



Horwood and Newton Tracey Community Primary School Newsletter

Friday, 16th September 2022

Dear parents, carers and children

Following last year's family and pupil survey, a number of themes emerged which we are addressing in our whole school approach. We are starting 3 exciting projects in response to what you as parents/carers and our pupils told us.

Firstly, we are applying for the Dyslexia Award. The process can take up to 2 years to achieve but we are hopeful that our practices can change quickly as we learn how to best to continue to offer inclusion for dyslexic pupils.

Secondly, we are running a "Resili-Ant" project to enable the children to develop resilience post-Covid especially with their friendships and expectations for learning. This will be building on our learning animal – the ant.

Thirdly, we are introducing "The Chimp Paradox" to children which will help the children to understand why they react to particular situations and how to recognise and manage their emotions. More details attached to this newsletter.

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Upcoming Trips and Dates

Mon, 19th BANK HOLIDAY for HRH Queen Elizabeth Funeral

Tue 20th: Class 3 Trip to Roundhouse

Tue 20th After School Clubs 3.30 – 4.30 pm (week 2)

Tue 20th: 5.30 pm Full Governing Body meeting

Wed 21st 1:1 Music tuition with Jeffers (if booked)

Thu 22nd Year 3s Forest, School Year 4s swimming

Fri 23rd: Class 4 Trip to Valley of the Rocks

Office changes

Our apologies again that our communication has been delayed at the start of term by Mrs Humphries going on sick leave for up to six weeks. The office will now be covered between 8.30 am and 10.30 am every morning by Mrs Stoner. In addition, Briony Parsons (Business Manager from TEAM Academy) will be in the office one day a week to help with payroll and orders. Thank you for your patience as we run a reduced office. Outside of these hours please email the office and mark the email as URGENT in the header. We will be checking emails regularly throughout the day.

Class 3 Trip:

On Tuesday, Class 3 are visiting a replica Roundhouse as part of their history topic on the Stone Age and Iron Age. **Children will need to bring their own packed lunch please.** Please can you pay for the trip on ParentPay.

Class 4 Trip:

On Friday, Class 4 are visiting the Valley of the Rocks (they are NOT going on the coast path) as part of their Geography topic on National Parks. A school packed lunch will be provided unless you inform the office. Please can you pay for the trip on ParentPay.

Menu change

Tuesday 20th – there is a change to the menu. Tuesday will be fishfingers.

Enabling children to be the best that they can be!

Second Hand Uniform

Claire Nickels (parent of Theo in Class 1) has kindly taken on the second hand uniform sales. She can be contacted on: tucker_panda@yahoo.co.uk or on: 0751 0574397

School Behaviour Policy

Last year's family survey asked for more details about our Behaviour Policy so I would like to take this opportunity to explain our approach.

We have a "positive behaviour" approach at HNTPS which means we always seek to encourage and reward the children's positive behaviour. We use "Class Dojo" which is a team point system on the interactive whiteboards which is linked to our positive learning animals.

Every opportunity is sought, by all staff, to praise and encourage a child for: being ready to learn (an elephant), making links (spider), working as a team (bee), having empathy (monkey), good listening (bat), team work (bee), being curious (cat), being creative (unicorn), taking risks (meerkat) and being independent (tiger). These team Dojo points not only reward the individual pupils but are collated in family groups to accumulate over the week. The family group with the most team points on a Friday is awarded the Family Group trophy which is displayed in our meeting room window at the front of the school with the family group colours.

If a child makes poor choices with their behaviour then we use a "chance, warning and action" system where a child is given two verbal warnings to make better choices. This is in line with our Behaviour Policy (attached with this email and on our website). If these two warnings do not have a positive influence on behaviour, then an "action" is given where a pupil might miss some of their break time or work in a different class. We always seek to try and identify the underlying causes of poor behaviour and will refer to external professionals (if necessary) in partnership with yourselves, as we believe that all behaviour is communication and we wish to listen and respond to what a child is telling us. If you have any queries about this approach, please do get in touch or email your child's teacher. The school's behaviour policy is regularly considered and approved by the Governing Body.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Christmas Card Competition

Selaine Saxby (our local MP) is running a Christmas card competition to spark creativity and festive spirit and to involve local primary school children. The winning design will be used by Selaine to send out her Christmas wishes to her fellow MPs, colleagues and friends. Selaine would really like children to take inspiration from our local area and wildlife.

The competition closes on 25th November 2022 and entries should be emailed to:

selaine.saxby.mp@parliament.uk Good luck!