



Horwood and Newton Tracey Community Primary School Newsletter

Friday, 6th November 2020

Dear parents, carers and children

These continue to be very worrying times, as the country enters its second lockdown. This obviously affects our school community in a variety of ways as we worry about our families, work and businesses, and our health. We are so relieved, however, that schools have remained open. The science indicates that children are not "super spreaders" of Covid-19 but we remain vigilant and are ensuring that our risk assessment procedures are adhered to in school. If you have any concerns as always, please get in touch.

If any child has to isolate due to having symptoms or a positive Covid-19 test result, then home learning will be provided. This will also be the case if a class "bubble" has to close. We will be sending out any home learning via email and Google Classroom.

Just a reminder that the children's school Gmail account passwords cannot be changed. If you attempt to change them, the account will be locked and will have to reset by school.

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School Cleaning

My thanks again to Simon Cole from Lemon Cleaning for "fogging" the school during half term. This gives us another 28 days of protection and continues to reassure staff. Thank you!

Painting t-shirts – Class 3

Mrs Hopkins is doing an exciting printing topic with Class 3 this half term. Would every child in Class 3 be able to send in an old t-shirt to use for painting please?

This should be named (Sharpie is fine) and remain in school this half term. To ensure good hygiene, the t-shirts will be left in the class for 72 hours before use and then kept in school.

Shoebox Appeal

The deadline to send in filled shoe boxes has been extended to 13th December. Any shoe boxes should be dropped to Newton Tracey church or to Kate Clark on: 01271 858268.



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PHSE focus: daily ten Mental Health "Do something that you enjoy or you are good at".

Being part of a community (KS2) and Ways in which we are the same (KS1).

"We Eat Elephants" focus – Grandpa is unwell KS2, Adam needs to Hurry KS1.

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 2 are: Amelie, Henry S, Isabel and Ted. Well done!

Consultation on our Admissions policy for 2022-23

Below you will see a link to our proposed admissions policy for 2022-23. We are consulting on this between 1 November and 8 January and invite any parent or other person with an interest in our admission arrangements to read the policy and make any comments you wish. You will see where there are changes, the text is in red – either something we propose to add or, if it has a line through it, something we propose to remove.

One of the proposals is to add children who have been adopted from state care outside of England to our oversubscription criterion 1. This is in anticipation that the Department for Education will require this change for all schools as it has just consulted on changes to the School Admissions Code. It is possible that the Department's timescales may mean that the Code is not amended before the end of February, when we have to formally set our policy. If that is the case, we may have to determine our policy without that change and then alter it later in spring or summer. We are bringing it to your attention though as a change in policy that we expect to have to introduce.

Other than changes in red and dates moving forward a year, the way our policy will work is the same as in the previous year, 2021-22 which you can also see below.

If you have any comments, you can make them to Devon County Council which is co-ordinating the consultation. Further information is at www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements. You will be able to view the proposed policies for all state-funded schools in Devon and the Local Authorities policies there too.

The consultation ends on 8 January and all policies must be determined by 28 February and published in the same places by 15 March.

