

# HORWOOD AND NEWTON TRACEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

**Friday 10th May 2024**

Dear parents and carers,

It has been a lovely week of better weather, and it now feels like the summer term. We have had lots of exciting learning and the school has been a buzz with Egyptian archeologists and bee keepers to mention but a few. A reminder with the warmer weather now here, please apply suncream to children before school and remember a sun hat / cap for break times.

Next week is set to be a busy one. The year six children will sit their SATs and I am incredibly proud of how hard they have worked to prepare themselves. We understand the importance of balance, especially at such a pivotal time. Therefore, we encourage all our pupils to have a restful, fun, and relaxing weekend to recharge before the tests begin.

I had a very positive meeting with the Parent Teacher Association, or friends group as they are affectionately known, this week and was inspired by their motivation and the host of ideas that they have to help raise money to support the school. There will be more news to follow including a summer term disco! At this point, I just want to say a huge thank you to all who have given their time past and present. Your hard work makes events like the archeologist in Class 3 this week, and the upcoming trips to Okehampton castle and Rosemoor possible. If you are interested in getting involved with the group then there is a meeting on Thursday 23rd May at the Hunter's Inn starting at 7.45pm.

Have a lovely and relaxing weekend in the sunshine, Mr Hick



# What's on next week?

**W/C 13th May 2024**

|                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| <b>MONDAY</b>    | Year 6 SATS week - SATs breakfast Mon-Thurs at 8am<br>Class 4 -PE - please come to school wearing PE kit<br><br>ART after-school club: 3.30pm - 4.15pm   |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>   | COOKING after-school club: 3.30pm - 4.15pm<br><br>Year 3 PE (athletics & cricket) - please come to school wearing PE kit<br>Year 4 - Forest School - please come to school wearing Forest School kit |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b> | Class 2 PE (athletics & batting and fielding)- please come to school wearing PE kit<br><br>Caffyn's Farm Visit (afternoon) - selected children   |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>  | Nursery - Forest School<br><br>Class 1 - Forest School   |
| <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.  |

## Parent/Carer Reminder



### School Office

If you need to contact the school, please endeavour to do this in the mornings. The school office will only be manned from 7.30am until 12.15pm each day. However, we will monitor emails and answer phone calls should you need to contact school urgently.

### 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

Don't forget to check out our new website where you can find all kinds of information, e.g. clubs, curriculum newsletters and weekly newsletters. Also take a look at our gallery and news pages to see what our children have been doing in school.

# AS A REMINDER....

## Sports Day

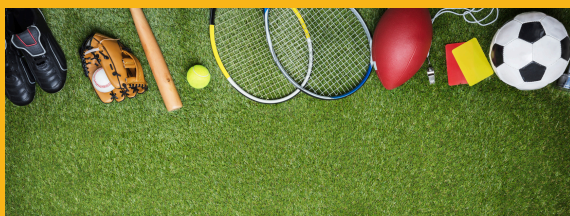
Tuesday 4th June

Tuesday 11th June (if 4th 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.



## School Term Dates 2023/2024

### Summer Term

Last day of school: 24th May 2024

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



As the weather becomes warmer, please ensure children come to school with suncream already applied on sunnier days and please remember to bring sunhats into school.

# Save the date....this is a summary of planned events for your diary



- Thursday 23rd May - Friends Meeting at The Hunters Inn - 7.45pm
- Friday 24th May - non-school uniform day for £1 donation per child to raise funds for the FRIENDS of HNTPS (PTA)
- Saturday 8th June - Bingo Night - Lovacott Village Hall - Eyes down 7.30pm
- Wednesday 19th June - Rosemoor Trip (Nursery and Reception Class)
- Wednesday 19th June - Inter-school cross country event at High Bickington (children selected)
- Thursday 27th June - Move-up Day
- Monday 1st July - Eden Trip (Class 2,3 and 4)
- Tuesday 9th July - Summer Fair after-school
- Friday 19th July - FRIENDS School Disco after-school
- Tuesday 23rd July - Last Day of School and Leavers Picnic and Assembly



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.

