



Horwood and Newton Tracey Community Primary School Newsletter

Friday, 28th January 2022

Dear parents, carers and children

I am relieved to say that all our staff are now back at work following some cases of Covid. Thank you, again, to the rest of the staffing team who have been so flexible to provide additional cover.

We are still experiencing absence through sickness with pupils. A reminder that you must call the school on the first day of absence by 9.30 am (or email admin@hntps.org) please and every day your child is off.

We have very strict first day absence procedures, for safeguarding reasons, and will ring home if we are expecting your child to be in and we haven't had a message.

A reminder also that we can only administer prescribed medicines in school and a medicine form must be completed to enable us to do this. Non-prescribed medication (such as Calpol, throat lozenges) cannot be given to children.

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Upcoming Trips and Dates

- Tue, 1st February – Y4 Forest School (weekly)
- Tue, 1st February – after school clubs (week 3) until 4.15 pm
- Wed, 2nd February – Y5 Mini police session (weekly)
- Wed, 2nd February – C3/4 Tarka Tennis & Falcon Gymnastics
- Wed, 2nd February – Parenting course 2 – 3 pm (week 3 of 3)
- Wed, 2nd February – 1:1 music tuition (if booked through Jeffers)

Parenting Course – Week 3

This week Denise Middlemass, a very experienced professional with the Social, Emotional and Mental Health Team joined us and shared her advice as a mother of 4 boys and foster parent. The final week of parenting support is on Wednesday, at the school or via a Zoom link, from 2 – 3 pm. Everyone is welcome. Please send in any topics you would like covered by email to the office.

PE Kit for Classes 3 and 4

A letter went home this week outlining the importance of Class 3 and 4 children having the correct PE kits on Wednesdays. This is for health and safety reasons and Falcons Gymnastics will not allow the children to take part if they are not appropriately dressed. The requirement is: shorts/jogging bottoms (no zips), t shirt and bare feet. Long hair must be tied up and earrings must be taken out or taped over.

Tarka tennis require a PE kit (as above) plus trainers, not boots or shoes. This exciting opportunity will continue every Wednesday for the entire term and children should come dressed in PE kits on these days. A warm jumper/hoody is also advised.

Enabling children to be the best that they can be!

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: **Darcy, Angus, Henry, Kaiden and Lily M.** Well done!



Broomhill Sculpture Gardens Trip

Class 3 had a wonderful trip this week to Broomhill Sculpture Gardens and were inspired by this creative environment which is right on our doorstep. There are some photos on our Facebook (HNTPS) and Instagram (Lovacott School) pages.

Uniform on Trips

The school requires children to wear a school jumper, with a logo, for school trips off site as this makes identifying our children much safer especially when other schools are at the same event (Year 6s can also wear their Leaver's hood). If your child doesn't have a school jumper, our second hand shop has lots of sizes of jumpers for just £1. See our second hand uniform Facebook page at: **HNTPS Pre Loved Uniform** or contact the school.

Health and Safety Review

This week the school had a four-hour external **Health and Safety review**. The school had an excellent report, in all areas, which was a wonderful recognition of the hard work the school has undertaken to make this a safe and compliant learning environment for the children and working environment for staff. In addition, Mrs Crumplin (our Meal Time Assistant) is now **first aid trained** and Mrs Eadie has attended updated **Premises Management training**.

Pool Noodles

Does anybody have any spare foam pool noodles at home which they would be happy to donate to the school? Miss Wooddisse has a wonderful drumming "brain break" activity but needs about 15 noodles to introduce this for classes.

School Library Service World Book Day Competition

The School's Library service are running a T-shirt competition for World Book Day (3rd March 2022). The idea is to design a t-shirt with your favourite book character. Winning entries will have their t-shirt printed in time for World Book Day. The entry template is attached with this email. The school will send in their top t-shirt entries from each class to be judged. Please send in entries by Monday, 7th February into school. Good luck!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Torrington Youth Rugby Club is looking for more primary-aged members (both boys and girls). See the additional leaflet for more information.

