of toppings are available every day.

Fresh fruit, salad & wholemeal bread are available daily. Reminder: we are a nut free school.

Week 1: 04/03, 18/03

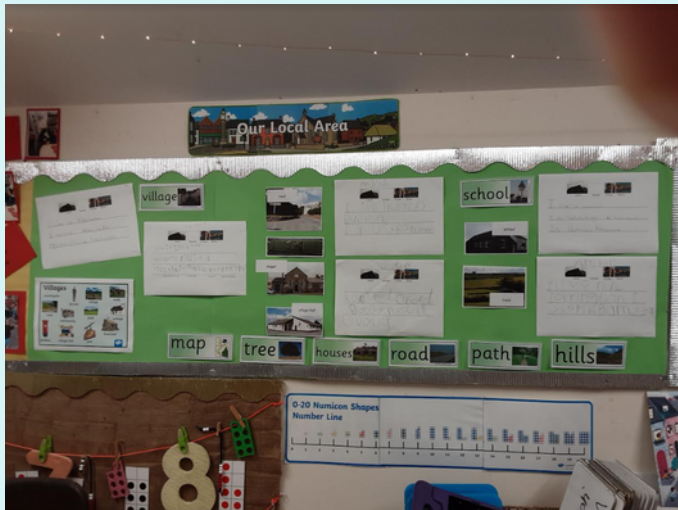
Mon	Fish Fingers Salmon Fishcakes Chips/Pasta/Baked Beans/Peas Filled Jacket Potato Chocolate Cake & sauce Fruit bowl/yoghurt
Tues	Sweet & Sour Chicken Fajitas Potato wedges, Mixed Veg Filled Jacket Potato Apple Muffins Fruit bowl/yoghurt
Weds	Hot Dog Sausage & Pasta/Veggie sausage Spaghetti hoops/Sweetcorn Filled Jacket Potato Ginger cake & custard Fruit bowl/yoghurt
Thurs	Roast Gammon, Roast Potatoes, Veg and Gravy Veggie Burger Filled Jacket Potato Ice Cream & Stewed Apple Fruit bowl/yoghurt
Fri	Panini (ham, cheese, tuna) Ham Roll Garlic potatoes, fruit and veg selection Filled Jacket Potato Australian Crunch Fruit bowl/yoghurt

Week 2: 26/02, 18/03, 25/03

Mon	Cod fillets Salmon Fishcakes Veggie Fingers Chips/Pasta/Baked beans/Peas Filled Jacket Potato Sprinkle Cake Fruit bowl/yoghurt
Tues	Cottage Pie/Quorn Cottage Pie Mixed Veg Filled Jacket Potato Apple & Blackberry Crumble & custard Fruit bowl/yoghurt
Weds	Bacon Buttie Veggie Burger Buttie Potato Wedges Spaghetti hoops/Sweetcorn Filled Jacket Potato Icecream and Custard Biscuit Fruit bowl/yoghurt
Thurs	Roast Chicken/Quorn Chicken Fillet, Roast Potatoes, Veg and Gravy Veggie Burger Filled Jacket Potato Sticky Chocolate Courgette Cake Fruit bowl/yoghurt
Fri (28th March)	Panini (ham, cheese, tuna) Ham Roll Filled Jacket Potato Chocolate biscuits Fruit bowl/yoghurt

Class 1

Class 1 have started their new topic about where they live and the local area.



Class 2



This week, we have explored The Snail by Henri Matisse, and used drawing with scissors as a technique to create our own version of The Snail. We had to cut squares or rectangles with straight lines, thinking about the pattern and colours we were choosing for our art



Class 3

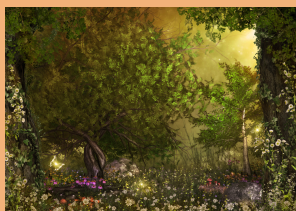
This week, we have been finishing our DT project and adding the final touches to our fabric dragons. We have learnt about embroidery and applique during this project and used these skills in our final piece of work. We have worked incredibly hard and produced some amazing outcomes.



Class 4

This week Class 4 have been engaging with the political process, and have been reading and thinking about Parliament as the law making machine, as well as how elections work and democracy. In the next week, they will be writing an explanation on how a law is made. They have also thought about charitable acts, and planned their own imaginary charity event as part of their PSHE lesson.