# Celebrating children's learning successes

## TEA AT TWO

This week, Tea at Two is awarded to:

Class 1: Curtis and Penelope

Class 2: Blake and Teddy

Class 3: Amelie and Charlie

Class 4: Henry, Alfie and Darcy

for behaving exceptionally in school this week



## PRESENTATION HERO

This week, our Presentation Hero award goes to:

Emily (Class 2)

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



# Celebrating children's and teachers' sporting successes

CONGRATULATIONS



Well done to Mrs Northmore for coming 2nd in her children's school parent running race! Amazing result!!



William took part in his first pony race on Saturday last week and finished 3rd!

Congratulations William from everyone at HNTPS!



# What have we done in class this week?



## Class 1



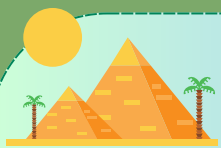
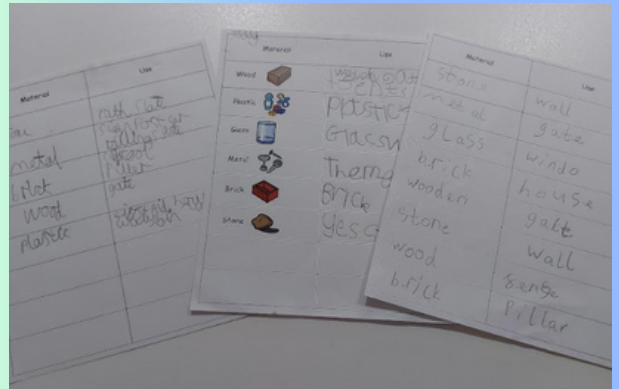
Class 1 and nursery had a visit from Elliott's grandma, Elizabeth. She brought in her bees and lots of equipment to explain how she keeps bees. The children were very interested and asked lots of good questions, then of course got to taste the honey.



## Class 2



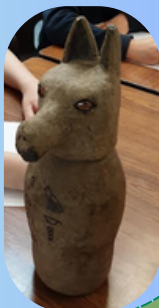
This week, we went on a science walk identifying different materials and what they are used for. We found lots of interesting objects that were made from a range of materials. It was brilliant to see how the children noticed what was around them, and linked this back to previous learning.



## Class 3



Class 3 had a fantastic day of learning on Tuesday. We learnt all about the ancient Egyptian civilisation. We learnt about the hierarchy of power, their daily lives and their beliefs about life after death through looking at artefacts and art. We even mummified Joseph!



## Class 4



Year 6 have been working very hard in preparation for SATs week, next week. Well done to them all and we wish them well next week. They're all looking forward to their special SATs breakfast at 8am every morning - a huge THANK YOU to Mrs Robinson for arranging this for our children!



# Nursery

A fun morning at Forest School enjoying the sunshine. Relaxing in the hammock and deck chair, collecting daisies and dandelions for our mud kitchen.



## Breakfast Club



## Celebrating our Pupil Voice

Abel: I like the food and the lego!

