

# HORWOOD AND NEWTON TRACEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

*Enabling children to be the best that they can be!*



**Friday 19th April 2024**



Dear parents and carers,



We have had an exciting start to term and have lots to look forward to including an Egyptologist visitor for C3 and a trip to a castle for C2, as well as the Year 6 residential to Bude!

Next week, is our visit from Otilie Robinson Shaw on Thursday afternoon.

Could you please all remind the children that sponsorship money needs to be collected and paid by Tuesday. On Thursday afternoon children will hear Otilie talk about her experiences and take part in a fitness circuit challenge.

Not to mention that Class 2, Class 3 and Class 4 will all be going to the Eden project thanks to Litchardon Cross Solar Park Devon, Infinis Energy Solutions and the hard work of our Parish Council who helped us to secure this funding. A very big thank you! The trip will take place on the 1st July, and more details will follow soon.

This term there will be family meetings which will allow you to discuss your child's progress and talk about the year as a whole with their class teacher. Dates of these meetings will be confirmed soon but the meetings will be after half term.

Just a gentle reminder that we are a nut free school, therefore please don't bring peanut butter sandwiches, Nutella, or anything that has nuts in the ingredients list into school please. Thank you for your understanding and support with this request.

Thank you to Councillor Frank Biederman who kindly visited the school regarding road safety. As you will know from his letter, he is considering other ways to help reduce traffic speed through the village, and I know this is something that is a concern to the Village Hall Committee and Parish Council. Please continue to be vigilant at the end of the school day and help keep children out of the road near the junction with the main road, and ensure they are safe in the Village Hall car park.

# What's on next week?

**W/C 22nd April 2024**

<b>MONDAY</b>	<p>ART after-school club: 3.30pm - 4.15pm</p> <p>Class 4 PE (athletics &amp; rounders) - please come to school wearing PE kit</p>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<p>Deadline for sponsorship money to be paid for the Sports for Champions UK</p> <p>COOKING after-school club: 3.30pm - 4.15pm</p> <p>Year 3 PE (athletics &amp; cricket) - please come to school wearing PE kit</p> <p>Year 4 - Forest School - please come to school wearing Forest School kit</p>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<p>Class 2 PE (athletics &amp; batting and fielding- please come to school wearing PE kit</p>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<p>Sports for Champions EVENT with Otilie Robinson-Shaw</p> <p>SATS BOOSTER after-school session - all year 6 children encouraged to attend, please let us know if your child is not going to attend. 3.30pm to 4.15pm</p> <p>Nursery - Forest School</p> <p>Class 1 - Forest School</p>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<p>TEMPEST Group Photographs for Classes 2,3 and 4</p> <p>Class 1 will be doing a full change for PE on Friday afternoons, although they may need kit any day weather permitting.</p>

## Payment Reminders

### Breakfast Club payments this half-term

We have a number of outstanding payments for Breakfast Club this half-term and would be grateful if parents could settle their bills as soon as possible. Thank you for your understanding.



### Year 6 Bude Residential

Instalment payments are now due, links are available on your Parentpay accounts. Thank you for your understanding

**Sponsorship Money for Sports For Champions deadline for all payments is Tuesday - thank you!**

## Celebrating children's learning successes

### TEA AT TWO

This week, Tea at Two is awarded to:

Class 1: Clara and Archie  
Class 2: Abel and Harper  
Class 3: Molly and Hattie  
Class 4: Miranda and Eddie



for behaving exceptionally in school this week

### PRESENTATION HERO

This week, our Presentation Hero award goes to:

