



Horwood and Newton Tracey Community Primary School Newsletter

Friday, 19th November 2021

Dear parents, carers and children

This week our focus was Anti-bullying week with assemblies in each class by the NSPCC about staying safe and how to ask for help. The School Council met to discuss whether they felt there was an issue with bullying in the school. We were pleased to hear that, in their opinion, whilst children sometimes make poor choices there are not regular cases of children being unkind.

The Family groups were also challenged to say "one kind thing" a day as they learnt about Anti-bullying week. We hope you might have heard them say kind things at home as a result.

Finally, we know that parenting is hard work! Demands change upon you as parents/carers as children grow up, home situations change and also work demands. Whilst we are not saying we have all the answers, the staff do have a lot of expertise with child behaviour and the school would really like to offer supportive sessions if you would like some help. Please reply via the office to the parenting course invitation sent this week.

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Upcoming Trips and Dates

Tue, 23rd November – **After School clubs**
Thu, 25th November – **Y5/6 Athletics** at GTS
Thu 25th November – **SEN Review** follow up visit
Fri 26th November – Y4, 5 and 6 **Exeter University Research** project
Wed, 1st December – afternoon **SEN Drop in** with Mrs Radley
Thu, 2nd December – 1 pm **The Plough Theatre** visit
Fri, 3rd December – **Y1/2 Multi skills** at GTS

Children in Need

Today the children wore something spotty to raise money for Children in Need. Thank you to the school councillors who collected in the cash and gave every child a Pudsey sticker. We raised a fabulous £141.27! Thank you everyone.



Parking for After School club pick up

We hold two after school clubs on the Parish field and last week it was quite dangerous to safely cross the road back to school due to parking near the Parish field entrance. Please could parents/carers avoid this area when picking up on Tuesday PMs. Thank you.

Tempest Photography

The children all had their photos taken this week. To order please **go online**. If you order within the next week, your order will be sent free of charge back to school for us to distribute.

Friends of the school

The Friends of the School are planning to create a school calendar containing a self-portrait of all the children at the school. More details to follow!

Exeter University Research

The children in Y4, 5 and 6 have been invited to take part in a study which Exeter University are conducting into social inclusion. The children will be able to meet the researchers via Zoom before participating by offering their views on line. What a wonderful experience for them!



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: Alfie, Caleb, Florrie and Austin. Well done!

top tip! **TOP TIP** – the parent/carer survey earlier this year asked for Top Tips about how to support your children at the school. This month's focus is help your child to **learn their tables**.

The children learning their times tables, off by heart, will really help them with their maths. At the end of Year 4, the pupils will have a statutory online times tables test but learning can start with our youngest children by counting in 10s, 5s and 2s. Could you put up the times tables to read at breakfast? In the bathroom? Could you learn them on the way to school? Try to make learning their times tables fun – it will really help them during their primary maths learning and beyond.

More information about the statutory testing for Year 4s is also included with this newsletter.

Coloured Christmas Hampers

The school is raising money by making their annual coloured Christmas hampers. The colours have been drawn and allocated by Family Group (see below). If you are able to help, please could children donate coloured items to make up these lovely hampers. The Friends of the school have arranged for hamper raffle tickets to be printed and these will also be available to buy soon. For every item donated, children will get an in-house raffle ticket with their name on and each Family Group will have a special draw for a seasonal prize at the end of term. Christine Parsons (Chair of the Friends) will join the school for our school Christmas lunch on Wednesday, 15th December to draw the hamper raffle.

Yeo – purple

Torrige – silver

Taw – red

Dart - gold

SEN Drop in – Mrs Radley 1st December

Mrs Radley is running monthly Special Educational Needs (SEN) afternoon sessions. If you have any learning concerns about your child/dren which you would like to discuss please book an appointment via the office.

The Plough Theatre Trip

Letters have now gone out about our whole school theatre trip to The Plough on Thursday, 2nd December to see "Rhia and the Tree of Lights". Please make your donation for the trip via ParentPay.

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Enabling children to be the best that they can be!

Flu Immunisations

Children in years Reception to 6, all have the opportunity of a nasal flu immunisation on 7th December at the school. **Your consent must be given for this to take place.** An email with more information will be sent home about how to give this via the link online. Your consent must be received by 1st December. Late permissions will not be accepted due to the organisation required by the nursing teams to deliver this. See more information in leaflet attached with this newsletter.

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. The winners last week were Yeo – well done!

Personal, Health, Social and Economic Education (PHSEE): All classes will now be writing and learning "social stories" related to whole-school issues, such as playtime behaviour, bullying, etc. The **positive mental health** focus is "talk about your feelings".

Governing Body Update

Our role, as Governors, is to oversee the school strategically by identifying the long term overall aims and interests of the school. We also monitor the operational aspect of the school and ensuring that the school remain functional and operational at all times, whilst also helping to support, the Headteacher and staff to achieve their vision for the school.

Therefore, as Governors we have the following strapline that we aim to **'support our school to accomplish, flourish and aspire'**.

The school's strapline is different to the one set by the school and focuses more on the children and the day to day running of the school, this is set by the Headteacher and staff and is separate to the Governors' vision/ strapline, enabling children to "Be the best that they can be",

Sarah Williams, Chair of Governors

Governor visit re Attendance

Last week Kerry Whitting, Governor responsible for ensuring the school is monitoring attendance, visited to look at our attendance data. Next week, a letter will be sent out from the Headteacher reiterating our commitment to ensuring children attend school as much as possible. Together with the Educational Welfare Officer (EWO) the Governing Body monitors this requirement, as the school has a duty to ensure that children attend and learn during their statutory schooling age. We appreciate working with parents/carers to ensure this occurs.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Shoebox Appeal –If you would like to contribute by making a shoebox please donate before the Shoebox service at Alversdiscott Chapel on 21 November at 9.30 am. More info from Kate on: 01271 858268



Newton Tracey Christingle Service - Sun 5th December at Newton Tracey Church at 9.30 am.

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