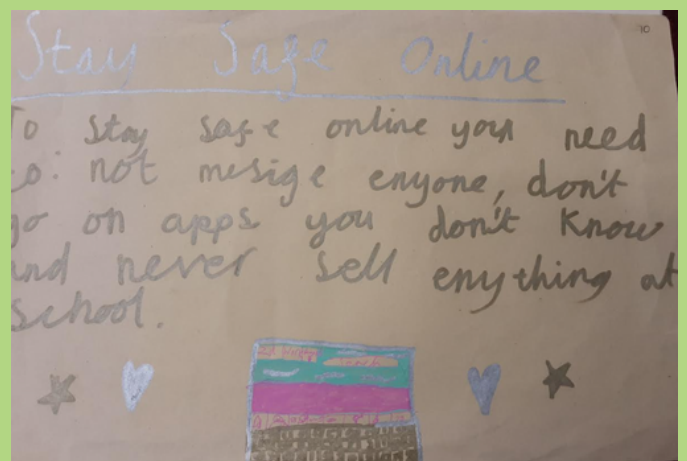
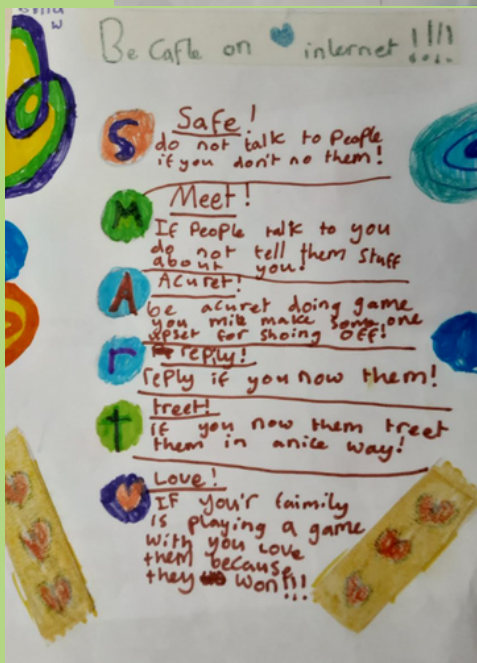
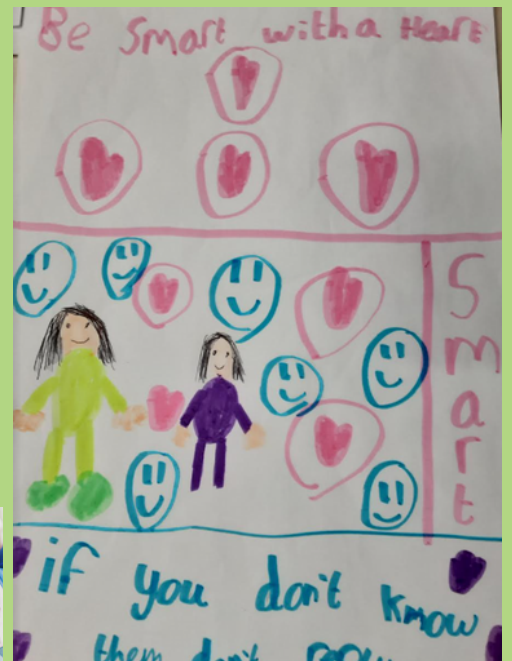
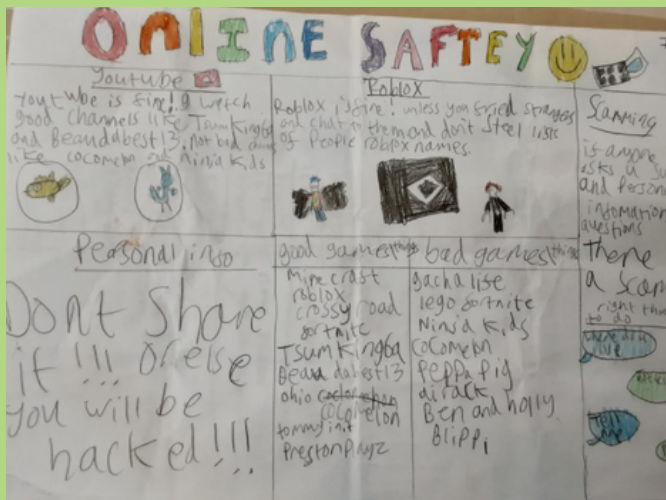
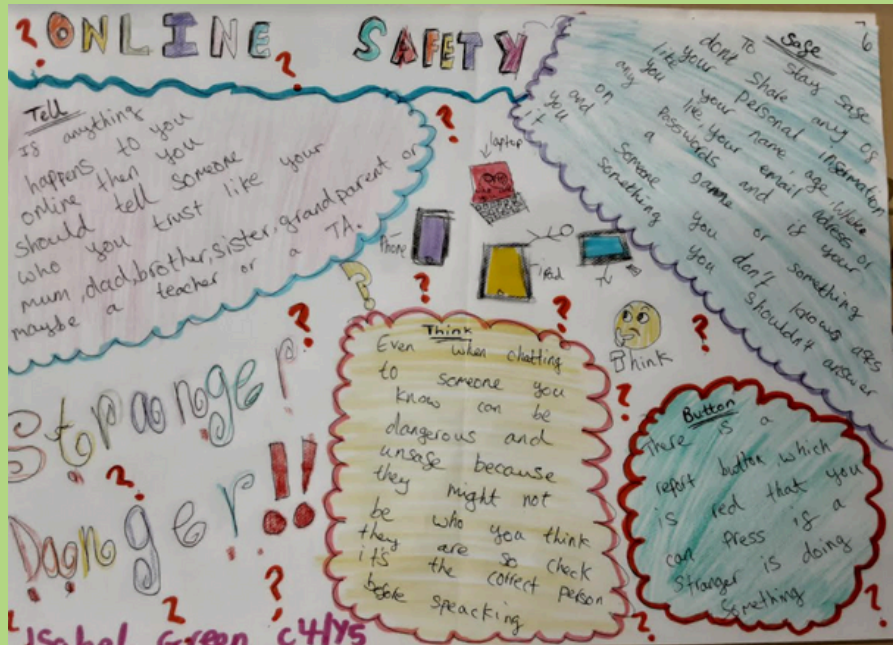
Imogen: I really love the art, especially all of the sticking and sewing.