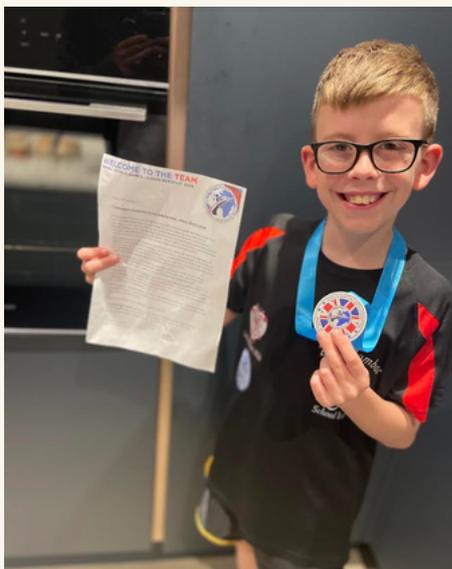
Chyla (Class 1), Hugo (Class 2), Isaac (Class 3), Lily (Class 4)

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



## Celebrating children's sporting successes

### Congratulations to Luca!



In the holidays Luca competed at the WMAC British Championships - Kickboxing. He came 2nd and claimed a silver medal and was asked to fight for the National Squad. He trains with Zen Combat School in Bideford.

# CLASS NEWS THIS WEEK

## Class 1

Class 1 have been finding out about the life cycle of a plant. They have been smelling herbs and looking at their different leaves.



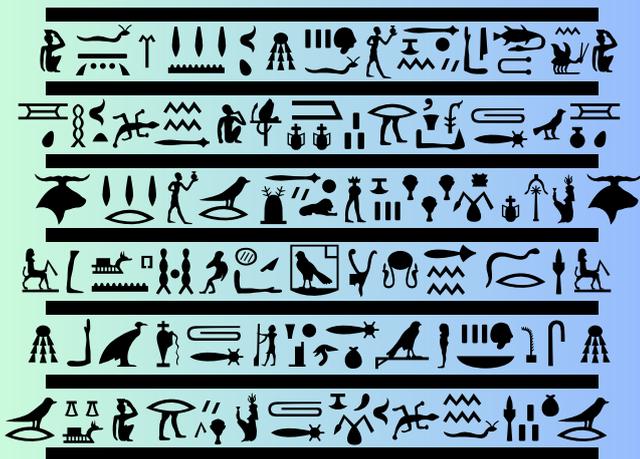
## Class 2

Class 2 has had a good first week back after half term. We managed to get to the field for PE, despite it still being very cold! We developed our underarm and overarm throwing skills, trying to accurately throw to a partner so they were able to catch it. We thought about the positions our bodies need to be in to show we are ready and the movement of our arms when we throw.



## Class 3

Class 3 have started looking at Egyptian art this week and have had a go at drawing people in profile. This was very difficult, but we had great fun. The children showed great perseverance and worked really hard to improve their pictures over the session.



## Class 4

This week we have been researching different animals their movements and their habitats ready for making our soft toys in our DT sessions

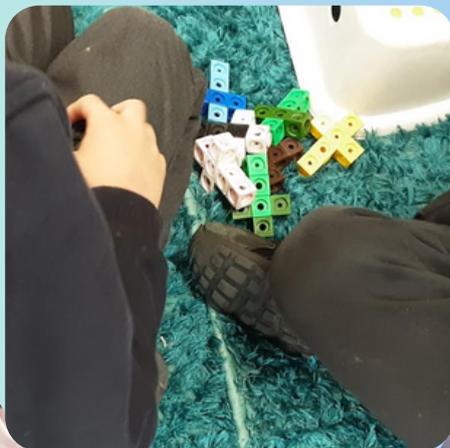


# Nursery

A great first week back after a lovely holiday. We have planted beans.



## Breakfast Club



## Celebrating our Pupil Voice

**Louis:**

The best thing about Breakfast Club is seeing all the adults.

**Elise:**

The most amazing thing about Breakfast Club is there is always lots of choice for breakfast and so many games to play and everyone is really nice.

