



# Horwood and Newton Tracey Community Primary School Newsletter

Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Dear parents, carers and children

This week we relaunched our school Citizenship Award. The challenge involves a variety of activities for each year group to complete (outside of school) covering four main areas: being active, independent, learning about the wider world and aspiration. The aim is to enable our children to become well-rounded Citizens – linked with our British Values focus. Another way in which we are aiming for our children, “to be the best that they can be”.

In Family Groups, the School Councillors gave out a Walk to School record book for each child and will be giving a sticker to every child who walks to school next week.

Please help us as we encourage the children to be more active and also develop our “Mutual Respect” British Values of being considerate to our local residents by parking at the Village Hall and walking.

Thank you for your ongoing encouragement and support of our school initiatives.

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## Upcoming Trips and Dates

Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> October – Class 1 Rosemoor Trip

Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> October – **Stephen Shield Cross Country**

Tues, 19<sup>th</sup> October – **C2 DT day** – parent/carers helpers needed

Tue 9<sup>th</sup> and Wed 10<sup>th</sup> November – **parent/carers consultations**



## **Walking to School**

Walking to school includes coming on the school bus, cycling to school and parking and walking up from the Village Hall car park – we are not expecting every child to walk from their geographical home!

We often have complaints from our local neighbours about inconsiderate parking or increased traffic, sadly by the school. We are very keen to continue to promote good relationships in our local community by encouraging parents/carers to park at the Village Hall and walk up. We are very grateful that the Village Hall Committee allow us to use their parking at the start and end of each school day.

## **Staff Training**

We continue to invest in our staff to ensure they are up-to-date with current curriculum expectations and good practice. Last week Mrs Hopkins completed her second “Drawing and Talking Therapy” course, Mrs Eadie attended a Devon Maintained Heads’ briefing with Devon County Council and a training course on a new phonics programme which the school is considering. The support staff all met to be trained in auditory and cognitive processing difficulties and about our positive-praise strategies to deal with any challenging behaviour.

## **Parent/carers consultations and after school clubs**

Letters will go out next week with this information.

## *Enabling children to be the best that they can be!*



### **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 4 are: Tristan, Saphron, Isabella and Arthur. Well done!

### **Site visit by the Local Authority**

This week the school had a visit from the Local Authority to consider future options for the school boiler which has caused numerous difficulties over the years. The problems of the existing Biomass wood chip system were discussed in detail. Further visits from a boiler engineer to carry out repairs will be completed during half term whilst a longer-term solution is sought.

**School Council** – the School Council met this week and fed back to their Family Groups about which after school clubs will be running after half term and also promoted the Citizenship Award focus on walking to school.

### **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 Dart – well done!

### **Accelerated Reader**

Our reading system (in Y2 upwards) enables children to demonstrate their understanding of their reading. So far, this term, the children have read 346 books and 1,683,813 words! Thank you to parents/carers who helped us to update our book stock to enable the children to have access to such high quality texts.

### **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.

**Personal, Health, Social and Economic Education (PHSEE):** Class 1 and 2 will be learning next week about what improves and harms their local, natural and build environment, to develop strategies and skills needed to care for these (including conserving energy). In Classes 3 and 4 the children will learn about the range of national, regional, religious and ethnic identities in the UK and to consider the lives of people living in other places and people with different values and customs. Using the "**We Eat Elephants**" problem-solving "talk" solutions, the children in Class 1 and 2 will be considering a scenario of "Adam and the new boy" and in KS2 a scenario based around the character Deepak. The **positive mental health** focus is "take a break". Our new mental health and mindfulness books are also helping with our teaching of this important area.

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Parish Council** meeting on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> October at 7 pm at the Village Hall.

**Newton Tracey Church Youth club** on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> October. More information from Kate Clark: 01271 268858.