



Horwood and Newton Tracey Community Primary School Newsletter

Friday, 16th October 2020

Dear parents, carers and children

Next week is our final week before half term. The children are all showing signs of tiredness. Just one more week to go until they can have a rest!

This week we discussed, as a staff, the school's Mental Health Strategy and how we can include our important PHSE (personal, health and social education) curriculum more robustly in classes.

Miss Wooddisse is our Mental Health champion and has worked incredibly hard to incorporate all our PHSE subjects with our Mental Health strategy. Each day, after half term, the children will be having a dedicated "mirror time" at the start of each day covering issues of healthy relationships, the world around us, health and wellbeing (including mental health).

Both the Mental Health Strategy and curriculum map is available via our website, if you would like to look in more details at the areas we will be covering. In addition, I will be sharing our weekly focus after half term on the newsletter.

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Medical conditions

Please make sure that you tell your child's teacher or the school of any medical condition your child has so that we can care for them appropriately. Thank you.

School dinners – pupil voice

This week we surveyed the children about which meals they would like to see added to the menu after half term. By far the popular choices were roast chicken, pizza baguette and spaghetti bolognese. They also voted on their favourite vegetables which are: carrots, sweetcorn, broccoli and then peas! Thank you children for helping Caroline to decide how to change the menu.

Forest School

This week I was able to accompany a local neighbour to see our Forest School in action (socially distanced obviously). He was really impressed with the activities that the children were clearly enjoying. I have offered further visits to the local community to allay any concerns about our visiting Bailey Wood. Thank you Mrs Blunt and Ms Clark for this lovely addition to our school curriculum and your professionalism and expertise.

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PHSE focus: Our animal learning behaviours and a final focus on Black History month and people in the Arts.

Tue 20th: 5.30 pm Governors Teaching and Learning Committee via Zoom

Tea @ 3 with Mrs Eadie

Tea @ 3 is awarded to those children who have kept the school "Golden Rules" and is a Friday afternoon reward of tea/hot chocolate, cake and biscuits with Mrs Eadie. To ensure that children do not mix between bubbles, Tea @ 3 will be held with 4 children from each class each week. Today's pupils from Class 4 are: Bailey, Jake, Kasey and Florrie. Well done!



Reading at Home

Do you want access to a wider range of books for your child to read at home online?

Oxford Owl is a good website to try ...

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/>

Local libraries are also open again and offer latest releases and authors for your child/ren to enjoy.

It's free to join and the staff at our local libraries are friendly and welcoming.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Shoebox Appeal

Newton Tracey Church is organising its annual Shoebox Appeal.

We are really pleased to be able to support this and are sending out leaflets today.

The only change from previous years is that we are asking that filled boxes be dropped directly to Newton Tracey church or Kate Clark (address available from school) rather than coming back into school at this time of extra risk assessments.



Parish Council

The Parish Council need local storage for a 4x4 vehicle, salt spreader and quantity of gritting salt so that they can keep our local roads open in case of bad weather.

This really helps the school as local roads are not included in the Highways' service.

Does anyone have any space, locally, that the vehicle and equipment could be stored?

Please get in touch with Gregg Bennett, Beveley Dalton or Lisa Eadie if anyone can help.