Drew: I really enjoyed making the pom-poms last week and I really like the art, especially colouring in.

# Our Online Safety Poster Competition

Well done to all of our children who took part in our online safety poster competition. We had some very creative entries, all with very important safety messages. Well done to Isabel in Class 4 - her poster has been chosen to be put up around the school to remind everyone to stay safe whilst online. Here are a few of our fantastic entries!!

network online safety inform private



# Lunch menu: W/C Tues 13th 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/<br>Fish | Fish Fingers or Salmon Fishcakes                    | Sweet Chilli Chicken Fajitas       | Hot Dog/Sausage & Pasta                    | Roast Gammon                               | Ham/Tuna Panini or Roll                |
| Vegetarian    | Veggie Fingers/Filled Jacket Potato                 | Veggie Fajita/Filled Jacket Potato | Veggie Sausage/Filled Jacket Potato        | Veggie Burger/Filled Jacket Potato         | Cheese Panini/Filled Jacket Potato     |
| Side          | Chips/Pasta/Baked Beans/Sweetcorn                   | Potato Wedges/Sweetcorn            | Spaghetti Hoops/Sweetcorn                  | Roast Potatoes/Vegetables/Gravy            | Garlic Potatoes/Salad                  |
| Dessert       | Chocolate Cake & chocolate sauce/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt | Banana Muffins/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt  | Swiss Crumble & Custard/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt | Ice Cream & Fruit Jelly/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt | Chocolate Cracknell/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt |

Can you help us.....

## RAFFLE DONATIONS & SPONSORSHIP

To help support our fabulous Bingo Night on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June we are looking for **Raffle Prize Donations**, from a candle or a box of chocolates to a bottle of wine or unwanted Christmas gifts.

All donations are gratefully received.

Alternatively, if you can support the event in the form of **business sponsorship** towards the Bingo prizes this would be amazing and means even more of the money raised goes back into the school.

Thank you to everyone who have already so generously donated!!

*Friends of HNTPS*

**THANK YOU!**

## We Love Our School!





Are you crafty? Good at cleaning? Handy with a paintbrush?



As part of a new initiative to improve the learning environment within HNTPS we are looking for parent / carer volunteers to give up a little free time on a Saturday/Sunday this term to help improve the environment in our “thinking room” and one of the classrooms (depending on numbers of volunteers). The aim will be for a tidy up, spruce up, and to generally make the place feel a bit more loved, which we hope will support the love of learning our children have.

