



HORWOOD AND NEWTON TRACEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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



Friday 5th July 2024

Dear parents and carers,

It has been a very exciting week at school with Class 2, 3 and 4 visiting the Eden Project thanks to Infinis Energy and Litchardon Park Solar Energy Park. It was a wonderful time with all the children getting to experience the heat and exotic plants of the tropical biome, and take part in a range of workshops. The children represented themselves and the school brilliantly, and were clearly inspired by the magic of Eden to look after the planet and sustainability.

On Wednesday, it was a great pleasure to celebrate the achievement of our Artsmark Gold award with our very own art exhibition at the Village Hall. The range of art on display was stunning and it was fantastic to see work from Nursery all the way up to Year 6. It clearly demonstrated the high level of art that the children produce and that the Gold Award was well deserved. A huge thank you to all the children, staff and especially Mrs Hopkins for all your hard work in making this happen.

Next week, there is even more happening with the Summer Fair on Tuesday and Class 4 visiting Rosemoor on Monday thanks to the Friends group, who have kindly funded part of the trip. We are very fortunate to have such an active and hardworking Friends group and they have generously funded a trip or workshop for each class this year. Thanks to their hard work they have also raised enough funds to purchase a new shed for the school, which will replace the shed at the field and allows us to have more space for PE and play equipment. Once again, a huge thank you to the Friends group, and to everyone for all your donations and support.

We are nearing the end of term and the summer holidays and children may be close to outgrowing parts of their uniform, so this is a gentle reminder to say that when possible please aim to follow the uniform policy as outlined on the website in the remaining few weeks. If your child has outgrown their uniform, please try to find a replacement that matches as closely as possible. In September, there will be a change from black shoes to black trainers as the uniform requirement, and I am happy for either to be worn from now on in this interim period.

Thank you for your understanding.

Have a lovely weekend, Mr Hick



What's on...?

Next Week: W/C 8th July 2024

MONDAY	Rosemoor Trip - Class 4 (home packed lunch required)
TUESDAY	Summer Fair after school starts at 3.15pm on the playground - please bring the correct change Bikeability - Year 5 - bring bike to school if your child is taking part Y6 - Forest School Year 5s -PE - please come to school wearing PE kit
WEDNESDAY	Bikeability - Year 5 Multi-skills Event KS1 at Tarka Tennis
THURSDAY	Parents Online Assembly re:2 Johns Online Safety Assembly 8:00PM for parents - further details and link below Nursery - Forest School Class 1 - Forest School
FRIDAY	

Coming up.....

Tuesday 16th July - Bikeability - Year 4

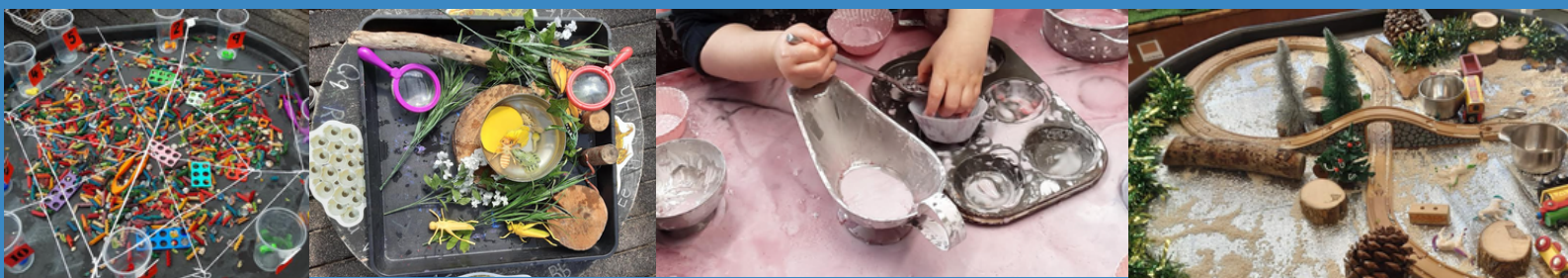
Tuesday 16th July - Class 2 trip to Taunton Castle

Tuesday 16th July - LGB Meeting at 5.30pm

Wednesday 17th July - Leavers' Pub Lunch (Hunters' Inn) - please send in your choices

Friday 19th July - FRIENDS School Disco after-school - please buy your tickets from the school entrance every morning next week £1.00

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



AS A REMINDER....

