



Horwood and Newton Tracey Community Primary School Newsletter

Friday, 26th November 2021

Dear parents, carers and children

I emailed families this week to inform you that we now have a number of cases of Covid at the school. The school continues to monitor these cases and takes advice from Public Health England and the Local Authority.

The cases are not always presenting with the three symptoms of a persistent cough, temperature, loss of taste/smell but rather just a cold. Regular lateral flow testing is an effective method of monitoring Covid and the tests are easy to order online.

If children are off with Covid then home learning will be set for them to complete (but only if they are well enough). This will be available from the day after we are informed. Teachers cannot, unfortunately, always provide work for the same day as they are preparing for the day's commitments. Work set will be available via Google classroom. If a child is off sick for any other reason, home learning will not be provided as obviously if a child is too unwell to come to school then we do not expect them to complete work.

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Upcoming Trips and Dates

Tue, 30th November – **After School clubs**

Wed, 1st December – **SEN Drop in Session** with Mrs Radley

Thu, 2nd December – whole **school theatre trip** to The Plough

Fri, 3rd December – **Y1/2 Multi skills** at GTS (come in PE kits)

Tue, 7th December – **Flu immunisations** (book by 1st December)

Fri, 10th December – inter Family Group **Singing competition**

Parking for Nursery Pick up and walking to/from school

We have had complaints about parking at lunchtimes for nursery pick-up from our neighbours. Please could nursery parents/carers avoid parking around the grassed area and stay to the edges of the roadside or, preferably, park at the Village Hall and walk up. All children have also been reminded to walk safely to/from school with their adults and not climb on the grassy bank opposite the Village Hall. Thank you for helping us by safely supervising your children.

Flu Immunisations – 7th December

To ensure your child has a nasal flu immunisation **you must book** and consent on line with the school nursing team **by 1st December**. No bookings will be accepted after this time and your child will not receive the immunisation. Children without consent will not be administered the immunisation.

The Plough Theatre Trip

The whole school is visiting The Plough Theatre on Thursday, 2nd December to see "Rhia and the Tree of Lights". This exciting performance is partly subsidised by the school and theatre travel grant. Please can any outstanding payments be made via your ParentPay account. Thank you.

Recycling Ink Cartridges

The School Council has proposed that the school offers an ink cartridge recycling service. We have a collection box in the meeting room – please send in your used cartridges if you would like to make use of this service.



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: Elise, Ziggy, Isabelle and Beau. Well done!

Office hours at school

The school office is "manned" by Carla Humphries Monday to Thursday from 8.30 am – 4 pm and on Fridays from 8.30 am – 12.30 pm. On Friday afternoons if you ring the school the answerphone may take your call or you can email admin@hntps.org Staff will attempt to pick up emails before the end of the day but this might not always be possible. If you need to contact the school during after school club times, you can ring the school or buzz via the front door and if staff are able, they will answer. In an emergency, if you cannot get an answer from the school, please go to the Parish Field and speak to the staff who are supervising clubs there.

Christmas performance Costumes

Details about costume requests are being sent out for each class requirements for our filmed Christmas performances. If you need any clarification please contact your child's teacher: Class 1 sradley@hntps.org Class 2 csimpson@hntps.org Class 3 rhopkins@hntps.org Class 4 ewooddisse@hntps.org Thank you!

Applying for a Reception School Place September 2022

The admissions portal is now open for Reception admissions for next year until 15th January 2022. Admissions can be made online on the Devon County Council Primary Admissions page: [Apply for a reception or year 3 place at a primary school \(devon.gov.uk\)](https://www.devon.gov.uk/primary-admissions)

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

Taw – red

Torridge – silver (or white items)

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/ren which you would like to discuss please book an appointment via the office.

Enabling children to be the best that they can be!

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".

COMMUNITY NEWS

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



Basketball Club – there is a local primary school competition at Pilton secondary school this Saturday at 11 am – 1.30 pm. Maddox, at the school, goes to the club every Tuesday. If anyone is interested in making up a team to compete, please contact the school and we will put you in touch with the organisers.