HORWOOD AND NEWTON TRACEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Enabling children to be the best that they can be!

Friday 7th June 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Tuesday we had a great sports day despite the inclement weather. I was very proud of all the children who showed great sportspersonship throughout and I felt that the essence of the Olympic Games -respect and friendship - shone throughout. All tried their best, but most importantly looked after each other with praise and encouragement. I would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Hopkins, our PE coordinator, for organising the day and making it a success.

I would also like to say another massive thank you to our hardworking PTA group, who provided tea and cake throughout the day, as well as to everyone who donated cakes. Tea, coffee and cake went a long way to making up for the weather!

The PTA also has bingo this Saturday at the Village Hall. Please come along and join in the fun. There are some tremendous prizes! Thank you to everyone for their generosity.

I have some news to announce: Mrs Wallis is taking early retirement at the end of term. We are obviously sad to see Mrs Wallis go as her experience and support will be missed, but we are also very happy for her as she now looks forward to all the exciting things she will do in her retirement, and we wish her all the best. In September, Mrs Northmore will become the full time class teacher for Class 2.

We have a busy few weeks ahead of us with lots of opportunities for our children. We will have visits to our new classes for the children who are moving up to give them time to get to know their new teacher.

Have a lovely weekend, Mr Hick

Staffing Update for September

Class 1: Mrs Radley and Mrs French

Class 2: Mrs Northmore

Class 3: Mrs Cook and Mrs Carter

Class 4: Mrs Hopkins and Mrs McKenna

D DAY 80TH ANNIVERSARY

What's on next week?

W/C 10th June 2024	
MONDAY	Phonics screening check week Class 4 -PE - please come to school wearing PE kit ROUNDERS club, Gardening and PLAY AT THE PARK club: 3.30pm - 4.15pm
TUESDAY	
WEDNESDAY	**Class 2 PE (athletics & batting and fielding)- please come to school wearing PE kit**
THURSDAY	**Nursery - Forest School** **Class 1 - Forest School**
FRIDAY	**PCSO Road Safety Visit - whole school presentation and workshops**

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/

Please ensure any outstanding payments for the Breakfast Club are cleared ASAP. 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....

School Term Dates 2023/2024

Summer Term

Last day of school: 23rd July 2024
Summer Holiday: 24th July 2024

Warmer weather tips

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.

School Term Dates 2024/2025

Autumn Term

First day of school: Thursday 5th September 2024
Last day of school: Friday 25th October 2024

Half-term holiday: Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November 2024

First day of school: Monday 4th November 2024
Last day of school: Friday 20th December 2024

Christmas holiday: Monday 23rd December 2024 to Friday 3rd January 2025
Inset Day: Monday 6th January 2025 - NO SCHOOL

First day of school: Tuesday 7th January 2025

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.

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

- Saturday 8th June - Bingo Night - Lovacott Village Hall - Eyes down 7.30pm

- Tuesday 18th June - Class 4 paramedic session in school
- Tuesday 18th June - Class 2 Battle Reenactment in school

- Wednesday 19th June - Rosemoor Trip (Nursery and Reception Class)
- Wednesday 19th June - Inter-school cross country event at High Bickington (children selected)

- Monday 24th June - ARTS WEEK

- Wednesday 26th June - Parents' Evening

- Thursday 27th June - Move-up Day

- Monday 1st July - Eden Trip (Class 2,3 and 4)

- Tuesday 2nd July - LGB Meeting at 5.30pm

- Wednesday 3rd July - Dental Visit presentation - all classes
- Wednesday 3rd July - Art Exhibition Village Hall 1.30pm to 3.30pm

- Thursday 4th July - Parents' Consultations

- Tuesday 9th July - Summer Fair after-school
- Tuesday 9th July - Bikeability - year 6

- Wednesday 10th July - Bikeability - year 6
- Wednesday 10th July - Multi-skills Event KS1 at Tarka Tennis

- Tuesday 16th July - Bikeability - year 4
- Tuesday 16th July - Class 2 trip to Taunton Castle
- Wednesday 17th July - Leavers' Pub Lunch (Hunters' Inn)

- Friday 19th July - FRIENDS School Disco after-school

- Tuesday 23rd July - Last Day of School and Leavers Picnic and Assembly

Celebrating children's learning successes

TEA AT TWO

This week, Tea at Two is awarded to:

Class 1: Alasdair and Jorgie
Class 2: Ronnie T and Isabelle
Class 3: Edie and Aiden
Class 4: Ted and Jake

for behaving exceptionally in school this week

PRESENTATION HERO

This week, our Presentation Hero award goes to:

Archie (Class 1), Louis (Class 2), Flo (Class 3) and Olivia (Class 4)

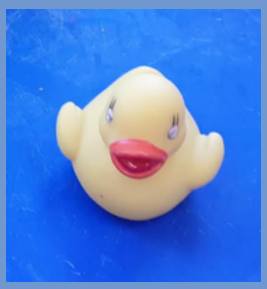
Our Presentation Hero is awarded to children across the school each week who always present their work carefully

Celebrating children's sporting successes

Congratulations to Carter for achieving the Spirit of Rugby award from his end of season rugby awards night for bideford RFC

LOST PROPERTY

Is anyone missing a little duck? Found on the field after Sports' Day. If it belongs to you, please contact the office and we'll get it back to you.

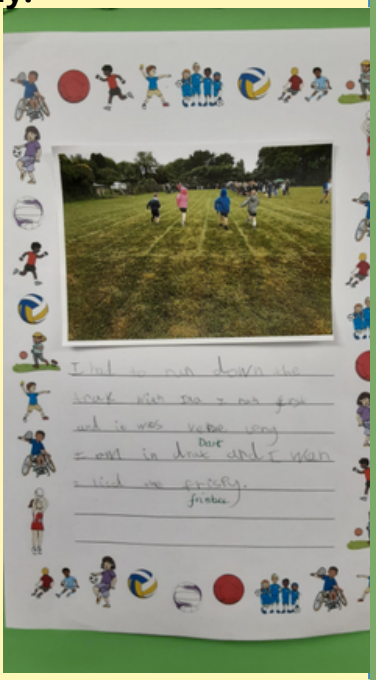


Also, a pair of glasses have been found between the Village Hall carpark and school, please contact the office if these belong to you.

What have we done in class this week?

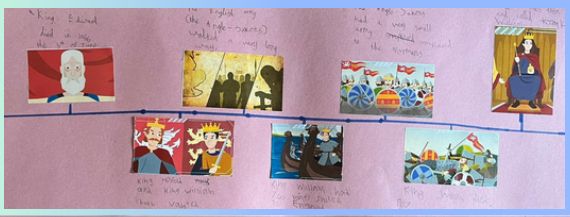
Class 1

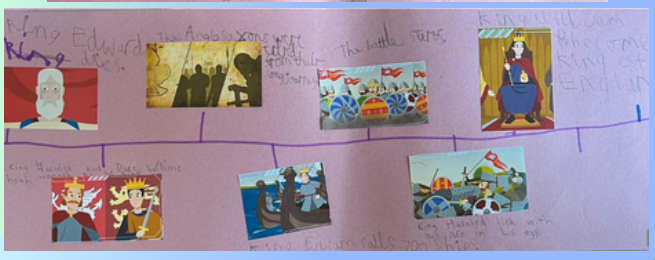
We really enjoyed writing about Sports Day!



Class 2

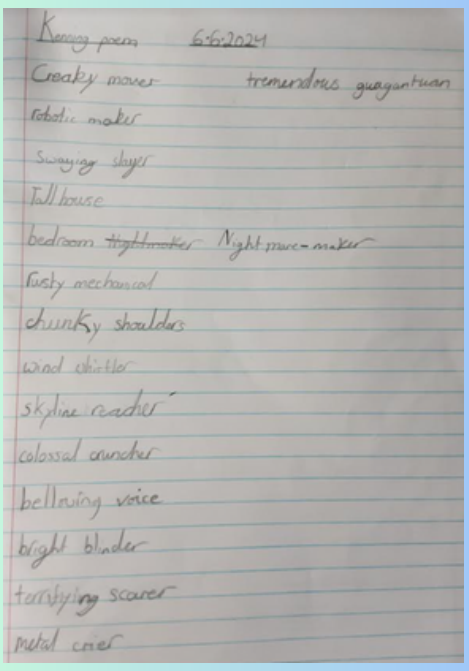
This week, we discussed the Battle of Hastings and the key events during it. The children went on to order the events adding in details to explain each part, retrieving lots of key information. Next week, we will move on to choreograph the battle and create their shields!





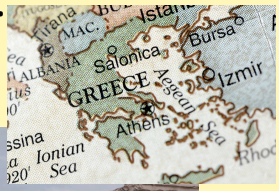
Class 3

Class 3 have started their writing unit on the Iron man. As part of the immerse stage they wrote their own Kenning poems. They used some fabulous vocabulary, excellent work class 3.