Notification of increase in the price of school meals from September 2024

Please note: in line with Government UFSM funding, we are raising our school dinner price in September to £2.55. This will also be in line with the other schools across TEAM Academy Trust.

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

School Term Dates 2023/2024

Summer Term

Last day of school: Tuesday 23rd July 2024

First day of the summer holiday: Wednesday 24th July 2024

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

Contacting the School Office

The school office is manned on
Monday to Friday **MORNINGS ONLY**

Please **RING** the school on 01271 858373 if you have an **URGENT** message during the afternoon.

Here is a link to this summer's TEAM Academy parent questionnaire:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfl4x6NMh5c7Z7EPJ6Ju7cxlGaphcjFkhJURKmg86TD5qHqxA/viewform?usp=sf_link

We would be very grateful if you could find the time to complete the online survey by Friday 12th July.

SCHOOL DISCO

JULY 19TH
FRIDAY

3.45PM-4.15PM:
CLASS 1 & 2

4.15PM -4.45PM:
CLASS 3 & 4

£1 PER CHILD
INCLUDES ENTRANCE FEE
AND CUP OF SQUASH

please purchase your tickets from the school
entrance every morning

Disco will be held in the Village Hall - parents are required to stay with
their child/children. There will be a tuck shop for children so bring some
pocket money!

What have we done in class this week?

Class 1

Class 1 have been learning all about containers and capacity. We have been pouring accurately and using funnels. Learning about filling, full and empty, measuring and litres.



Class 2

This week, class 2 have focused their history learning around exploring different tunnels. They looked at tunnels from around the world, when and how they were built and what they are used for. It was lovely to see how inquisitive the children were when they saw different types of tunnel.



Class 3

Class 3 have had a busy week. Firstly our visit to the Eden Project on Monday was great fun. Then on Wednesday we had a visit from the

Dentist who showed us the importance of brushing our teeth.

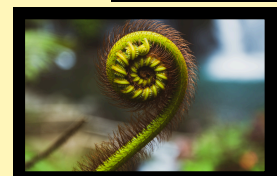
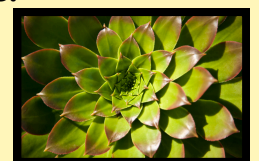
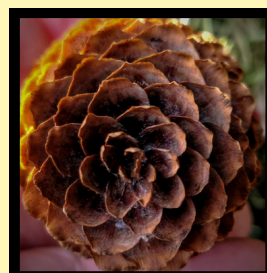
Some children used disclosing tablets to show how well they had cleaned their teeth. This was great fun as it turned our teeth and tongues purple!



Class 4

This week Class 4 spent time at the eden project and put their maths and science skills to good use investigating patterns that they see around them.

They learnt about the Fibonacci sequence in a workshop session. Then they collected evidence from the Mediterranean biome which they analysed to discover that the Fibonacci sequence appears a lot in nature such as in petals and shells or spiral structures.

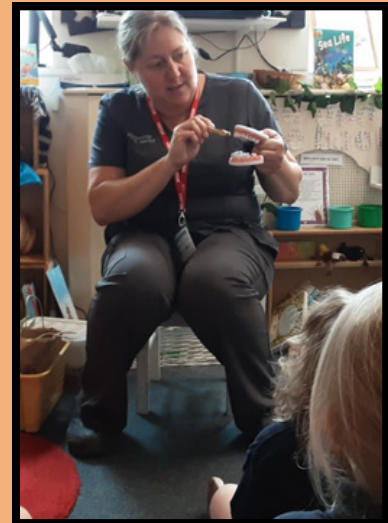




Nursery



This week we have been learning how to look after our teeth. We enjoyed a visit from the dentist.



Breakfast Club

HEALTHY!



BOOKS!

ART & CRAFTS!



