



Horwood and Newton Tracey Community Primary School Newsletter

Friday, 11th December 2020

Dear parents, carers and children

We are nearly at the end of term and this week we sent home a letter with all the end of term arrangements on it. We are aware that we have sent out lots of information in stages and apologise for this overload!

As we explained in the email, we have tried to keep lots of end of term seasonal activities going but, together with the challenges of our risk assessment, this hasn't always been as organised as we would usually like.

I hope the letter, containing all the information, helped to address this. Thank you for your patience.

Next week we have some final Christmas events to look forward to: our annual Christmas Dinner on Wednesday, "Santa in the woods" on Thursday morning and our Christmas Party Lunch on Friday.

We will also be posting the class Christmas performances via the website and Google Classroom.

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Bikeability

Well done to all the Year 5s completing Bikeability this week. The instructors were really impressed with you. If your child is taking part in Bikeability on Monday, please ensure they have their own helmet in school and a bike. Children need to wear warm, waterproof clothing and sensible shoes. School uniform is NOT required.

Keeping children safe

The school staff regularly undertaken safeguarding training and updates. In the New Year, we are going to write a half termly Safeguarding Newsletter about how to keep your children safe, in order to pass on relevant information to you as parents and carers, which we hope will be useful.

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 one class each week. Today's pupils from Class 1 are: Harry, Sofia, Bella, and Evie. Well done!

w/c 14th December

PHSE focus: daily ten Mental Health "Take a Break".

To learn about how the media (and social media) present information (KS2). Learning about money: deciding whether to spend or save (KS1).

"We Eat Elephants" focus – To look at scenarios to evoke strong feelings KS2, Adam starts a new school KS1.

Mon 14th Group 2 Bikeability
Tues 15th Full Governing Body
Wed 16th Christmas Lunch
Thurs 17th "Santa in the woods"
Friday 18th Party Lunch

END OF TERM

Lockdown Mugs

If you would like our special Lockdown Artwork mug for your child, there is still time to buy one. Please pay £3 on ParentPay. We are sending the mugs home daily.

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Reading Books

Please could any reading books sent home from Class 1 and Class 2 come back into school. We are going to do a book audit next week and would like them all in to complete it.

Special Commendation

This week Darcie in Class 2 received a letter of compliment from Sgt Thubron from Devon and Cornwall Police thanking her for keeping North Devon tidy and safe.

Sgt Thubron had seen the family's "Twitter" posts about litter picking, beach cleaning and raising the profile of "Tidy North Devon" and wanted to add his thanks.

Well done Darcie!



Parish Field

People are, sadly, still using the Parish Field to exercise dogs and this is causing problems with dog mess.

It is a hazard for our children who use the field and also, when the Air Ambulance had to land for an emergency, the pilot had to clean off his shoes before flying off.

I am hopeful that it isn't school families who are using the field to exercise their dogs – thank you for your help and support with this.



Carols singing in the churchyard

Pop along to Horwood, Newton Tracey or Alverdiscott churchyards between 4.00pm and 5.00pm on Sunday to join in an outdoor carol sing-along.

Bring your own flask of hot chocolate and mince pies! Download or print the carol words from www.tworiversmissioncommunity.org or just sing along.

Hang a star with the names of loved ones on our Christmas tree (stars available at the lych gate).

Please note the rule of six does not apply in churchyards so you must remain in your household bubble. Socially distance at all times. Wearing of masks is advised when singing and compulsory when hanging stars.

For more information see www.tworiversmissioncommunity.org



