



Horwood and Newton Tracey



Community Primary School Newsletter

Friday, 21st October 2022

Dear parents, carers and children

What a wonderful end to our half term with an Indian Dance Workshop for all our children on Monday and an exciting Pumpkin Ball last night.

My thanks to the Friends for organising the Pumpkin Ball which the children were so keen to have organised. We sold 99 tickets which was incredible. Thank you to everybody for staying with your children (!), entering the carved pumpkin competition and all the donations of cakes and biscuits.

This has been a week of starting to work more closely with the Team Multi Academy Trust – see more details later in the newsletter regarding the benefits and wider opportunities this is offering our children.

Next week is our half term break with the children returning on Monday, 31st October. We wish you all a restful week off.

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Upcoming Trips and Dates

HALF TERM Monday 24th – Friday 28th (inclusive)

Tue 1st Nov: Pupil Conferencing Day (during school day)

Tue 1st Nov: After School Clubs 3.30 – 4.15 pm (week 1)

Wed 2nd Nov: 1:1 Music tuition with Jeffers (week 7)

Thu 3rd Nov: Year 5s Forest School, Year 6s swimming

After half term – Class 4

The Year 6s will have weekly swimming lessons at Torrington Pool on Thursday afternoons and Year 5s will have Forest School.

Pupil conferencing

Tuesday, 1st November is our pupil conferencing day when we talk to the children about their academic and personal targets in preparation for parent/carers consultation evenings.

After School Clubs

These start the first week back after half term for 7 weeks and run until 4.15 pm. There are still places in Cosmic Yoga and Just Dance club and we are extending these clubs to all children if they would attend. Purple Mash Computing club also has 3 spaces if any children from Class 4 would like to join.

Diwali Dance Workshop

The children had a fun and interactive day of Indian style dancing on Monday and learnt about the story of Diwali. I hope parents/carers enjoyed the performance at the end of the day as much as the children.

Cross country with TEAM Academy schools

11 children from Class 4 competed in the inter-school cross country yesterday at High Bickington school. We were so proud that they represented the school so well. Congratulations everybody! Attached is a write-up from the TEAM organisers.

Enabling children to be the best that they can be!

TEAM Academy Management Partnership Update

It has been a week of collaboration with the TEAM Multi Academy Trust. On Monday we had a School Improvement visit looking at our maths teaching, safeguarding arrangements and how we support our SEND pupils. The CEO Ian Thomas, teacher Dan Polak and SENDCO Kate Taylor all visited and were delighted to start to get to know HNTPS.

On Wednesday, I assisted with the School Improvement Visit at Witheridge primary school and have already been inspired with some projects and teaching approaches which we could introduce at HNTPS to benefit the pupils.

Yesterday 11 pupils from Class 4 took part in a joint school cross country and today Class 4 are being taught a live Zoom art workshop with watercolour artist Sophie Amelia-Creates, organised by TEAM's art co-ordinator.

The main focus of working more closely with TEAM Academy is to widen the opportunities for our pupils and we are already benefiting from the management partnership with them. After half term there is a management partnership committee meeting (comprising myself, Governors Sarah Williams and Claire Legg, the TEAM CEO Ian Thomas, their Trustees and the Local Authority) to discuss how to explore this partnership further. We will keep you informed as things progress.

A reminder that there is a dedicated email address for parents/carers to raise any queries they have about our working with TEAM at: queries@hntps.org

New School Menu

The new school menu is attached with this newsletter for the second half term.



Abby from Class 4 came 1st in the Year 6 cross country race!

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The carved pumpkin winners from the Pumpkin Ball:



COMMUNITY NEWS

Christmas Shoebox appeal: Kate Clark organises this wonderful appeal every year and leaflets about how to create a shoebox to donate have been sent home (x1 per family) today.

Infinis Solar Farm - there is an open afternoon on Wednesday, 2nd November from 4 – 7 pm at the Village Hall to discuss the work on the Litchardon Solar Farm. All welcome.