GREAT START TO THE DAY!

SIGN UP FORMS FOR THE AUTUMN TERM ARE NOW AVAILABLE - CONTACT THE OFFICE FOR MORE DETAILS...

FRIENDS!



HAPPY!

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

CLASS 2, 3 AND 4 TRIP TO THE EDEN PROJECT, ST. AUSTELL, CORNWALL

Which took place on Monday 1st July 2024.

Thanks to Infinis Energy's generous STEM support scheme through the Litchardon Cross Solar Park, we secured funding to cover every child's place on the trip. It was an enriching experience for all our children, giving them a wonderful opportunity to explore different and sometimes extreme habitats in various biospheres.

A big thank you to all our wonderful staff for making the trip possible, and to Mr. Hick for applying for the funding. We are certain that our children will not forget their experience at Eden!



Our final trip of the Summer Term to Caffyn's Farm

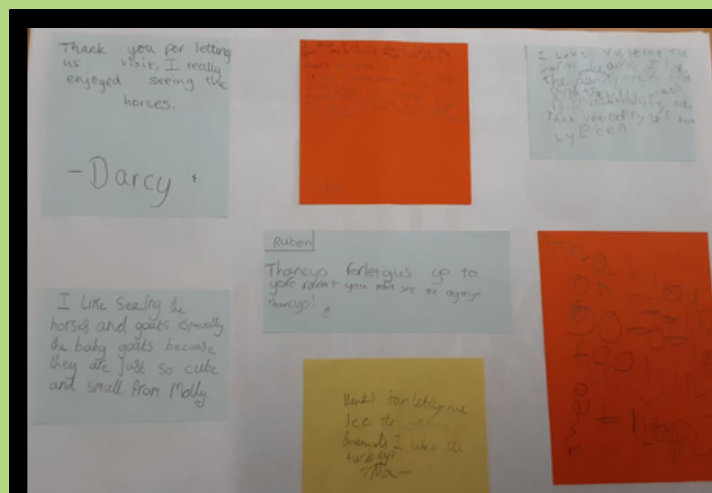
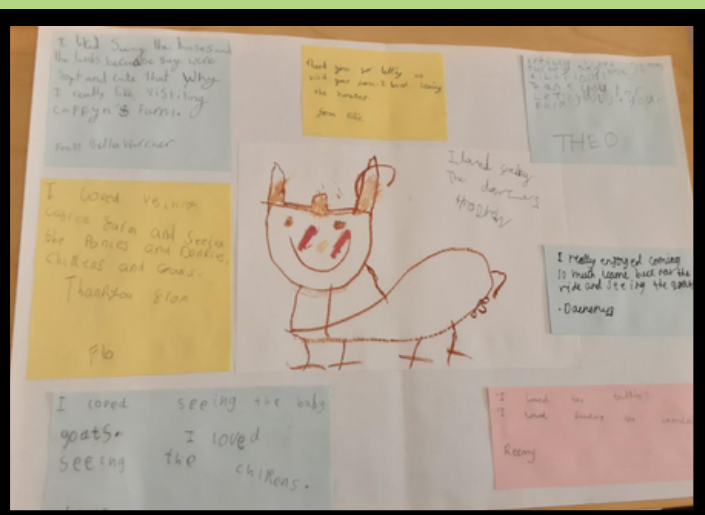
OUR FINAL TRIP OF THE SUMMER TERM TO CAFFYN'S FARM

What a wonderful learning experience and opportunity to learn about animals, farms and our countryside for our small groups of children.

A huge thank you to Caffyn's Farm for hosting our small groups this term. Special thanks to Mrs. Bowles from the Pastoral Team and Mrs. MacFarlane for taking our groups of children each week. The views were stunning, and the children enjoyed getting to know the farm animals and helping to care for them. They also managed to have picnic lunches outside while taking in the beautiful landscape!



What did our children think of the trips to Caffyn's Farm?



School visit from Torrington Dental Surgery



A practical educational visit for all of our classes and nursery. Thank you to Kim for instructing our children so well.