Class 4

Class 4 have dived into the Ancient Greeks, and this week they have been doing lots of writing. We looked at the story of the Greek gods with a specific focus on Heracles and his final task. The children have rewritten this part of the myth, with some gripping and exciting use of description and dialogue.



Nursery

We have been exploring the seashore and reading the story 'Commotion In The Ocean'.

Breakfast Club

HEALTHY!

FRIENDS!

HAPPY!

GREAT START TO THE DAY!

BOOKS!

ART & CRAFTS!

FUN!

SIGN UP FORMS FOR THE AUTUMN TERM WILL BE AVAILABLE NEXT WEEK – CONTACT THE OFFICE FOR MORE DETAILS...

LOTS OF FUN! COME AND JOIN US IN THE AUTUMN TERM!

Class 2 ART LESSON WITH MRS WALLACE

The children designed and made William Morris inspired print blocks. They are delighted with how well they came out - it was messy but lots of fun!

SPORTS DAY 2024

A huge thank you to our FRIENDS OF HNTPS PTA for providing refreshments at our Sports Day event and to everyone who brought in cakes and biscuits to sell. Together, we raised an enormous £162.75 which will help to support our children's learning opportunities in the coming months!

Despite the poor weather conditions, all of our children enjoyed taking part in the various sporting activities during the day and our family turnout was incredible! Thank you to everyone who came along to support our children!

Lunch menu: W/C Monday 10th June 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.

Next week's Menu - Week 2

10/06, 24/06, 08/07

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Meat/ Fish	Cod Fillets or Salmon Fishcakes	Beef Lasagne	Cheese & Tomato Pizza Baguette	Roast Chicken	Hot Dog/Ham Roll
Vegetarian	Veggie Fingers/Filled Jacket Potatoes	Vegetable Lasagne/Filled Jacket Potato	Cheese or Tuna Wrap/Filled Jacket Potato	Quorn Chicken Fillet/Filled Jacket Potato	Cheese or Tuna Roll/Filled Jacket Potato
Side	Chips/Pasta/ Baked Beans/ Sweetcorn	Garlic Bread/Mixed Veg	Potato Wedges/ Coleslaw	Roast Potatoes/Veg & Gravy	Garlic Potatoes/Fruit & Salad Selection
Dessert	Sprinkle Cake/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt	Scotch Pancakes & Strawberry Coulis/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt	Lemon Drizzle Cake/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt	Ice Cream & Peaches/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt	Chocolate Shortcake/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt

Can you help us.....

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".

Horwood and Newton Tracey Primary School

Knowsley City Learning Centres

Online Safety Newsletter June 2024

Kik

Kik state you must be 16 years of age to use the app.

What is Kik?

Kik is classed as a social network where users can message each other, share photos/videos as well as video chat.

What do I need to be aware of?

- Groups – once a user joins a group then your child can receive messages from other members of that group. Some of the groups are centered around topics that are inappropriate for under 18s.
- Adverts
- Location sharing
- Explicit content – including images, videos and messages.
- Live streaming/videos - risk of seeing/hearing inappropriate content.
- Talking to strangers

What parental controls does Kik offer?

Kik does have reporting and blocking tools as outlined here: https://kikhelpcenter.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/4402400774043-What-can-I-do-if-my-teen-has-received-an-unwanted-or-inappropriate-message

Further information

- https://parentzone.org.uk/article/kik
- https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/social-media/chat-apps/

Check age ratings!

There is so much that we can do online nowadays including playing games, chatting with others, watching TV or sharing our videos/photographs. Being online can be great but it is important that we set boundaries for our children to keep them safe whist they explore being online, develop their digital resilience and understanding of what to do if anything negative happens when online.

So how can we help keep our children safe? We can start by checking age restrictions/ratings. **It is important that we follow these to ensure that what our children are doing or seeing online is appropriate for their age.**

Where can I find age ratings?

Films: The British Board of Film Classification (BBFC) rate films. This page includes a link to a 'Parents' Guide to Age Ratings': https://www.cbbfc.co.uk/resources/viewing-films-safely-online.

Video games: PEGI provides age classifications for video games. PEGI considers the age suitability of a game, not the level of difficulty. It is important to note that PEGI do not take into consideration user generated content within games (such as on Roblox) and chat facilities within games.

Apps: Check the individual age ratings within the relevant app store. We also recommend that you download any apps and play them yourself to check their suitability.

Social Media: All social media networks have a minimum age rating; they are all at least 13+.

