



# Horwood and Newton Tracey Community Primary School Newsletter

Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear parents, carers and children

Thank you everybody for your understanding and support this week. We have faced two challenges: firstly, the road being closed at the beginning of the week and Mrs Humphries still being absent from the office. I am very grateful for your patience and am relieved to say that Mrs Humphries is returning, on reduced hours, from Monday.

After school clubs start next week on Tuesday until 4.15 pm. There are still spaces in Top Trumps and Board Games clubs. Cosmic Yoga and Drumming club are now fully booked.

1:1 music tuition with specialist teacher "Jeffers" commences also next week after school on Wednesday for 10 weeks.

The money the school raises from clubs will go towards subsidising school trips and also towards our new fundraising project of buying Chromebooks to upgrade our computing hardware and to continue to develop our computing provision for the pupils. More details to follow.

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## Upcoming Trips and Dates

Tue, 18<sup>th</sup> January – Y4 Forest School (weekly)  
Tue, 18<sup>th</sup> January – after school clubs (week 1) until 4.15 pm  
Tue, 18<sup>th</sup> January – 4.30 pm Teaching and Learning Governors  
Wed, 19<sup>th</sup> January – Y5 Mini police session (weekly)  
Wed, 19<sup>th</sup> January – C3/4 Tarka Tennis & Falcon Gymnastics (weekly)  
Wed, 19<sup>th</sup> January – Parenting course 2 – 3 pm (week 2 of 3)  
Wed, 19<sup>th</sup> January – 1:1 music tuition (if booked through Jeffers)  
Fri, 21<sup>st</sup> January – C3 Level 1 Bikeability 10 am – 12 noon  
Mon, 24<sup>th</sup> January – C3 Trip to Broomhill Sculpture Gardens  
Thur, 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb – C4 Football at GTS

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

The admissions portal for Reception admissions for next year closes tomorrow - **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 \(devon.gov.uk\)](#)

## **Parenting Course – Week 2**

This is running on Wednesday, at the school or via a Zoom link, from 2 – 3 pm. Everyone is welcome. The sessions are offering non-judgemental, practical advice about how to keep your children safe and how to also build good habits and routines.

## **Top Tip – having a good relationship with your partner**

The family survey last year asked for tips and advice to support your child's learning. Our top this month is enclosed with a leaflet about how to support your child when you and your partner are separated. The advice is also very healthy for parents who are also still together! Having a "united" front over areas such as homework, bedtimes, screen times, communication, etc makes your child more secure and therefore able to learn better.

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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 4 are: James, Bronte, Darcie and Frank. Well done!

### **Friends of the School**

The Friends had a very successful meeting on Thursday. The next meeting is planned for Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> February at 4.30 pm via Zoom. Everyone is welcome.

The school calendars should have all now been sent home. If you are still missing your order, please email the office. Thank you to the Friends for organising this lovely project.

In preparation for next Christmas fundraising, the Friends would like to run a "Secret's Room" where the children buy, choose and wrap a secret present for their family. To help with this, we would welcome any unwanted Christmas presents you may have lurking around to stash for next year. Please send any gifts in via your child's class or via the office (eg socks, jewellery, candles, toiletry items, etc). Thank you.

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## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

**FREE Handball Session** at Park School for year 4 – 11. See attached poster for more information.



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