



Horwood and Newton Tracey Community Primary School Newsletter

Friday, 20th May 2022

Dear parents, carers and children

We have had a review of our end of day procedures this week and would very much appreciate your help to make the end of day handover safer.

We are asking, from today, that adults collecting children come up to the relevant gate so that we don't have to send children across the road. We would also kindly request, again, that parents/carers don't park outside school. Children will no longer be sent out to parents/carers who remain in their cars.

We have had a number of complaints from neighbours about their concerns of people in the road at pick up times. We hope that by reducing the traffic, asking you to come to the gates and using the paths we can alleviate the problems.

We will also endeavour to make sure the children come out on time. Thank you for your support with this.

Mrs Lisa Eadie
Headteacher
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Upcoming Trips and Dates

Tues, 24th May - after school clubs (final week 4)
Tues, 24th May – Rev Gary Assembly and C1 Christening session
Wed, 25th May – YR Vision Screening by school nursing team
Wed, 25th May – Rev Gary RE session with Class 3
Wed, 25th May – YR – Y6 cricket lessons (PE kit on this day)
Wed, 25th May – 1:1 music tuition with Jeffers (if booked) week 3
Thu, 26th May – Sports Day (see below)
Fr, 28th May – History Day and Jubilee Dress up day

BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM

ADVANCE DIARY DATES

Mon, 6th June – **EXTRA INSET day for in lieu of Bank Holiday**
Tues, 7th June – Return to school
Wed, 8th June – SEN Drop in session 1.30 – 3 pm
Tues, 14th June – Steve Manning (storyteller)
Wed, 15th June – C4 trip to Barnstaple Museum and town (all day)
Thu, 16th June – C3 trip to Exeter Museum (all day)
Fri, 17th June – Tempest class photos
Tues, 28th June – C2 trip to Rosemoor (all day)
Thur, 21st July – whole school end of term production 6 pm at Pilton
Fri, 22nd July – last day of term, whole school picnic – parents/carers invited to join us - and goodbye to Y6s (from 1 – 3.30 pm on field if the weather is good or 2.30 pm in the Village Hall if it's wet for the goodbye).

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. Today's pupils from Class 4 are: Bailey, Winnie, Abby and Maddox. Well done!



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Sports Day – Thursday, 26th May

Classes 3 and 4 will have their competitive sports day events in the morning on the field between 10.30 am and 12 noon. All children (including nursery) will take part in their Family Group Team events in the afternoon between 1.30 and 3.30 pm. Everyone is invited to come and watch any of these events. We are also delighted to say that ex-pupils Jake and Ella are coming as sports leaders from Pilton Community College to help us!

Classes 3 and 4	10.30 – 12 noon
All children (including nursery)	1.30 – 3.30 pm

All children will be taken back to school to be collected, as usual, from the school at 3.30 pm.

Queen's Jubilee Celebration and History Focus Day

On Friday, 27th May we are holding a Queen's Platinum Jubilee Dress up day and Street Party celebration for all the children (from nursery to Y6). We have a special guest, Councillor Frank Biederman, joining us for the street party lunch. The cost of the lunch is £2.30 per child (payable via ParentPay). If you wish to send your child with their own packed lunch, then please email the office by Monday, 23rd May. Children in YR, Y1 and Y2 are entitled to universal free school meals and do not have to pay, also any families in receipt of Free School Meals.



The children are invited to dress up for the event in any red, white and/or blue clothes or royal themed (princes, princesses, kings, queens, knights, soldiers, royal corgis!).

We are also going to use this opportunity to have a history focused day to develop the children's understanding of the modern day Monarchy and encourage their historical questioning skills.

Menu change for next week

Please see the amended menu choices for next week which are being sent out with this email. If your child has any special dietary requirements, please could you email the office to make sure we cater for them. Thank you.

Rising supply costs – paper goes up

As you will have seen in the news, the cost of items is rising significantly and we are also experiencing this in school with the cost of paper increasing. As a result, we will only be sending out paper copies of letters when absolutely necessary. All communication will go out via email unless you specifically request a paper copy from us. If you need this, please email:

admin@hntps.org Thank you.

