

# HORWOOD AND NEWTON TRACEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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



**Friday 3rd May 2024**



Dear parents and carers,



We are really into the swing of learning now and it has been a great week across the school with lots of hard work. We are particularly proud of class 4, especially our Year 6s, who have been working their socks off in preparation for SATs week. With just over a week to go, we have been helping them to prepare so that they can feel really confident, as we want this to be as stress free as possible for them. At the same time, this is a really useful opportunity for them to consolidate all of the most important knowledge and skills that they have learnt over their time at primary school. During SATs week, there will be the usual SATs breakfast to start each day for all in Year 6, so please sign your child up if they would like to come.

We have some really exciting news! Next week, the school will be adopting a leopard gecko! This is a wonderful opportunity for our children to learn about looking after a pet with very different needs to their own, as well as understanding more about habitats and diet. It will also provide a chance for us to develop an area that will help soothe and provide a quiet and reflective space in school for our children to relax and observe the gecko.

This week you may have seen our monthly online safety newsletter, which was focused on mental health. There were some really startling facts including: 'Recent research from Ofcom reported that "34% of parents of children aged 3-4 said it (digital addiction) was hard to control, rising to half (49%) of parents of children aged 16-17.' Screens and online use is something which has had a pervasive creep into our lives. There are of course many benefits to having such a wealth of information at our fingertips, but in the future I wonder how we will look back and think about how we allowed our children to use screens now. The newsletter is full of lots of useful information and links to ways that we can help build healthy habits to support children with screen use, so please do take a look.

After the rather chilly start to May, fingers crossed there will be some good weather over the long weekend, and we can all have some quality time outside together.

Have a lovely weekend, Mr Hick

# What's on next week?

**W/C 6th May 2024**

<b>MONDAY</b>	Bank Holiday - school not open
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<p>COOKING after-school club: 3.30pm - 4.15pm</p> <p><b>Class 3 - Ancient Egyptian Workshop - payment details to follow.</b></p> <p><b>Friends of HNTPS meeting at 3.30pm - all welcome</b></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> <p>Caffyn's Farm Visit (afternoon) - selected children</p>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<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>	Class 1 will be doing a full change for PE on Friday afternoons, although they may need kit any day weather permitting.

## Payment Reminder



### 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

School dinners - reminder to pay in advance for school meals

### Sponsorship Money

Reminder to pay any outstanding Sports for Champions sponsorship money via your Parentpay link. Thank you!

# Celebrating children's learning successes

## TEA AT TWO

This week, Tea at Two is awarded to:

Class 1: Angelic and Georgie

Class 2: Wilfred and Louis

Class 3: Bella W and Molly

Class 4: Lily M, Olivia and Ruben

for behaving exceptionally in school this week



## PRESENTATION HERO

This week, our Presentation Hero award goes to:

Louis and Osha (Class 2), Imogen (Class 3), Luca (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



Harriet competed at a gymnastic competition at the weekend. A huge congratulations for winning the following:

Gold medal in trampolining  
Silver medal in the beam routine

Silver medal for coming 2nd overall out of 10 people and also a competing medal!



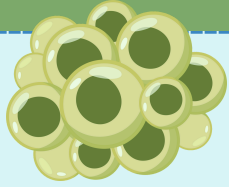
CONGRATULATIONS



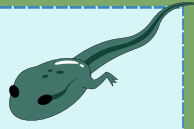
Amelie and Edie also took part in the gymnastics competition and came back with a multitude of medals and ribbons. Well done girls!



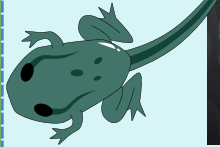
# What have we done in class this week?



## Class 1



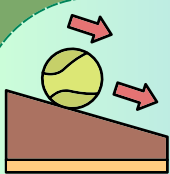
Class 1 have been learning about the life cycle of a frog. We are observing some tadpoles.



## Class 2



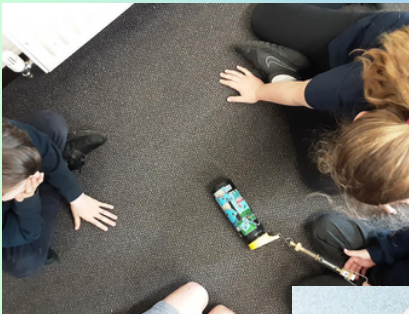
Over the last couple of weeks, we have been exploring Norman Motte and Bailey Castles. We have discussed what they looked like and how this provided protection from enemies. We also discussed what it would have been like for a Norman to live in the castle and decided it would have been a bit cold, dark and smelly!



