



# Horwood and Newton Tracey Community Primary School Newsletter

Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear parents, carers and children

I have to start this newsletter with a huge **THANK YOU** to you all!

Firstly, thank you again for the incredible job you did during lockdown teaching your children and thank you also for your support of the school during all the difficulties and challenges we encountered.

Secondly, thank you for preparing your child/ren so well for their return to school.

We are delighted with how well all the classes have settled back. We have not encountered any significant problems on their return. In fact, the reverse is true. The children are confident, very settled and appear to have thrived emotionally during lockdown. This is incredible!

Academically, of course, we are quickly identifying gaps in learning but this is something we are confident we can address over the coming weeks and months.

What a great start to this new academic year. We hope things will continue in a calm and positive way.

**Mrs Lisa Eadie**  
**Headteacher**  
[head@hntps.org](mailto:head@hntps.org)

## Medication

Please make sure that if your child needs medication that it is in school and given to the class teacher. It is parents'/carers' responsibility to make sure that all medication (especially inhalers) is up to date and available.

## School dinners

School dinners will be rolled out for all classes from w/c 21<sup>st</sup> September. Class 3 and 4 children will need to pay for dinners (unless your child is entitled to a free school meal). Meals cost £2.30 a day and should be paid for via ParentPay (details via the office if you are unsure).

## The Walking Bus

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help staff with the walking bus. We now have up to 32 spaces a day for children to travel safely every morning to school from the Village Hall car park. The walking bus has been set up in consultation with Devon Highways who have risk assessed the route and provide our insurance.

**We still have some spaces.** This is an ideal service if you wish to drop your child off by 8.10 am every morning.

For more information and an application to get a slot for your child please email the school: [admin@hntps.org](mailto:admin@hntps.org)

## w/c 14<sup>th</sup> September

Tue 15<sup>th</sup>: 5.30 pm Governors

Thu 17<sup>th</sup>: Safeguarding Audit

## Annual Permission and Consents Form

The annual consents will be sent out shortly. Please return via email or print out and post through the school letter box. If you need a hard copy sent home, please reply to the email when you receive it.

## Facebook and Instagram

We use the school Facebook page (HNTPS) and Instagram (Lovacott School) account quite frequently for reminders and news. Please like or sign up for these social media platforms to keep updated.

## New Starters

A big welcome to our youngest children in nursery and reception who have started this week. We trust you have settled in quickly and will have a wonderful time during your education at HNTPS.

## Up to date details

If you move house or change your telephone number, please let us know! It is important that we can get hold of you in an emergency.

### **Croup**

There are a few cases of Croup locally which can be a distressing illness for children to get. Follow this link to get advice from the

NHS:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/croup/>

### **Coats and Forest School Kit**

A reminder – please could ALL children have a coat in school every day as we are going outside regularly for exercise and fresh air. The weather changes very quickly and we want the children to be outdoors as much as possible. Class 1 and 2 children ALL need Forest School waterproofs which should stay in school please.

### **Healthy Snack**

Class 1 and 2 are given a free, healthy snack every break time (which can be raisins, bananas, apples, soft peel fruit, pears). Please send your child in with their own healthy snack if they do not like these options. Class 3 and 4 children are encouraged to also bring in a healthy snack (fruit/vegetable) to have at breaktimes.

### **Drop off and Pick Up times**

Thank you for helping us have a staggered start and end times at school. A reminder that the walking bus leaves at 8.20 am, children with no siblings should arrive at 8.40 am and be picked up at 3.20 pm and children with siblings should arrive at 8.50 am and be picked up at 3.30 pm.

By keeping to these timings we have noticed a significant reduction in congestion at the school gate.

### **School email details**

The new school email system is now live. The new details are as follows:

Office (Carla Humphries):

[admin@hntps.org](mailto:admin@hntps.org)

Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead (Lisa Eadie):

[head@hntps.org](mailto:head@hntps.org)

Sue Radley (Foundation Stage Manager and SENDCO):

[hradley@hntps.org](mailto:hradley@hntps.org)

Debbie Munro (C3 teacher):

[demunro@hntps.org](mailto:demunro@hntps.org)

Esther Woodisse (C2 teacher and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead): [ewoodisse@hntps.org](mailto:ewoodisse@hntps.org)

Rachael Hopkins (C1 and C3 job share and C2 PPA cover):

[rhopkins@hntps.org](mailto:rhopkins@hntps.org)

Neil McKernan-Lewis (C4 job share):

[nmckernan-lewis@hntps.org](mailto:nmckernan-lewis@hntps.org)

Clerk to Govenors (Carla Humphries):

[clerk@hntps.org](mailto:clerk@hntps.org)

Chair of Governors (Sarah Williams):

[swilliams@hntps.org](mailto:swilliams@hntps.org)

The old email details are still working, for a while, with a forwarding system.

### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

#### **Lovacott Nursery**

Lovacott Nursery provides our “wrap around” care – breakfast and after school club, in addition to full time nursery provision.

#### **They are looking for a lunchtime/school run employee. Can you help?**

If you are interested please speak to Kate Williams (Manager) at the Nursery on: 01271 858801 or email her for more details at: [kate.lovacott@gmail.com](mailto:kate.lovacott@gmail.com)

#### **Secondary School Open Evenings for Y5s and Y6s**

**Bideford College** – information about online open days/evening events will be available via their Facebook and Instagram pages.

**Great Torrington School** – details will be advertised via their Facebook pages and website. If you have any queries in the meantime, please contact Helen Whiterod: [hwhiterod@gts.devon.sch.uk](mailto:hwhiterod@gts.devon.sch.uk)

**Chulmleigh College** – Small group tours (10 people) for Year 6s parents and children at 4 pm every Friday until 16<sup>th</sup> October with the Headteacher and Deputy Booking is essential via this link:

<https://tinyurl.com//CCTour2020>