If you can support us by giving up a little free time please email the school office with any dates you can offer, and once we have an idea of numbers we will make firm a date to invite volunteers in.

With your support we can make HNTPS the “best it can be”.



To make our Breakfast Club even better, we are looking for a second-hand table top air hockey/football game and a bubble machine for our Breakfast Club. Please contact the school office if you are able to help us with any donations of items, including other play equipment, creative items or books for nursery-aged children! Thank you!



### **TEMPEST PHOTOGRAPHY REMINDER FOR PARENTS OF CLASS 2, 3 AND 4 CHILDREN**

Have you ordered your school Group photo yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for free delivery back to school is Thursday 16th May 2024. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit [www.tempest-orders.co.uk](http://www.tempest-orders.co.uk)

If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

Many thanks,

Tempest Photography

SMS TEXT

For free delivery to school on your child's Group photograph order by Thursday 16th May 2024. Order via the Tempest website using your unique link or visit [www.tempest-orders.co.uk](http://www.tempest-orders.co.uk). Call 01736 751555 for assistance.

## Medical Information for Parents....

We haven't seen any cases in school, however, it is worth having a look at the Whooping Cough advice below, in case your child begins to show any symptoms...

Your NHS National Medical Director, Professor Sir Stephen Powis, said:

With cases of whooping cough continuing to rise sharply across the country, and today's figures sadly showing five infant deaths, it is vital that families come forward to get the protection they need.

If you are pregnant and have not been vaccinated yet, or your child is not up-to-date with whooping cough or other routine vaccinations, please contact your GP as soon as possible, and if you or your child show symptoms ask for an urgent GP appointment or get help from NHS 111.

Whooping cough, clinically known as pertussis, is a bacterial infection which affects the lungs.

The first signs of infection are similar to a cold, such as a runny nose and sore throat, but after about a week, the infection can develop into coughing bouts that last for a few minutes and are typically worse at night. Young babies may also make a distinctive 'whoop' or have difficulty breathing after a bout of coughing, though not all babies make this noise which means whooping cough can be hard to recognise.

If anyone in your family is diagnosed with whooping cough, it's important they stay at home and do not go into work, school or nursery until 48 hours after starting antibiotics, or 3 weeks after symptoms start if they have not had antibiotics. This helps to prevent the spread of infection, especially to vulnerable groups, including infants. However, vaccination remains the best protection for babies and children.

### WHEN TO SEE THE DOCTOR Arrange to see or speak to your doctor today if any of the following occur:

#### RAPID OR DIFFICULT BREATHING (DEPENDING ON AGE):

| AGE OF CHILD          | BREATHING RATE   |
|-----------------------|--|
| Babies under 6 months | over 60 breaths per minute   |
| Babies 6-12 months    | over 50 breaths per minute   |
| Children over 1 year  | over 40 breaths per minute   |
| Any age               | Being short of breath (as if your child has been running) or is 'working hard' to breathe when resting |
| Any age               | Skin between and below the ribs gets sucked in each time your child takes a breath                     |

#### HIGH OR PERSISTENT FEVER (DEPENDING ON AGE OF CHILD):

| AGE OF CHILD   | TEMPERATURE                      |
|--|----------------------------------|
| Babies under 3 months  | 38°C or more                     |
| Babies 3-6 months  | 39°C or more                     |
| Children over 6 months                                       | over 37.5°C for more than 5 days |
| If your child has a fever fit, call 999 or take them to A&E. |                                  |

#### VOMITING (DEPENDING ON AGE):

| AGE OF CHILD           | SYMPTOMS   |
|------------------------|--|
| Babies under 3 months  | Vomiting + fever of 38°C or above  |
| Babies 3-6 months      | Vomiting + fever of 39°C or above  |
| Children over 6 months | Vomiting + fever + extremely drowsy or listless  |
| Any age                | Severe vomiting (child not able to hold down fluids for 8 hours or showing signs of dehydration) |
| Any age                | Persistent vomiting (more than 2 days)   |

#### SKIN PALER THAN USUAL

If your child appears much paler than usual; hands and feet are very cold while their body is warm. **If skin, lips or tongue appear blue, call 999.**

#### PAIN

Pain in the chest (not when coughing) combined with fever and rapid breathing.

