



# Horwood and Newton Tracey Community Primary School Newsletter

Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Dear parents, carers and children

The end of term is here and what a wonderful Autumn Term we have had. The children have been settled, worked hard and we have been extremely fortunate to not have experienced too much disruption.

Worrying times, however, appear to be advancing with the new Covid variant. We hope the Christmas holidays provide a safe and happy time for you to relax and enjoy spending time with friends and family. We do not have any updated advice about arrangements for our return in January but hope it will be "business as normal" as we do not want any further school disruption or closures. As always, as soon as the school receives any advice or updates we will share this with you.

In the meantime, the school would like to wish everyone a happy holiday and we will look forward to welcoming everyone back in the new year. My thanks, as always, to our hardworking staffing team, you as parents/carers for all your support and our Governors for their advice and oversight.

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Headteacher  
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## Upcoming Trips and Dates

Tue, 4<sup>th</sup> January – Non Pupil Day (staff training)

Wed, 5<sup>th</sup> January – first day of term

Wed, 5<sup>th</sup> January – Y4s Forest School PM

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## **The Friends School Calendar**

The calendars are not, sadly, available to send home today due to a delay at the printers. If you can, please could you come and collect your order on Monday between 9 – 10 am. If you are unable to collect them, your order will be hand delivered by Christmas.

## **Coloured Christmas Hampers**

The winners of the Christmas hampers were as follows: purple - Lewis (C3), silver – Kate Clarke (Newton Tracey), gold – Jo Nightingale (Westward Ho!), red - Gregg Bennett. Congratulations everyone and thank you all for your generous donations, a massive £740 was raised for school funds.

## **School Menu**

The menu for the first half of the Spring Term is attached with this newsletter and also available on our website.

## **Welcome**

We have a new pupil, Silver, who has joined Class 3 – welcome to our school. We hope you will be very happy with us. Today we also say goodbye to Alfie (Y6) who is starting at a new school in January. We will miss you Alfie and hope you will be very happy as you start this next exciting adventure.

## **Mini Police Training**

The Year 5 pupils have a new opportunity next term to take part in 6 weekly "mini police" sessions on Wednesday mornings. They will be run by a community police officer during school time. A letter with more information has been sent home.

## **Thank you**

The school has received lots of lovely Christmas gifts. Thank you!



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

### **Applying for a Reception School Place September 2022**

The admissions portal is now open for Reception admissions for next year until 15<sup>th</sup> 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 \(devon.gov.uk\)](#)

### **Additional Bank Holiday for the Queen's Jubilee**

To celebrate the Queen's Jubilee next year, the country has an additional bank holiday. As this falls within the Summer half term break, we have been allocated an extra non pupil day. This has been set for **Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> June**.

### **PE next term – Classes 2, 3 and 4**

Classes 3 and 4 will be having PE lessons off site next term at Tarka Tennis and Falcons Gymnastics. The sessions will start on **Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> January**. Pupils should come dressed in their PE kits on these days please (PE will no longer take place on Mondays for classes 3 and 4). PE days for the Class 2 remain unchanged.

### **Tempest Photos**

The school receives a percentage commission on Tempest photo orders. This term the school has received £186.56 which will be used to support the children's learning.

### **Forest School**

Class 1 children (nursery and reception children) will continue their weekly Forest School sessions. Next term it is class 3's turn to have Forest School (Class 2's time has finished). **Year 4s will have their sessions in the first half of term** and Year 3s after half term. Class 3 children will need **waterproof clothing** (jackets and trousers please) and wellies.

### **Family Group Points**

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

### **Parenting Course - January**

The school is offering a 3 week parenting course in January. This is a supportive, non-judgemental opportunity to share parenting tips and advice and is open to mums, dads, grandparents and carers. The course will run on Wednesdays (12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> January) from 2 – 3 pm at the school. A separate email and booking letter has been sent out. Please return asap.

### **Walking Bus Volunteers**

A big thank you to all of our walking bus volunteers for helping ensure that our children are safely brought to school each morning. Your help is greatly appreciated.



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### **Mental Health Support**

The Moorings is an emotional support service offering people a free non-judgmental, safe space to talk freely and confidentiality about their mental health.

The Moorings is available for face-to-face appointments, video calls, telephone calls, email support and text support.

There is no referral necessary and the service is available from Thursday to Monday 6pm-11pm.

(Opening Times: 6pm-11pm Thursday to Monday.)

The Mooring Barnstaple Team  
The Mooring  
@ Belle Meadow Court,  
Barnstaple  
The Voice Meeting Rooms,  
Belle Meadow Court, Albert Lane, Barnstaple, EX32 8RJ  
Open 6pm-11pm, Thursday - Monday  
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[www.mhm.org.uk/the-moorings-devon](http://www.mhm.org.uk/the-moorings-devon)

### **Advance warning – road closure**

South West Water Road Closure **10/01/21-14/01/21** - SITE TO THE REAR OF HIGHER COPPLESTONE, BARTRIDGE HILLI/B3232, NEWTON TRACEY, BARNSTAPLE, EX31 3PL

See attached letter with more details.