



# Horwood and Newton Tracey Community Primary School Newsletter

Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear parents, carers and children

We hope this week you have had useful updates about your child's progress if you've had telephone consultations with teachers. If you would like a phone consultation, at any point in the year, we are always happy to keep you updated about your child's progress.

We would like to thank parents and carers for their kind words of support for everything the school is doing to help your child back at school.

We have, sadly, recently received a number of unpleasant emails and had to publish a statement this week that the school will not tolerate rude or abusive language or behaviour.

I am pleased to say that the large majority of our school parents and carers are extremely supportive of the school and always communicate in a positive and productive way – even when situations involving their children can be tricky. I would like to thank you, on behalf of all the staff, for this. I would like to also extend my grateful thanks again to the hard work the staff are doing, despite the ongoing challenges of Covid-19 and lockdown.

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**Headteacher**  
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## Christmas Video

Each class is planning to create a Christmas video performance (acting, singing, musical instrument playing, etc) which will be videoed and put on the school website before the end of term.

We need your permission to OPT IN to recording your children. Please could you send back your permissions as soon as possible as some events are taking place next week. If your (or your child) does not want to be in the video we completely understand. The children will all still take part in the activity but will not be filmed. Class 4 children please can you bring a Christmas jumper/decorated top on THURSDAY (3<sup>rd</sup> December) in your backpack to wear for your event. Thank you!

## Data Collection Sheets

Thank you for sending back your Data Collection Sheets so promptly with your updated details.

## Parish Field

A reminder that dogs are not allowed on the Lovacott Parish Field. We regularly use the field and are grateful that it is generally kept free from any dog mess as a result. If you have a dog, please could you exercise it away from this field. Thank you.

## w/c 30<sup>th</sup> November

**PHSE focus:** daily ten Mental Health "Keep active in mind and body".

Discussing the role of money in our lives and how to manage it (KS2).

Learning about "special people" who help us (KS1).

**"We Eat Elephants" focus –**  
Similar scenarios in our own lives to Grandpa is unwell KS2, Adam starts a new school 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 3 are: Kaiden, Libby, Darcy G, Henry and Beau. Well done!

## Is your child struggling?

The school has access to many support agencies who can help your child with a range of issues, if they are struggling. If you need any help please contact us and we can sign post you to the professionals who can help.

Bed wetting, anxiety about coming to school, sleeping problems, parenting support, financial management, etc are just a few examples of support which can all be accessed.

The Children and Adolescent Mental Health Team (CAMHS) is an especially supportive agency who can help children with low level anxiety to more complex needs. It is now possible to self-refer, refer via the GP or by the school as CAMHS are continuing to offer an online service during lockdown.

There is still, sadly, often a lot of stigma around the term "mental health" but please don't let this hold you back from getting the help your child needs. If your child had a visible, physical illness you would of course consult your GP. Mental health is not something to be ashamed of – we all need help from time to time!

<https://childrenandfamilyhealthdevon.nhs.uk/camhs/>



## Bikeability

Apologies for any confusion about Bikeability for Class 4. If your child is in Year 6 and already completed Stages 1 and 2 in a previous year, they will NOT be doing Bikeability again. The current Year 5s and Year 6s, who did not complete the course, will be doing this important 2-day course in December.



### Admission to Primary School

If your child was born between 01/09/2016 and 31/08/2017 it is now time to apply for your child's primary school place for a Reception start in September 2021.

Applications need to be made online via the Devon County Council Admissions Portal at: <https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-for-a-primary-school-place>



## Petroc College

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