



# Horwood and Newton Tracey Community Primary School Newsletter

Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Dear parents, carers and children

Thank you everyone for your patience and understanding this week, as we have had to send a number of children home with persistent coughs, to undertake PCR testing.

I am very relieved to let you know that we do not have any positive cases at the school currently. This is despite rises in cases being experienced at our local secondary schools.

In order to reduce any potential class "bubble" closures, we are closely following our risk assessments and sending pupils home immediately if they display symptoms. We realise this can be very disruptive but appreciate your support as we are trying to get to end of term without the disruption of closures.

You can help the school by undertaking lateral flow testing as a household regularly and keeping your child at home to be PCR tested, if necessary.

**Mrs Lisa Eadie**  
**Headteacher**  
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## Staffing News

I am sad to announce that Ms Munro will be leaving the staffing team here at HNTPS at the end of this term.

Ms Munro has worked at the school for 28 years and, during this time, shared her teaching knowledge and expertise with numerous children, positively influencing their young lives. We obviously want to say goodbye and demonstrate our thanks for her hard work and dedication to the school. If you would like to join us in thanking her, please could you send any donations in via the school office and write your words of thanks to be included in our goodbye wishes.

Can I also reassure the parents/carers of children joining Class 3 in September that my absolute focus and priority is to ensure that staffing is in place for next term. I will confirm the details of this with you as soon as possible.

w/c Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June

**Mon 28<sup>th</sup>:**  
**Non Pupil Day**

**Tues 29<sup>th</sup>:** Y4 Forest School  
5.30 pm Full Governing Body meeting

**PHSE focus:** all classes will be following the Sex and Relationships programme which has been sent out by email previously.

**Mindfulness and mental health focus:** class will discuss these important topics using the recently donated books with each class.

## Goodbye

Julie and Matthias are leaving HNTPS today as they move to France. We wish them every happiness and success at their new school, and as they start this new adventure. Ivy is also leaving us today. We will miss you all!

## Monday – Non Pupil Day

A reminder that Monday is a Non Pupil day. Teachers will be working on developing our curriculum. We will keep you updated with our progress.

### **Pupil Conferencing**

Despite the disappointment of not being able to hold "move up" week, we did have a very successful day on Monday talking with children. Each child met individually with their class teacher to find out how they were doing in school and how they could improve. We hope you have had a chance to talk with your child/ren about what was shared with them. As this day was so successful, we are now planning to have termly pupil conferencing days.

On Monday, we also introduced the children to our latest animal learning behaviour – being creative – a unicorn. We will be exploring this learning behaviour over the coming weeks with the children as we encourage them to be creative (as in artistic) and also creative in their problem solving.



### **Headlice**

Class 4 has unfortunately had a recent case of headlice. Could parents/carers check their children regularly and treat as necessary. The local pharmacies and School Nursing Team can also give advice if needed.

### **Resources Committee Meeting – June update**

The Resources Committee has a wide-ranging remit, and on 15th June we met to discuss and approve various items related to the school.

We discussed Safeguarding, in particular site security and safe working practices, to ensure pupils and staff are safe when at school. We also talked about the state of the premises, which are largely in a good condition, and some recent building survey reports.

We had conversations around Pupil Premium funding to make sure it is being used in an appropriate way, and to see the impact it is having on pupils.

Finally, it won't surprise you to know that we talked about the general finances of the schools, to make sure we are not overspending and to make sure that what we are spending is benefiting pupils in the best possible way. The outcome of the meeting was very positive and we feel the school is in an excellent place.

### **Karl Murphy-Barnes Chair of Resources Committee**

### **Whole School Survey**

The school will shortly be sending out our Annual Family survey. Your views will help us to make plans for the next academic year and are important to us. More details to follow.