# AS A REMINDER....

## **SPORTS FOR CHAMPIONS UK SPONSORSHIP EVENT - We are raising funds to buy resources for our new outdoor classroom**

Your child/children should have brought home a sponsorship form in preparation for our visit on 25th April by Ottillie Robinson-Shaw, a top ranking UK freestyler kayaker. During her presentation to children across the school, Ottillie will talk to us about her journey as a top athlete and children will also take part in some exercise during the day with her. All sponsorship money will be greatly received. Thank you!

### **CHILDREN'S ABSENCES**

- If your child is poorly, please report their absence to the school office on 01271 858373 or email [admin@hntps.org](mailto:admin@hntps.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!

### **CONTACTING THE SCHOOL OFFICE**

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.

## **SCHOOL TERM DATES 2023/2024**

### **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**

# Lunch menu W/C 22nd April 2024

Our meal price is £2.50 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.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Meat/ Fish	Cod Fillets or Salmon Fishcakes	Beef Bolognaise	Macaroni Cheese	Roast Chicken	Ham/Tuna Panini or Roll
Vegetarian	Veggie Fingers/Filled Jacket Potatoes	Quorn Bolognaise/Filled Jacket Potato	Veggie Burger Buttie/Filled Jacket Potato	Quorn Chicken Fillet/Filled Jacket Potato	Cheese Panini or Roll/Filled Jacket Potato
Side	Chips/Pasta/Baked Beans/Sweetcorn	Spaghetti/Mixed Veg	Garlic Bread/Coleslaw	Roast Potatoes/Veg & Gravy	Garlic Potatoes/Salad
Dessert	Sprinkle Cake/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt	Scotch Pancakes & Strawberry Coulis/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt	Ginger Biscuits/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt	Ice Cream & Peaches/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt	Cherry Shortcake/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt

## Can you help us.....



The Friends of HNTPS are putting on a Bingo night next term – we will be announcing dates and times shortly!!

In readiness for this we are looking for donations of **Raffle Prizes** for the event – if you have any unwanted gifts from Christmas or have a spare box of chocolates or bottle of wine you would like to donate – all items would be gratefully received.

Please send any raffle donations into school.

Thank you in advance for all your support.

*Friends of HNTPS*

## Letters/Emails sent out this week...

Class	Topic
All classes	Update on our newly appointed headteacher to start in September
All classes	After-school clubs information and sign up
All classes	Online Safety Newsletter - April 2024

## Message from Councillor Frank Biederman regarding parking and traffic around school

I attended the H, L & NT parish council meeting last week in my capacity as County Councillor for the area. Where concerns of inappropriate parking around the school and the speed of traffic coming through Lovacott, particularly at school drop off and pick up times.

I visited Lovacott this morning to observe for myself the situation, I did see some inappropriate parking on the zig zag lines and personally had a friendly chat with the three vehicle owners concerned, who all accepted that by parking there, even for a very short period, could put others at risk.

I do believe we need to explore a way of slowing traffic down, as far too many are going too fast, I will be engaging DCC officers for help in an affordable engineering solution, as I don't believe signs work.

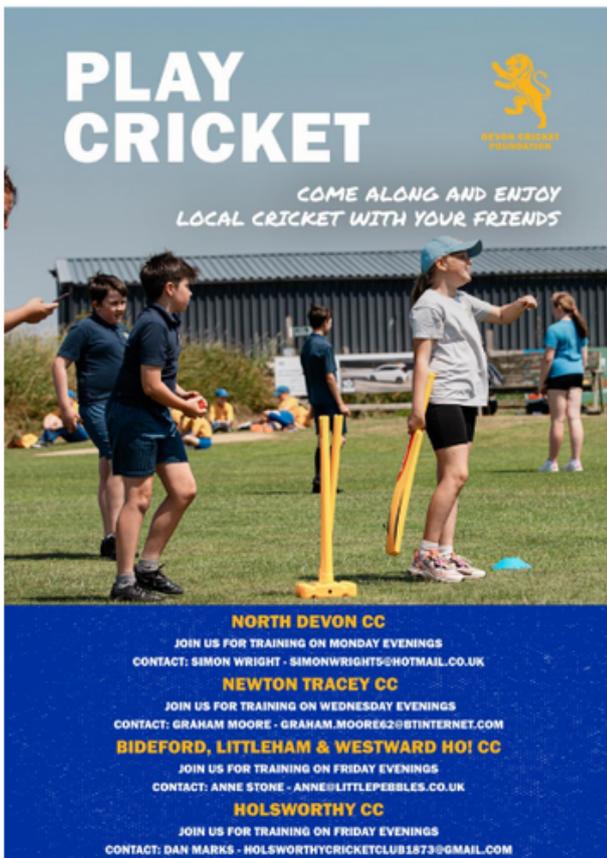
On a much more positive note, I must say overall I was very impressed with the situation, virtually everyone used the Village Hall car park, including staff and walked up to the school, to minimise risk to other members of the school community and inconvenience to residents in the area, so my thanks to all those that do this, it really was quite impressive.