2 JOHNS ONLINE SAFETY ASSEMBLY

TEAM will be putting on online e-safety training from the exceptional 'Two Johns' on the 11th July at 8pm. The Two Johns are both former police officers who now put their child protection knowledge into use by working with schools and communities to give practical advice and information about keeping your children safe online.

On the 11th July, they will be running sessions for all year groups across the trust but also for parents in the evening. We are very excited to be able to invite you to engage with this- it will be online and parents' cameras will not be on during the session, so you will be able to access the training without being seen yourselves.

We do hope to get as many families to get this advice as possible

Our School Art Exhibition - celebrating our Gold Artsmark Award



**Artsmark
Gold Award**
Awarded by Arts
Council England

WHOLE SCHOOL ART EXHIBITION - CELEBRATING OUR ARTMARK GOLD AWARD

What a fantastic turnout by our families and friends to see children's artwork from across HNTPS. Thank you to all of our budding artists and also Mrs Hopkins for putting together such a fabulous exhibition for everyone to enjoy!



Lunch menu: W/C Monday 8th July 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.

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



Online Safety Newsletter

July 2024

Roulette style video /chat apps

Chat roulette style apps work by pairing people together anonymously to chat (and video chat) to each other. Due to the anonymous nature of these apps, we would always recommend that that they are not suitable for under 18s.

There is often a lot of inappropriate content and behaviour on these apps and your child is at risk of grooming, as a stranger may try to connect with your child initially on an anonymous app and then encourage them to continue chatting on another app.

It is also important that your child is aware that what they say and do whilst video chatting can be recorded and shared later without their knowledge.

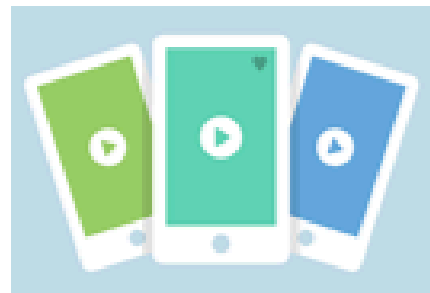
You should talk to your child about who they chat with and what they are sharing when they do. As with all apps and websites that your child accesses, make sure they know how to use any reporting tools and they know how to block other users if necessary.

The NSPCC discuss chat apps in general as well as how to talk to your child about what they are sharing with others online here:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/social-media/chat-apps/>

CapCut

Have you heard of CapCut? It is owned by the same owners as TikTok and is a video editing app. CapCut state that their services are intended for those over the age of 13 and those under the age of 18 must have consent from their parent/legal guardian. It is



rated as 12+ on the App store. The App store have rated it as this because of *Infrequent/Mild Mature/Suggestive Themes, Infrequent/Mild Sexual Content and Nudity*.

What can I do on CapCut?

CapCut is used as a video and image editing tool allowing users to edit their videos/images as well as add music, sound effects, text and stickers.

What should I be aware of?

- The templates are user generated, therefore they may not always be appropriate for your child to view, for example adult themes.
- CapCut includes access to a library of music that can be used within videos that may include explicit lyrics.
- Premium content – CapCut does include in-app purchases/monthly subscriptions allowing users access to premium content.

Further information

Protect Young Eyes have published a full review of CapCut here: <https://protectyouneyes.com/apps/capcut-app-review/>

Harmful Online Challenges

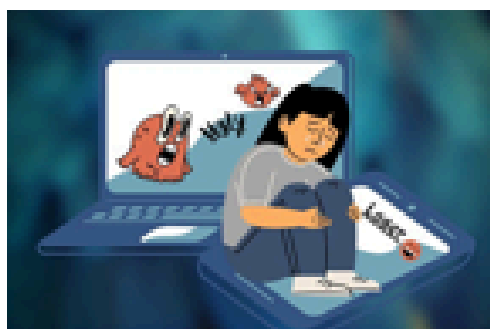
Lisa Kenevan and Hollie Dance both lost their sons to dangerous online challenges. They share their advice and tips with Internet Matters to help protect children from harmful online challenges. Internet Matters have also included links to further resources regarding online challenges at the below link:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/parent-stories/tips-protect-children-harmful-online-challenges/>

Being unkind online

It can be very easy online for children to behave in a way that they would not if they were face to face with each other.

