



Horwood and Newton Tracey Community Primary School Newsletter

Friday, 15th July 2022

Dear parents, carers and children

It is the end of term but we have not slowed down! The Space Dome visit and Class 1's trip to Rosemoor were a great success this week. We know how much these events enrich the children's learning so thank you for supporting us with your donations for this to go ahead.

We want to continue to enrich the children's provision so last week a letter went out asking you to contribute to the Governing Body's decision "try before you buy" with Team Academy to see what this delivers for our pupils. We are sure that you will have important questions about this proposal so do email the Governors at queries@hntps.org so that all your questions can be considered at a meeting with Team Academy next term.

Next week, the weather is forecast to be extremely hot so please send your children in with water and sunhats. We will be keeping an eye on the situation and make sure the children are kept safe.

Mrs Lisa Eadie
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Upcoming Trips and Dates

Tues 19th July – after school clubs (last session)

Wed 20th July – Music tuition with Jeffers (tbc)

Thu 21st July – whole school production at Pilton College

Fri 22nd July – last day of term and whole school picnic from 1pm

Space Dome Visit on Monday

The children had a wonderful time in the Space Odyssey space dome on Monday. Every class had a very inspiring and interactive experience and came back full of "awe and wonder" at the sheer size of Space. See pupils' comments below from Class 4.

Whole School Production – Thursday, 21st July

The end of term is approaching very quickly and the whole school production is in its final stages of preparation. If you have any queries, please contact Miss Wooddisse: ewooddisse@hntps.org There will be a retiring collection and a fun £1 game to win £10 as well as refreshments. Bring along your change!

End of Term Picnic

There is an end of term picnic on the last day (Friday, 22nd July) from 1 pm when everyone is invited to join us on the field. After all the disruption of the last two years, we would like to share the end of term with you, the children's family and friends. This will be a very informal event with a goodbye to the Year 6s at 2.30 pm. After this you are welcome to take your child home but please sign them out with your child's teacher.

There will also be a chance to **take for FREE** second hand uniform. There will be a one-off "take what you need" to enable you to restock for September or have spare items of clothing.



Lovacott Nursery Changes

So many small businesses have been adversely affected through Covid, including early years' providers. Lovacott Nursery have, thankfully, been able to remain open although, due to staff changes, they will no longer be able to pick up our nursery children at lunchtime to take them back for their afternoon sessions. We value the wrap-around care that Lovacott offers and so will be walking the children after their morning sessions to Lovacott with our staff from September. Thank you to the manager, Kate, for everything you do to offer such a wonderful, high quality provision.

Full Governing Body Update

The Full Governing body met on 5th July, this was a closing meeting to ensure that all policies are up to date to ensure a closure of this academic year.

The head teacher provided an update on the head teacher's report and was delighted to inform the governors that the SATS have gone very well this year with excellent results. Myself and the governing body would like to say congratulations to the year 6's and the year 2's who have all worked very hard, what an amazing achievement. Also a huge thank you to the staff who have worked tirelessly to get the students to a position to enable them to do so well.

The meeting was attended by all and upon closure it was apparent that the staff are ready for a relaxing summer holiday to enable them to start refreshed in the new academic year.

So I will sign off and wish you all a very happy relaxing summer holiday and good luck to the year 6's on their onward journey to secondary school.

Sarah Williams, Chair of Governors

PUPIL COMMENTS

Comments about the Space Odyssey visit from Class 4:

"I'm glad the school organised the Space Odyssey because it's fascinating how big the universe actually is and how long it takes for astronauts not only to reach the moon but to actually prepare to go into space".

"The view of the moon was amazing – we travelled around it like we were in a rocket. It was really immersive".

"It really puts into perspective how big the universe actually is!"

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PUPIL SUCCESS

Bronte (C4) auditioned a few months ago to get into Elmhurst Young Dancers (part of Birmingham Royal Ballet) and found out today that she's been offered a space! Only 12 people in the whole of the South West get chosen and it means she will be training in Plymouth every week in September. She worked really hard and was desperate to get in. Very well done Bronte.



Congratulations to Carter and Harper for your swimming awards.



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COMMUNITY NEWS

Ryepark Farm Fundraiser for Devon Air Ambulance – over £6,000 raised! An after-school sweet cone sale is happening today (Friday, 15th July) with a suggested donation of 50p per cone. Thomas, Henry and William Boucher will be selling the sweets on the playground.

Torrington Mobile Library Incident – see the sad details of the arson attack on the mobile library last weekend. This is a huge loss for the school and the wider community. We share the library's sadness regarding the loss of the mobile van. The library is, however, offering its **Summer Reading Challenge** – Gadgeteers 2022 at Torrington Library – see poster for events.

Tiverton Museum – Summer family activities 27 – 31 August. Crafty Tuesdays all through August £3 per child with a paying adult. Toy object handling on Thursdays through August. See attached poster for more information.