

# HORWOOD AND NEWTON TRACEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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



**Friday 17th May 2024**

Dear parents and carers,

It has been a very busy week with lots happening across the school from frogs to SATs, and even a little sunshine.

We are incredibly proud of our Year 6 children who worked really hard completing their SATs assessments. We never want to make this a stressful week, but by being something that they have all worked studiously towards it comes with some trepidation for some. I was very impressed by the mature and calm manner in which all Year 6 conducted themselves. This is an important milestone for them in as much as they now know that when it comes to situations like this they know they can do it, and do it well. Well done Year 6!

Thank you to Mrs Robinson for cooking the Year 6 children a lovely breakfast every morning. This was a really positive way for all of them to start the day, and they all had fun. The children are now looking forward to their residential at Adventure Bude starting on Sunday. I am sure you will all have a fantastic time.

Our governors, Donna Ford and Victoria Spink, kindly gave up their time over the four days to check that the security and confidentiality of test materials were maintained. I would also like to thank the Year 5s for working well with different teachers this week and for supporting their year 6 friends by being quiet and respectful. It will be their turn next year to take the tests and enjoy the perks of being a year 6!

Have a lovely weekend, Mr Hick



# What's on next week?

**W/C 20th May 2024**

<b>MONDAY</b>	Class 4 -PE - please come to school wearing PE kit <b>ART after-school club: 3.30pm - 4.15pm</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>COOKING after-school club: 3.30pm - 4.15pm</b> Year 3 PE (athletics & cricket) - please come to school wearing PE kit 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 Caffyn's Farm Visit (afternoon) - selected children
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Nursery - Forest School Class 1 - Forest School Friends' meeting at the Hunters' Inn at 7.45pm
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Last day before half-term holidays Year 6 return from Bude Residential <b>NON-SCHOOL UNIFORM DAY</b> (Donation of £1 for future school activities)

## Parent/Carer Reminder



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.

<https://www.hntps.devon.sch.uk/>

Breakfast Club booking forms are now available from the office. Please return these by the end of the week, by the latest. Thank you

**School dinners - reminder to pay in advance for school meals**

### 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.

# AS A REMINDER....

## Sports Day

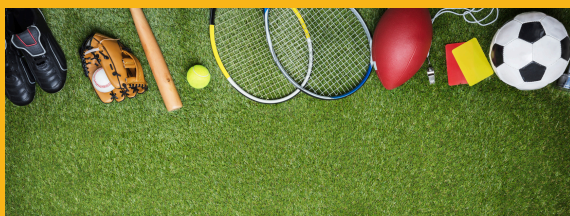
Tuesday 4th June

Tuesday 11th June (if the 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 and water bottles 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 Elliott

Class 2: Jude and Drew

Class 3: Willow and William

Class 4: Angus and Eve

for behaving exceptionally in school this week



## PRESENTATION HERO

This week, our Presentation Hero award goes to:

Elise (Class 2), Hattie (Class 3), Ruben (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



Well done to Isabel for achieving the Girl's Overall Winner for her age category for her swimming club

Amazing work Isabel! Congratulations!!



# What have we done in class this week?



## Class 1



Class 1 have been carefully looking after their tadpoles. They have been watching them grow each day, giving them fresh pond water and weed. They put big twigs in so they could climb out to reach air. Today one actually jumped out while we were watching!! So they are all returning to their pond later.



## Class 2



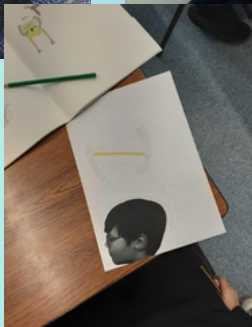
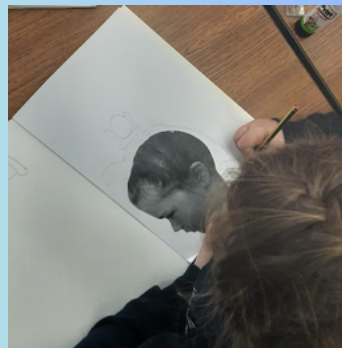
in art, we have been studying William Morris designs. This week we have been creating our own motif to draw onto a polystyrene tile. We are really looking forward to see how they turn out when we print them!



## Class 3



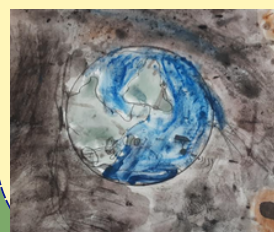
Class 3 have been designing and drawing their own ancient Egyptian headdresses. We've had fun drawing them onto our own heads!



## Class 4



After working so hard on their Sat's this week (and thank you to the Year 5's for all their support - you have been amazing) Class 4 have been making their own pop up/mechanical books. We are looking forward to reading the finished articles.