Talk to your child about how they speak to others online and encourage them to talk to people online with respect and kindness, like they would if they were face-to-face. How they act online should be how they behave on the school playground when they are following school rules. Here are some examples of what being unkind looks like online:



- Sending nasty or hurtful messages
- Leaving unkind comments
- Sharing photographs of somebody else without their permission
- Excluding somebody on purpose
- Impersonating somebody with a fake account
- Telling/sharing lies

The above might happen whilst your child is gaming online or whilst using social media or messaging apps for example.

What should I do if my child is being bullied online?

Ensure that your child understands that if they receive unkind messages or see something that worries them, they should not reply or engage in conversation with the perpetrator. Instead, they should tell a trusted adult. You can use the tools within an app to report any offensive or hurtful content as well as block people so they cannot contact them again in the future.



Starting a conversation with your child

BBC Own It have curated a selection of videos and quizzes with ideas and advice to help make the web a kinder place. You could use these to help you start a conversation with your child.

<https://www.bbc.com/ownit/curations/being-kind-online>

Further information

- <https://bulliesout.com/need-support/be-kind-online/>
- <https://bekindonline.com/category/cyber-safety-tips/>

Summertime Screen Time



The Ince Safeguarding Group have published information on their website to help you manage your child's screen time during the summer break. Their website includes top tips for managing screen time, activities and guides to popular apps:

<https://inceg.com/2024/06/20/summer-time-screen-time-2024/>

Helping your child transition to secondary school

Is your child moving to secondary school in September? Internet Matters have published lots of useful advice and resources to help you during this transition, including discussing if your child is ready for a smartphone and explaining the challenges they may face in secondary school:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/moving-to-secondary-school-online-safety-guide/>

Accessibility features

There are many accessibility features available on iPhone and Android phones to support those with vision, speech and cognitive needs for example. You can find out more here:

iPhone: <https://support.apple.com/en-gb/guide/iphone/iph3e2e4367/ios>

Android: <https://support.google.com/accessibility/android/answer/6006564?hl=en-GB>

FRIENDS OF HNTPS (Parent-Teacher Association)



Horwood and Newton Tracey Primary School
Friends PTA



Get Involved!

- Research shows that when parents are involved children do better

Why?

- A great chance to be involved, make important decisions and make a difference
- Meet friends and be a part of something special!

What Happens?

- Informal meetings, approx. 4 per year, to plan fundraising events



PLEASE JOIN US AT OUR NEXT FRIENDS PTA MEETING



WHEN?

Tuesday 25th June
7.45pm

WHERE?

Cedars Inn,
Sticklepath.

We are currently seeking a new Chairperson so if you think you have what it takes, come along!

Looking Forward To Seeing You All Soon.

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.

SUMMER SCHOOL CREATIVES



Workshop opportunities for young people aged 8 - 14

FUN

CREATIVE

IMAGINATIVE

Focusing on a story local to North Devon and working in residence with an art form specialist, young people will develop their skills and knowledge in their choice of visual art, storytelling or photography + film.

- Online registration beafield.org/events/ssc
- Cost is £50 per day
- Discounts/Bursary available

Weekdays 24th – 31st July
2nd – 4th September
9:30am to 4:30pm

Bridge Chambers, The Strand
Barnstaple, EX31 1HB

NB These courses will only go ahead if there's sufficient uptake - please spread the word!
Booking deadlines:
Book for July courses by 17th July
Book for September courses by 12th August

Queries to caroline@beafield.org



beafield.org

REQUEST FOR CONTACT

Devon Family HUBS

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(25 WITH SEND)

Action for Children are supporting Devon Family Hubs. Family Hubs are a developing network of services and community groups that are working together to support families and their children to find opportunities that meet their needs. Please see our website for more details.

OUR SUPPORT:

Online Digital Chat

For more information
Devon Family HUBS website

Family Hubs Advice & Guidance Line - Mon-Fri 10am to 4pm
0800 538 5458

In partnership with
Devon County Council

DEVON FAMILY HUBS

Hey!