What else can I do?

- Explain the importance of age ratings to your child.
- Go online together to see what your child is accessing.
- Set up parental controls on your broadband, devices and on any individual apps that your child is using. This will reduce the chances of them accessing or viewing anything unsuitable.
- Chat to your child regularly about what they are doing online and as always, remind your child that if anything is worrying them then they should talk to you or another trusted adult.

Further information

You can find out more here: https://www.bbc.com/ownit/take-control/understanding-age-ratings

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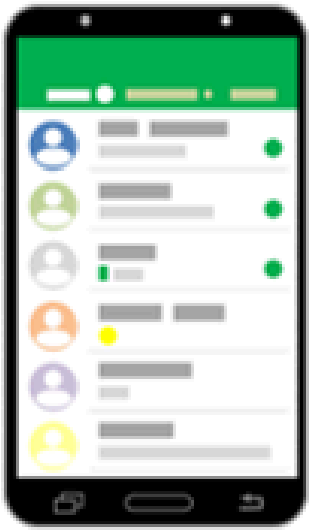
Chatting online



Following a recent report by the BBC detailing how a child was asked for inappropriate images when chatting online (source: https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-gloucestershire-68616730), we thought we would discuss the dangers your child might face when communicating with strangers online.

In addition to social media apps that include a chat facility, most online games also allow communication, for example FIFA and Fortnite. Depending on the game, this may be via the in-game text chat, direct messages or talking through headphones. Some games do offer the ability to switch communication off or restrict bad language so make sure settings appropriate to your child are set up for each of the games they play. You need to be aware that there are people who may use these games to start chatting to your child and then encourage them to chat on alternative apps (which are more private, encrypted or have fewer safety options). Talk to your child about the dangers of doing this.

What risks are there with chatting online?

- Bullying
- Inappropriate chat – children may encounter explicit or inappropriate content.
- Contact from strangers – talk to your child about who is contacting them online.
- Sharing personal information – talk to your child about what information they share with others including images.
- Sextortion - this is a form of blackmail where somebody threatens to share a nude/sexual image of you.

How can I mitigate the risks?

- Ensure your child is accessing age-appropriate apps/games and that appropriate parental controls are set up.
- Chat to your child about the risks above so they are aware of what can happen online.
- Depending on the age of your child, it may be more appropriate for devices to be used in family rooms so you can monitor what they are doing and if they are chatting to others.

Reporting other users

It can be difficult to moderate online chat so ensure your child knows how to block and report others who make them feel uncomfortable and that they know to talk to you or a trusted adult if they have any concerns.

Further information

- https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents/Concerned-about-your-child/Online-contact-and-staying-safe/

Tips to promote positive body image

If your child is viewing content online, particularly on social media, then the images they are seeing may be edited or even fake. A child may not yet be able to distinguish between reality and what is not real/fake, which may impact their own body image.

Internet Matters provide advice on how to empower your child to develop a positive body image and what you can do to help. Find out more here: https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/promoting-positive-body-image-with-children/

CBeebies Little Learners app

The CBeebies Little Learners app has been created with BBC Bitesize and educational experts to provide your child with a fun learning experience. It includes activities based on the UK's Early Years Foundation Stage framework, for example sounds and letters and numbers and shapes. You can learn more here: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zndjh4j

LEGO Build and Talk

LEGO® have created Build and Talk to help you chat to your child about online safety. The activities have been created for children ages 6 to 9.

Firstly, you pick an activity to do and then you read a story, which includes questions and conversation prompts, whilst you build LEGO® together. This is a fantastic way to start talking to your child about topics such as screentime and cyberbullying. Find out more here: https://www.lego.com/en-gb/sustainability/children/buildandtalk/

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.

FRIENDS OF HNTPS

BINGO

SATURDAY 8th JUNE 2024

Join us for a fun filled evening of Bingo at

Lovacott Village Hall

Arrive: 7:00pm

Eyes Down: 7.30pm

£10 for 10 games

Bonus Flyer Round

Raffle

CASH ONLY

All Proceeds to Horwood Lovacott & Newton Tracey Primary School

BEAVERS

1st 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

Scouts

GTS

DREAM
BELIEVE
ACHIEVE

COME TO OUR

Year 5 Taster Day

An invitation to Year 5 Primary Children

for

Friday 5th July 2024

Please book online via our website

https://gts.devon.sch.uk/news/detail/year-5-taster-day-1

Closing date for bookings is Monday 1st July 2024, 5pm

If you have any queries, please contact

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