



# Horwood and Newton Tracey Community Primary School Newsletter

Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Dear parents, carers and children

Thank you everyone for making our Walk to School Week such a success. There has been a noticeable difference in the traffic and congestion immediately around the school at the beginning and end of each day. We hope your children have enjoyed an active start to the day. Thank you also to our school councillors: Tristan, Lily, Billy, Thomas, Georgie, Daenerys, Libby and Amy for encouraging everyone and giving out stickers.

We hope that walking to school will continue throughout the school year and that as many children as possible can get this part of their Citizenship Award ticked off.

This week and next week the focus in Family Groups is celebrating Black History month. The children will learn about our British history and the contribution which all races and heritages have made to the UK. They will also learn about significant black people now and in the past and their achievements which, historically, have not been celebrated as they should have been.

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## Upcoming Trips and Dates

Tues, 19<sup>th</sup> October – **C2 DT day** – making lighthouses  
Tues, 19<sup>th</sup> October – 5.30 pm Teaching and Learning **Governors**  
Fri, 22<sup>nd</sup> October – Family Group **Cross Country** event  
Fri, 5<sup>th</sup> November – **pupil conferencing** day  
Tue 9<sup>th</sup> and Wed 10<sup>th</sup> November – **parent/carers consultations**

## **After School Clubs**

Letters went home this week offering a range of after-school clubs starting after half term. If places are not filled for a specific year group by Monday, then spaces will be offered to wider year groups in the order that they were requested.

## **Governor Visits**

The Governing Body undertake an important role of "holding the school to account" with their strategic responsibility. Part of this role means that they conduct school visits looking at an aspect of the school Development Plan. The following visits are planned with a specific focus as follows: Kerry Whitting (PHSEE including our statutory Sex and Relationships teaching, British Values and Citizenship, Paul Williams (PE, RE and Computing teaching and assessment), Karl Murphy-Barnes (Pupil premium, sports and SEND spending), Sarah Williams (Music, Science and Geography teaching and assessment). The Governors will visit classes, look at books and displays and talk to children as part of their visits.

## **Parent/carers consultations**

Letters have gone out to sign up for parent/carers consultations with teachers. In response to your requests, face to face or telephone appointments have been offered so that you have the opportunity to meet your child's teacher if you wish, on 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> November.

## **Art T-shirts**

Would all children be able to bring in an old, large and named t-shirt for art please.

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### **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 3 are: Georgie, Lilly, Olivia and Ted. Well done!

### **Class 1 – reception and nursery**

Please could Class 1 children bring in a small, empty plastic water bottle to make a potion next week.

### **Family Group Points**

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

### **Second hand uniform**

Christine Parsons very kindly sells our second hand uniform at very reasonable prices, and can be contacted on: 07792 301137 or by emailing [clpgraphicdesigner@gmail.com](mailto:clpgraphicdesigner@gmail.com)

### **Music Lessons**

In response to requests from parents/carers about music tuition, Miss Wooddisse has kindly sourced this provision which can be arranged online via SAM Music ([www.sammusicservice.com](http://www.sammusicservice.com)) and delivered online to your child at home or in person tuition through a local music teacher, Jeffers De Maio (guitar, keyboard, ukulele or drums). More information from Miss Wooddisse: [ewooddisse@hntps.org](mailto:ewooddisse@hntps.org)

### **Friends of the school**

The Friends of the school met this week to discuss fundraising ideas. More details will be shared in the coming weeks about Christmas fundraising – including our popular, annual coloured raffle.

**Personal, Health, Social and Economic Education (PHSEE):** Class 1 and 2 will be learning next week about special people who help us including ringing 999 in an emergency. In Classes 3 and 4 the children will learn about the role of money in our lives and being a critical consumer. 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 on the children's ideas. The **positive mental health** focus is "staying connected with those you care about". Our new mental health and mindfulness books are also helping with our teaching of this important area.

### **Top Tip for families**

Children are very influenced by what they see and hear. They naturally learn by copying behaviour and especially what they view online. We have recently discovered that children are playing the new, popular adult show on Netflix called "Squid Games". You can help your children by ensuring that your children only access Netflix and online films via a child's login as the trailers and programmes for Squid Games are very graphically violent and distressing for children to watch.

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## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Parish Council** Needs help – the Parish Council are setting up a voluntary Community Speed watch team which will monitor and report speeding in the local area. If you can help please contact the clerk Sue Squire on: [sue@suesquire.com](mailto:sue@suesquire.com) or Frank Biederman (Parish, District and County Councillor) on: [Frank.Biederman@devon.gov.uk](mailto:Frank.Biederman@devon.gov.uk)

**Holiday club during half term** – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October at Springfield Nursery, Marwood. £40 full day or £30 half day. More information on: 01271 329039 or email: [enquiry@springfieldnursery.com](mailto:enquiry@springfieldnursery.com)

**Lovacott Nursery** – our local private nursery in Lovacott also offers holiday club provision and they can be contacted at: 01271 858801 or email: [kate.lovacott@gmail.com](mailto:kate.lovacott@gmail.com)

**Romar Sports** – Romar sports are offering a half term football club every day from 9 am – 4 pm for children aged 5 – 14 years. Day rate £24. For more information and booking visit their website: [www.romarsports.com](http://www.romarsports.com)