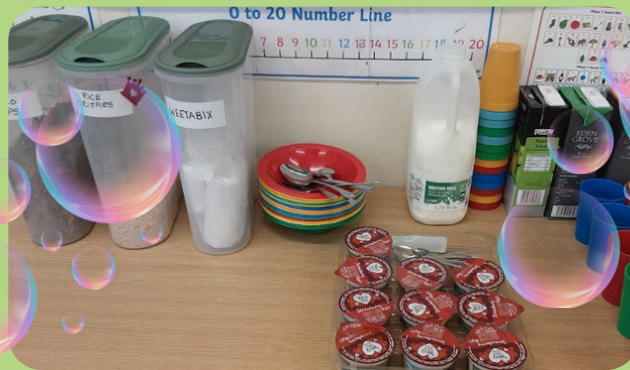


# Nursery

Minibeasts, marking making and Forest School crowns. We are always busy at Preschool.



## Breakfast Club



## Celebrating our Pupil Voice

**Lilly:** I like Thursdays at Breakfast Club because we have Free Choice Thursdays and we get special treats.

**Henry S:** We love our breakfast!

**Jude:** Thank you Mrs Robinson for all the lovely things you make for us!

# Art Club this week

Art club have had great fun this week creating some weird and wonderful animals!



## SATs Breakfast

A very special thanks to Mrs Robinson for preparing and serving such wonderful breakfasts this week!



Thank you Mrs Robinson, from all of Year 6!!



## Lovacott Little Library Logo Competition

Well done to all of our fabulous entries from children across the school!!! We have two winning designs and have created a wonderful logo from these!

Congratulations to our two winners, Elle and Chyla and our runner-up Curtis for creating your great designs!..... Thank you to all the children for their amazingly creative design entries! It was a very difficult decision!!

Joint 1st place



The LOGO!



Runner -up



CONGRATULATIONS

# 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.

22/04, 20/05, Tues 07/05		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.....

## 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".

### Donations of toys, books and arts/crafts for Breakfast Club

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!



### FOUND in the Parish Field

A silver style chunky chain-link bracelet has been found in the Parish field. If you think this belongs to you or your family, please contact the school office.

We would love to reunite the owner with their bracelet!

### Free Wildlife Activity Packs

Free activity packs for 30 Days Wild this June! Use the following link to receive your pack full of inspiration for the days ahead, with activity ideas suitable for you and/or your family.

<https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/sign-30-days-wild>

### Please be very careful.....

**DANGER**

Currently, there are lots of small fragments of glass in Bailey Wood, the wooded area next to the Parish field. The glass is on the path and also in the shrubs to the side of the path. This represents a significant risk to our children. Therefore, we will refrain from taking children to do our usual Forest School activities until the Woodland Trust has removed all of the pieces. Instead, we intend to use the Parish field.

We recommend that you do not allow your child to play in this area out of school hours.

## 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.

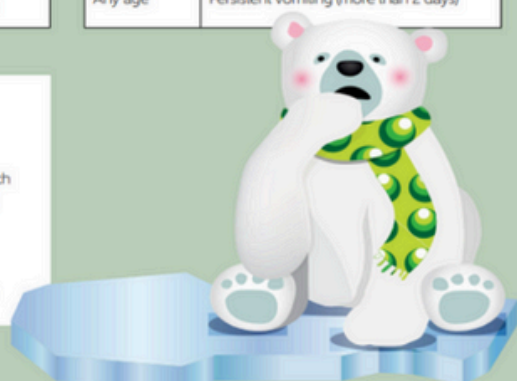
#### HARD TO WAKE / UNRESPONSIVE

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

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.

## 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 [beavertawstock@gmail.com](mailto:beavertawstock@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 710526 or [hlandntparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:hlandntparishcouncil@gmail.com)

## FRIENDS OF HNTPS



**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**

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# JOIN THE

## 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.

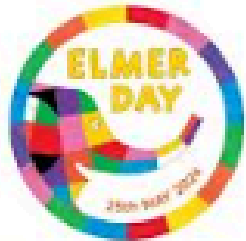
Your participation and input is invaluable – so mark your calendars and join us for a fab evening!!

**WE NEED YOUR HELPING HANDS!**



## 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!

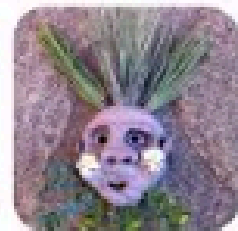
Wear your brightest clothes for the 'day which celebrates everyone's true colours'. Free Drop in event.



**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.



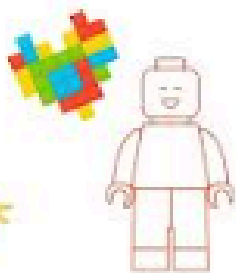
**Friday 31st May 10.30 - 12**

**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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