



# Horwood and Newton Tracey Community Primary School Newsletter

Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2021

Dear parents, carers and children

We have had a lovely first week back after Easter. The children and staff have had a good break and feel re-energised. The good weather has also helped!

We are now re-focusing on our animal learning behaviours and have had a particular focus on being "Ready to Learn" (like an elephant). Do have a look at the school website to see which learning behaviours we encourage in our children – these are skills which we want to see developed not just with the pupils' academic learning but all areas (friendships, out of school clubs, etc).

It is a relief to be able to get back to "normal" in so many areas. As a result, each class will now be sending home reading books. Please can you help us close any gaps in your child's reading (as a result of lockdown) by encouraging your child to read every night. Year 2 – 6 are now following the "Accelerated Reader" scheme which is also enabling us to track the children's progress more accurately.

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## Friends of the school

The Friends had a successful meeting on Monday and discussed the possibility of some future fundraising ideas. More details to follow.

## Parking

Thank you parents and carers for responding so quickly to the email earlier in the week and parking at the Village Hall and walking up to school. This has significantly reduced the congestion on the road and increased the safety for our children arriving and leaving school. Your support is very much appreciated.

## Food allergies

It is lovely to celebrate children's birthdays and we do make a birthday child feel special, but could we ask that sweets are not sent in to celebrate. We try and encourage healthy eating and also have a number of children with dietary needs which mean that we have to be especially cautious. Thank you for your understanding.

w/c 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021

**Tues 27<sup>th</sup>:** Y3 Forest School

**PHSE focus:** KS1 to recognise what children like and dislike and to make good choices. KS2 to recognise how things are portrayed in the media (and online) don't always reflect reality.

**"We eat elephants"** KS1 "Deepak has to read out loud". KS2 tension control and mindfulness.

## Dressing Up Clothes

Do you have any "fun" clothes at home which you could donate for dressing up at playtimes or dressing up costumes? Hats, sparkly items, bags, etc would be much appreciated to encourage imaginative play. Thank you.

## Your views

We want to arrange parent/carer consultations later this term but are not sure how it is best to facilitate it. We will, therefore, be sending out a questionnaire so we can arrange appointments in a way which suit you.