## Class 3



Class 3 have been measuring friction using friction meters this week in science. We have been thinking about why friction is useful.



## Class 4



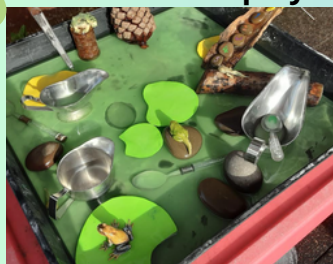
Class 4 have been working hard on preparing Year 6 for their SATs in just over a week's time. Many of the skills such as reading and retrieving information and speed as well as all the arithmetic are something that benefits everyone and skills that are needed everyday. We also spent time practicing our rounders skills and learning about the different phases of the Moon.





# Nursery

Another very busy week at preschool. We have been learning about the frog life cycle, playing rhyming games and having lots of fun 😊



## Breakfast Club



# AS A REMINDER....

## CHANGE TO SPORTS DAY DATES

Please be aware that due to an unforeseen circumstance, we have changed our sports day dates, as follows:

**Tuesday 4th June (option 1)**

**Tuesday 11th June (if option 1 is cancelled)**

KS2 competitive sports day will start on the field at 10.45am. Class 3 and 4 parents are welcome to come and watch.

In the afternoon, there will be a family group Sports Day and all parents are invited to come and cheer their children on. This will start at 1.15pm.

We are hoping to make some kind of refreshments available for parents, but this is to be confirmed.

## Advance dates for your diary:

**Eden Trip (Class 2,3 and 4): 1st July 2024**

**Rosemoor Trip (Nursery and Class 1):  
19th June 2024**

## 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

**Bank Holiday: 6th May 2024 (school closed)**

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

**Back to school on: 3rd June 2024**

**Last day of school: 23rd July 2024**

**Summer Holiday: 24th July 2024**

# Lunch menu: W/C Tues 7th May 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	Macaroni Cheese	Roast Chicken	Ham/Tuna Panini or Roll
Vegetarian		Veggie Fingers/Filled Jacket Potatoes	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	Garlic Bread/Coleslaw	Roast Potatoes/Veg & Gravy	Garlic Potatoes/Salad
Dessert		Sprinkle Cake/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt	Scotch Pancakes & Strawberry Coulis/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*



# 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 - SIMONWRIGHTS@HOTMAIL.CO.UK

**NEWTON TRACEY CC**  
JOIN US FOR TRAINING ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS  
CONTACT: GRAHAM MOORE - GRAHAM.MOORE2@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

**It all starts with...**

ALL STARS CRICKET

Sign up today at [allstarscricket.co.uk](http://allstarscricket.co.uk)

**This is our game.**

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

**Dynamic Cricket**

Markie Bruce  
North Devon Club & Community Coach

"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".

01270 522663 01270 262300 [markie.bruce@devoncricket.co.uk](mailto:markie.bruce@devoncricket.co.uk)



## 1<sup>st</sup> Tawstock Scout Group

Would you like your child to meet new friends and learn new skills?  
Scouting could be for them.

If your son or daughter is 6 years old and is free on a Monday evening  
then contact us as we have spaces available from January in Beavers.

Please email Helen Roseveare on [beaver.tawstock@gmail.com](mailto:beaver.tawstock@gmail.com)



**Lovacott Little Library**

HLNT Parish Council are creating a community library, bringing people together through books and belonging!

Our Community Library is all about making friends and sparking curiosity. We're here to fight loneliness and celebrate connections, whether you're a young bookworm or a seasoned reader.

We are looking for volunteers and seeking donations of used books to fill our little library.

We are planning for the library to be run once a month every first Monday at Lovacott Village Hall, starting on Monday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June 2 - 3pm.

Please drop off any book donations at HNTPS and if you are interested in volunteering, please contact HLNT Parish Council's clerk Sue Squire on 01598 910026 or [hlandintparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:hlandintparishcouncil@gmail.com)

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

## FRIENDS OF HNTPS



**SATURDAY 8<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2024**

Come and join us for a full filled evening of  
Bingo at

**Lovacott Village Hall**

Arrive: 7:00pm

Eyes Down: 7.30pm

All Proceeds to Horwood Lovacott & Newton  
Tracey Primary School