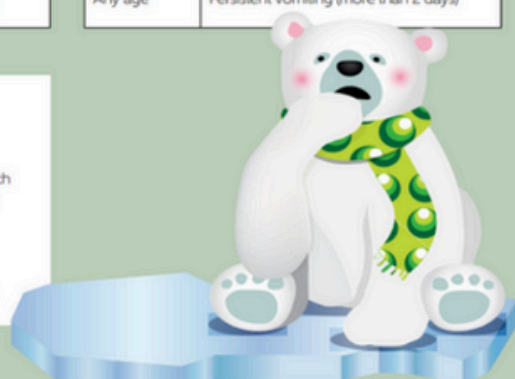
#### HARD TO WAKE / UNRESPONSIVE

Cannot be woken or wakes only slightly and then immediately goes back to sleep.

If your child wakes only with lots of stimulation, or is much less responsive to social stimulation (smiles and talking) than usual.

#### NOT FEEDING

**Babies under 1 year:** if your child stops feeding entirely.



# Community Information



Desk for sale  
Great condition  
£60 contact 07881622186

## BEAVERS

### 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 720526 or [hlandntparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:hlandntparishcouncil@gmail.com)

## GET INVOLVED AND JOIN THE FRIENDS OF HNTPS

Join us for the upcoming FRIENDS meeting on  
**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2024**  
**At The Hunters Inn**  
**At 7.45pm**

We would love to see as many people as possible, so we can all get to know each other, share ideas, and discuss upcoming events. The FRIENDS play a vital role in supporting the school, enabling fabulous class trips, and providing much needed funds for projects.

Your participation and input is invaluable – so mark your calendars and join us for a fab evening!!

**WE NEED YOUR HELPING HANDS!**

## FRIENDS OF HNTPS

# BINGO

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

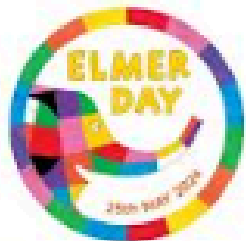
Come join for a full filled evening of Bingo at  
**Lovacott Village Hall**

Arrive: 7:00pm  
Eyes Down: 7.30pm  
£10 for 10 games

All Proceeds to Horwood Lovacott & Newton Tracey Primary School

## MAY HALF TERM EVENTS AND NEWS

Join us in the children's library for these lovely activities and events.



**Saturday 25th May 10.30 - 12**

**ELMER DAY!** - Crafts with Chris Special

Join us to celebrate Elmer the Elephant's 35th Birthday. Craft your very own Elmer!

Wear your brightest clothes for the 'day which celebrates everyone's true colours'. Free Drop in event.



**Tuesday 28th May 10 - 12**

**HOLIDAY BOARD GAMES**

Join Michelle for a fun morning of playing games. We have a great selection to try - favourites old and new.



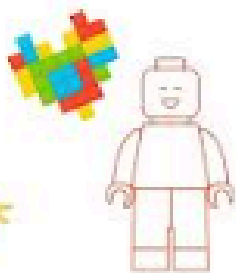
**Friday 31st May 10.30 - 12**

**TREE CLAY FACES**

We will be giving the trees in the Castle Community Gardens faces using natural air-drying clay. Children can create fantasy faces and adorn them with foliage found around the area. Under cover if the weather is wet.

**Please contact us to book as places are limited.**

**£2 per child, ages 4 and up.**



**Saturday 18th May and 1st June 10.30 - 12**

**LEGO CLUB**

Every fortnight. FREE drop in session in the children's library. Come along and get creative!



**THE SECRET BOOK QUEST**

An exciting reading challenge for ages 5 and up.

Sign up for FREE at the library and join Libro the Cat on a unique reading adventure through 10 themed zones.



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