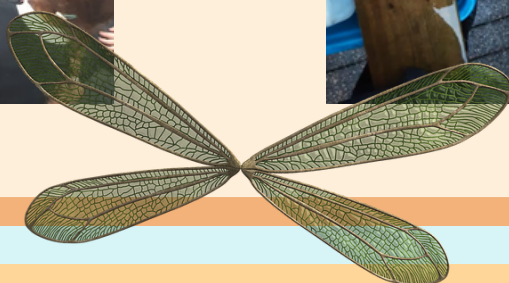




Nursery



'The children have had a great first week back, exploring in the fairy garden, investigating in the water tray and having fun learning letter sounds.'



Letters/Emails sent out this week...

Class	Topic
All classes	Change of Leadership
Class 4	Class 4- please ensure you have a water bottle in school on Wednesday for your PE session.
Breakfast Club	HNTPS is now a tax-free childcare provider and can be found online for payments
Reception Class	Reminder: the NHS Vision Screening team will be in school on Tuesday 5th March. If you would like to opt out of this test - please contact the school office

A HUGE CONGRATULATIONS to Yana for her Acro solo dance performance, and getting second place in the school holidays at the North Cornwall Festival of Dance.



BREAKFAST CLUB

OUR RULES

We take turns to speak

We use kind and positive words

We listen to each other

We wait for everyone to finish eating before activities begin

We are respectful to staff and each other



Information about Working Entitlement Funding from Devon County Council Early Years Funding Team

Working Entitlement Funding for eligible children (15/30 hours): deadline to apply and receive a code to access funding from Summer 2024

We have updated our previous '30-hour update for providers' from April 2024 and renamed it 'Working Entitlement Update' to cover all age groups.

To access the working entitlement funding (15/30 hours) from Summer 2024 (which for funding purposes starts on 1st April 2024), parents need to have applied to HMRC through their Government Gateway Account and received a code by 31st March 2024.

Any codes with an 'eligible from' date of 1st April onwards will not be funded in Summer 2024. We encourage parents to apply in plenty of time in case HMRC require any additional information. You may wish to use our template letter to share this message with families through your usual communication channels and add to any social media pages to raise awareness.

It is important that children who are newly funded, or who move to your setting from 1st April 2024, still have an eligible code as the Grace Period will not apply. Nor does the Grace Period apply to children who want to increase from the universal hours to extended hours when eligibility has ended.

Please refer to our Working Entitlement Update for more information.

Our provider portal is designed, and colour coded, so that you know which families have codes that are no longer eligible (red) or are approaching the expiry date (amber). We understand that parents are ultimately responsible for making the application, or reconfirming by the deadline, but reminding parents now will save having those conversations in April when funding is not available.

If any codes show 'no term available' (particularly for eligible 2 year olds from April) please check the 'eligible from' and 'eligible to' dates of the code to confirm if the child is entitled to receive the funding from 1st April 2024.

Early Years Funding Team

Please note: our HNTPS nursery provision is up to 15 hours per week, mornings only

Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



SCAN ME

Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfex>.

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Location of DEFIBRILLATORS in the Woodcott News area

Newton Tracey EX31 3PL

Hunters Inn porch. B3232

Lovacott EX31 3PU

On wall of Primary School facing the road

Horwood EX39 4PB

Behind the boundary wall of Horwood Church

Holmacott EX39 4LR

On the wall of Elders Farm, Old Bideford Road



also at **Eastleigh – EX39 4PA** in the old BT phone box.
and at **Alverdiscott – EX39 4PZ** on the front of Alverdiscott Community Hall



PICK UP YOUR CHILD'S FREE PACK FROM YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY

Has your child signed up to The Secret Book Quest yet?
It's an imaginative, fun reading challenge and it's free to take part! Your child will be given a free starter pack. As they read books, they can collect stickers, solve the puzzle, get certificates and a finisher's prize at the end.

Head to your local library to find out more about signing up.

The Woodcott Players present

Aladdin

Lovacott Village Hall
22 and 23 March



Adults £6 and
£3 for under 16s

FRIDAY 22nd March
at 7.30pm
SATURDAY 23rd
at 2pm and at 7.30pm

TICKETS
Box Office opens 12th February – and not before!
For tickets call Pauline on 01271 858988
or text 07802 421516



Our experienced staff team is available to provide emotional, social and practical support if you are in crisis or feel you are heading toward a crisis situation.

We offer support in person, over the phone, or via video call. You can come just for a chat, or to access one-to-one support from trained professionals.

We also offer help in creating staying well and crisis plans, and support visitors to access other organisations that may be useful to them.

People using the service will also have access to our 24/7 helpline when the service is closed.

Contact us or drop in:

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