Did you know... from September, even more working families can **save money on childcare**

We will be running information sessions on what funding is available, eligibility and how to apply.

Childcare
Choices

Dates throughout **July!**

Devon
County Council

Our information sessions are for parents/carers, childcare providers, partners and professionals that work with families with young children.

Please click on a link below to join a session:

[Wednesday 3rd July 10.00 am -11.00 am](#)

[Monday 8th July 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm](#)

[Thursday 11th July 2.00 pm to 3.00 pm](#)



Libraries Unlimited **TORRINGTON LIBRARY**

SUMMER EVENTS



Saturday 6th July - Summer Reading Challenge Launch
10am - 1pm

Monday 29th July - Playful Music Making
Join musician Ged Camille for this noisy, creative session!
With percussion instruments and song. You can also bring your own instrument if you wish.
10.30am-12pm - Ages 7-12 yrs - £4 per child - Booking essential

Friday 2nd August - Interactive Storytelling and Craft
Sophie Cobb will be telling the story of the green badger and making mythical woodland masks.
10.30am-12.30pm - Suitable for ages 4+ - FREE drop-in

Monday 5th August - Lego Animation Workshop
Make your own animated clip with us.
3pm-4.30pm - Ages 7-12 yrs - £4 per child - Booking essential

Tuesday 6th August - Bounce and Rhyme Holiday Time
Action songs and stories for little ones and their older siblings.
10.30am-11am - FREE drop-in

Saturday 10th August - Craft with Chris
10.30am-12pm - Crafts for children - FREE drop-in

Friday 16th August - Printmaking and Patterns Workshop
Printmaker Michelle James will be showing you how to make pictures using different printing techniques.
2pm-3.30pm - Ages 6-11 yrs - £3 per child - Booking essential

Libraries Unlimited **TORRINGTON LIBRARY**

SUMMER EVENTS

Monday 19th August - Code a Virtual Pet Using Micro:Bit
A must for children interested in coding!
10am-12pm - £2 per child - Ages 7+ - Booking essential

Thursday 22nd August - Crafts with Chris
10.30am-12pm - Crafts for children - FREE drop-in

Friday 30th August - Junk Modelling
10.30am-12pm - Let your imagination run riot! - FREE Drop-in

Saturday 31st August - Crafts with Chris
10.30am-12pm - Crafts for children - FREE drop-in

Tuesday 3rd September - Bounce and Rhyme Holiday Time
Action songs and stories for little ones and their older siblings.
10.30am-11am - FREE drop-in

Tuesdays - Baby self-weigh
We will continue to offer this facility during the school holidays though we will move availability time to 1pm-4.30pm

Contact us:
Email: torrington.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk
Tel: 01805 622107

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YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR

FAMILY & COMMUNITY SESSIONS

Thursday 20th June 10am-12
Tuesday 2nd July 2pm-6
Tuesday 9th July 11am-1

Come along and take a look at your Family Hub!
Children's Centres are now a universal 0-19 (25 SEN) Family Hub service.
We will be offering guided tours around the Hub. Come and see what groups, services and hot desking opportunities are available.

Activities for children and families.

Refreshments available
No need to book, just come along!

ILFRACOMBE FAMILY HUB
MARLBOROUGH ROAD
ILFRACOMBE
EX34 8JL

There is a buildings consultation currently being undertaken by Devon County Council. Follow the link and have your say!

Devon County Council

SCAN ME!
Consultation closes at midnight on 3rd July 2024

Action for Children



INTENSIVE SWIM CRASH COURSES

£35

Lessons For Kids at Holsworthy Leisure Centre
5th - 9th August 2024
Lessons will not run on Wednesday 7th of August

Stage 1: 10:30 - 11:00
Beginners
Stage 2: 11:00 - 11:30
For 5M - 10M

01409 330070
la.stovey@activeleisure.co.uk

OCEAN ACADEMY
ACTIVE LEISURE

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 beavertawstock@gmail.com

Scouts