



# Horwood and Newton Tracey Community Primary School Newsletter

Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021

Dear parents, carers and children

This week saw all the classes out of school on Wednesday. Class 3 and 4 children visited Heddon's Mouth. Class 4 were looking at the features of the River Heddon as it progresses through the valley, to the mouth and were able to take some river measurements. Class 3 had a wonderful time observing the waves at the beach to inspire them with their Hokusai-styled wave drawing.

Class 2 walked down Marsh Lane and across Farmer Ford's fields to Newton Tracey church where Kate Clark talked about the church as a place of worship for Christians. They were able to see the symbols and aspects of the church which have special meaning such as the altar, the font and the stained glass windows. Our thanks to Mr and Mrs McFarlane and Charlotte for letting the children have their picnic lunch in their garden and helping out.

Class 2 didn't miss out but had a picnic lunch on the field. We were so fortunate with the weather – a sunny day in an otherwise wet and windy week!

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## Upcoming Trips and Dates

Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> October - **Class 3 will be taking part in a sport multi-skills competition** at Great Torrington School in the morning. Please can pupils come to school dressed in a warm PE kit and have a waterproof coat, as the event will be held outside. No charge.

Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> October – Class 1 Rosemoor Trip. Please send **consent forms back asap and make any payments via ParentPay** to help us finance the coach costs.

Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> October – **Stephen Shield Cross Country** for selected Key Stage 2 children. More details to follow.

## **Family Survey Updates**

The school is continuing to respond to suggestions made in our Family Survey earlier this year (the full results and school's response is available on the website). Many people asked that Family Groups, inter-school PE competitions and trips be re-arranged. We are delighted to inform you that all these events are now taking place. The school was also asked to provide "Top Tips" for families to help their children at home and this will now be a monthly feature in the newsletter – starting today with a "Top Tip" about supporting your child to be independent with their belongings.

## **Morrisons – It's Good to Grow**

The school has been nominated to have "points" collected at Morrisons which we can use to buy gardening equipment for our allotment. If you shop at Morrisons, for every £10 you spend the school can get a "Grow Token". Please support the school if you can.

## **British Values Poster Competition**

There is still time to enter our British Values poster competition. Winning entries will be used around the school to promote these important values of: Democracy, Rule of Law, Tolerance, Mutual Respect and Individual Liberty.



## **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 keep mixing of children to a minimum, Tea @ 3 will be held with 4 children from each class, each week. Today's pupils from Class 1 are: Ronnie, Beau, Isabelle, Emily and Abel. Well done!

**School Council** – the School Council met this week and had their photos taken for our new School Council board in school. They also reminded Family Groups about our British Values competition.

### **Family Group Points**

Each week the children's individual reward "Dojo" points are being added together so a celebration cup can be awarded the winning Family Group. Last week the winners were Taw – well done!

### **Governor Update**

The Governing Body met on 14<sup>th</sup> September for the first meeting of the new school year. The Chair and Vice Chair were voted in and this remains the same as last year, myself as Chair and Mr Paul Williams as Vice chair.

The meeting was a "housekeeping meeting" where we signed off and agreed policies that have been updated - some in response to the return to school and Covid updates - and making sure that we have put dates in the diary for this year's committee meetings. We are all now set and ready for another busy year ahead. Wishing Parents, Children and Staff all the best for the coming year

### **Sarah Williams Chair of Governors**

**Personal, Health, Social and Economic Education (PHSEE):** Class 1 and 2 will be learning next week about how the ways in which people are the same. In Classes 3 and 4 the children will learn about what it means to be part of a community and the role of pressure groups. Using the "**We Eat Elephants**" problem-solving "talk" solutions, the children in Class 1 and 2 will be considering a scenario of "Adam needs to hurry up" and in KS2 a scenario based around the character Deepak. The **positive mental health** focus is "keep active in mind and body".

### **Lost Property**

It's sometimes a challenge for children to look after their belongings in school and, quite often, items go missing. If they are named, we try our very hardest to locate them and get them back to their rightful owners. As you can imagine, with up to 30 children in each class, this can be time consuming and quite a challenge, but we will always try our best. Thank you for your patience when it takes a little longer to locate things.

Our "**Tip Top**" of the month is to help us by encouraging your child/ren at home to dress themselves, use the toilet and wash their hands independently, do their shoes up, change into wellies and hang up and carry their coats and belongings to/from school. This will give your child more confidence to be independent at school – thank you! We will continue to do our part and will work, very hard, to keep your child's belongings safe in school also.

**Finally ... thank you** to Simon Cole for helping us to fix the toilet lock on the boys' toilet door this week!