



Horwood and Newton Tracey Community Primary School Newsletter

Friday, 29th April 2022

Dear parents, carers and children

This is the start of a busy term as the children complete their studies in their current year groups, prepare for their transitions in September and we host special events such as sports day, trips and the Year 6s leaving event.

We are also planning to undertake a **whole school end of year production**. We are still trying to finalise a venue and will let you know the date as soon as we can.

It's really lovely to be able to arrange these important events and it feels like things are finally getting back to "normal" after all the disruption of the last two years.

I am especially pleased to have arranged an activity residential in September for the year 5s and 6s to Great Potheridge House. As a special one-off arrangement, the current Year 6s are also being offered a one night residential in July as part of their transition to secondary school and combined leaving event.

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Upcoming Trips and Dates

Mon, 2nd May – BANK HOLIDAY
Tue, 3rd May – after school clubs start
Wed, 4th May – all classes cricket lessons (PE kit on this day)
Wed, 4th May – SEN Drop in Session 1.30 – 3 pm
Wed, 4th May – 1:1 music tuition with Jeffers (if booked)
Thu, 5th May – Y5s Bikeability (wear sensible clothes)
Fri, 6th May – Y5s Bikeability (wear sensible clothes)
w/c 9th May – Y6 SATs week (Mon to Thu breakfast)

Family Group Half Term Challenge – Easter Bake Off

Did you see the super article in the North Devon journal celebrating our Easter fun? A picture is below or you can see it via our Facebook (HNTPS) and Instagram (lovacott_school) pages.



Enabling children to be the best that they can be!

Governor appointment

The Governing Body is delighted to announce that Claire Legg (parent to Theo and Jude) has been appointed parent Governor. There continues to be one vacancy for another parent Governor if anyone is interested in filling this post, please contact the clerk (clerk@hntps.org). Thank you.

After School Clubs and Music Tuition

These will start back on Tuesday and Wednesday, 4th May for music tuition.

Cricket lessons

I am very grateful that Miss Wooddisse has arranged for a **specialist cricket coach** to come into school every Wednesday until half term and teach each class cricket. Please can the children (from Reception to Year 6) all come into school in their PE kits on Wednesdays.

Bikeability – Year 5s

The Year 5s have their Level 2 Bikeability training on Thursday, 5th and Friday 6th May. Apologies that the details were only sent out this week. The children need their own bike and helmet (these can stay in school overnight). The children should wear comfortable and suitable clothing (waterproof coat if it is raining, sunhat and be wearing suncream if it's hot). The Year 5s will not be doing Forest School next week but will continue from the week after on Thursdays.

Special Educational Needs

Do you have any questions or need support regarding your child and Special Educational Needs (SEN). Mrs Radley is our SEN Co-ordinator and is holding a drop in session on Wednesday, 4th May from 1.30 – 3 pm. Please email her or the office to book a slot - sradley@hntps.org or admin@hntps.org

Personal, Health, Social and Economic Education (PHSEE)

All classes continue to follow our PHSEE curriculum with a focus this term on Health and Wellbeing.

Classes 1 and 2 will learn to recognise what they like and dislike, how to make real, informed choices that improve their physical and emotional health, to recognise that choices can have good and not so good consequences.

Classes 3 and 4 what will learn what positively and negatively affects their physical, mental and emotional health. How to make informed choices (including recognising that choices can have positive, neutral and negative consequences) and to begin to understand the concept of a 'balanced lifestyle'. In addition, to recognise opportunities and develop the skills to make their own choices about food, understanding what might influence their choices and the benefits of eating a balanced diet.

Classes 1 and 2 are using the "**We Eat Elephants**" scenario of "Deepak has to read out loud" and Classes 3 and 4 will be revisiting and revising the characters. The **positive mental health** focus is "do something you enjoy and are good at".