I will be trying to get a joint meeting with DCC, Parish Council, School & Myself to discuss how we can slow the traffic down.

Kind regards

Councillor Frank Biederman

# Community Information



**PLAY CRICKET**

COME ALONG AND ENJOY LOCAL CRICKET WITH YOUR FRIENDS

**NORTH DEVON CC**  
JOIN US FOR TRAINING ON MONDAY EVENINGS  
CONTACT: SIMON WRIGHT - SIMONWRIGHT5@HOTMAIL.CO.UK

**NEWTON TRACEY CC**  
JOIN US FOR TRAINING ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS  
CONTACT: GRAHAM MOORE - GRAHAM.MOORE62@BTINTERNET.COM

**BIDEFORD, LITTLEHAM & WESTWARD HO! CC**  
JOIN US FOR TRAINING ON FRIDAY EVENINGS  
CONTACT: ANNE STONE - ANNE@LITTLEPEBBLES.CO.UK

**HOLSWORTHY CC**  
JOIN US FOR TRAINING ON FRIDAY EVENINGS  
CONTACT: DAN MARKS - HOLSWORTHYCRICKETCLUB1873@GMAIL.COM



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**This is our game.**

**DYNAMO CRICKET**

Calling all 8-11 year-olds!  
Sign up today at [dynamoscricet.co.uk](http://dynamoscricet.co.uk)

Martin Brice  
North Devon Club & Community Coach  
07939 015663 01302 262509 martin.brice@devoncricket.co.uk

"Cricket is a game for everyone"  
"We are committed to ensuring that cricket is accessible, safe, and welcoming to all those participating, whether they be players, spectators, volunteers, officials, coaches or those working on behalf of Devon Cricket".

## YOUTH CLUB

Thursday  
11th April  
6-7.30pm

For ages 8 and upwards, in Newton Tracey Church. There is a small charge of £2 per child.

For more information ring Kate on 01271 858268

Alverdiscott Community Hall

**BIG BREAKFAST**  
Sunday 5th May

From 9.00am to 1.00pm  
Adults £10, under 10s £5



All profits raised go to North Devon Hospice

## DiAS

Devon Information Advice and Support  
for Special Educational Needs and Disability

**DIAS drop in sessions**  
**Thursday 25th April**  
At Roundswell Community Centre, Barnstaple  
between 10 - 12.30pm

If you're in North Devon and looking for information and support about any SEND issue, you can talk to Kate or Michelle directly at our bookable one to one sessions. At the session you'll have a chance to talk individually face to face with one of the DIAS Officers, where you can ask questions, discuss your options and plan your next steps.

- Each slot with a DIAS Officer lasts a maximum of 30 minutes.
- Sessions are open to parents, carers and to young people.
- If you'd like to find out more or book a slot, contact [michelle.johnson@devon.gov.uk](mailto:michelle.johnson@devon.gov.uk) or [kate.boyd@devon.gov.uk](mailto:kate.boyd@devon.gov.uk)