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Bailey Wood

Last year we had a donation of bird boxes which our neighbour, Mr Bennett, kindly put up in Bailey Wood. The children have had the absolute pleasure of seeing birds nesting in them this year. We would like to continue to encourage different bird species. If anyone has any robin-style nest boxes which could go up, we would be very grateful to receive them. The children really enjoy their forest school activities although there have, sadly, been reports of logs being moved to use the area as a bike track. We continue to thank our families who use the woodland in a sensitive way out of school hours to maintain this lovely habitat especially during the nesting season.

Teaching and Learning Governor meeting – 17th May

On Tuesday the Governors Teaching and Learning meeting for the Summer term took place. The meeting concentrated on curriculum, assessment and pupils' progress. Mrs Eadie gave updates in relation to Curriculum development and how progress is being mapped against individual pupils in each subject. The Spring term assessments were compared with the Autumn figures. This showed that progress is slow for some year groups following the disruption caused by COVID. This is being addressed with the expectation that the groups in question will catch up.

Mrs Radley explained how targets are now set within the Early Years stages, with the focus on the needs of individual pupils.

Finally, Mrs Eadie told the Governors how well Year 6 had coped with some challenging SATs. The Governing body would also pass on our congratulations to the Children and staff for all the hard work they did to prepare for, and sit, the tests.

Paul Williams, Chair of Committee

Compliment to the school following our recent Bikeability Training

"I would like to thank all the staff for their friendliness and welcoming of Kevin and myself at your school this week for Bikeability. (What a fantastic school you have too!) The pupils were absolutely great, a credit to the school with their listening, learning and understanding of the life skill that we try to embed. All of this is down to the ethos of the school, the willingness of staff and the parents, all working together for the children's education. (There are schools who care, and your school definitely DOES)". What a lovely email to receive!

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 about change and loss and the associated feelings (including moving home, losing toys, pets or friends). Classes 3 and 4 will learn about change, including transitions (between key stages and schools), loss, separation, divorce and bereavement.

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Classes 1 and 2 are using the “**We Eat Elephants**” scenario of “I’ll do it later” and Classes 3 and 4 will be looking at vicious cycles and how to change them and reflective, mindfulness techniques. The **positive mental health** focus is “keep active in body and mind”.

CELEBRATING PUPILS’ SUCCESS

Jake (Y4) received the under 9s Player Award at Torrington Ruby Club and also got the opportunity to play at Home Park, Plymouth FC’s home ground last weekend for his club Southampton Chivenor Academy. Well done Jake! What an amazing experience.



PUPILS’ WRITING

This week the Year 6s went on a bus to GTS for a Rounders competition. The year 6s sadly placed last. Even though they came last, they never gave up. The other teams were formidable. We played well and had fun. That’s why we felt so proud and hope to have many more fun times at this school before we leave. Bailey and Austin (Y6)

Victory Poem by Bernie (Y4)

Paint the goalposts gold.
Rise the corner Flags and fly them at full mast.
Our team has victory once more.
The other teams have been outclassed.
Strong in defence and stand down as we rise
with our supporters as they cheer
For us and raise our confidence.
Football legends soon will be proud of our success.
Release the lions from their cage let them be free.
Let them succeed in future matches.
Cheer them on. Drink a toast to what has been a glorious victory

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COMMUNITY NEWS

The Mooring @The Voice, Barnstaple. Are you feeling distressed, anxious or that things are too much for you? We are open 6 – 11 pm Thursday to Monday offering an out of hours mental health service for people aged over 18. www.mhm.org.uk

Year 5 Taster Days

Chulmleigh College – Wednesday, 29th June. Contact Chulmleigh College for information on: 01769 580215

Great Torrington School – Friday, 8th July. Contact GTS for information on: 01805 623531

Tennis Camps – May half term

See the attached flyer with information about half term and Summer clubs for tennis.

Exmouth Festival

Exmouth Festival is back 2 -5 June on the Imperial Recreation Ground. More information on flyer with this email.