



# Horwood and Newton Tracey Community Primary School Newsletter

Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Dear parents, carers and children

Today we are raising money for Children in Need and the children were invited to wear something spotty. We hope they enjoyed this opportunity to dress up a little.

As part of our Anti Bullying week the children in classes 2, 3 and 4 have all watched an online NSPCC assembly about "Speak Up, Stay Safe". There are many organisations which provide useful information on safety for children and families. Some of those are included with today's newsletter.

There is an increase, sadly, of online bullying so resources available to help with this important issue are also included. If you need any more help and advice about keeping your child safe do please get in touch with the school.

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**Headteacher**  
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## Upcoming Trips and Dates

- Tue 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov:** Flu immunisations (if booked online)  
**Tue 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov:** After School Clubs 3.30 – 4.15 pm (week 4)  
**Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov:** 1:1 Music tuition with Jeffers (week 9)  
**Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov:** parent/carer consultations  
**Thu 24<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Year 5s Forest School, Year 6s swimming

Future date:

- Wed, 30<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Rosemoor Trip C1 (nursery and reception)  
**Fri, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec:** YR to Y6 Plough Theatre trip

## **Whole School Individual Photos**

Yesterday Tempest photos took individual and sibling photos and your child took home their pictures and order forms. Please order online. If you meet the ordering deadline the photos will be sent into school with free postage.

## **Reception applications for September 2023**

If your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019 it is now time to apply for their Reception place. Applications should be made online at: [www.devon.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissions). More information is included with this newsletter.

## **TEAM Academy management partnership**

Our close working continues with TEAM Academy and last week Class 3 had the wonderful opportunity to Zoom call a primary school in Southern India with whom there have been links with TEAM Academy for some years. Our children, along with other local TEAM schools, asked the children questions about Diwali and life in India (linking with their RE topic of Hinduism) and learnt first-hand about some of the differences between our culture and theirs.

Class 3 were also treated to dressing up in traditional Indian saris thanks to Daisy Snow (parent of Demelza in Class 1). Thank you Daisy for loaning us these lovely outfits – the children had great fun!

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### **British Values**

There is a focus this half term on British Values which are: democracy, rule of law, tolerance of others, mutual respect and individual liberty. These areas have been linked with our Remembrance Day learning last week and Anti Bullying Week and we have asked the children to design a poster on British Values. The designs will be used around the school to promote the children's understanding. The closing date for posters is Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December. There is a template attached with this newsletter (hardcopies can be sent home if requested).

### **Mary the Pigeon who wouldn't give up!**

YR to Y6 trip on Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December. The cost is £9 which includes a school transport concession from the Plough and is partly subsidised by the school. Payments are being requested via ParentPay (half price for children who are entitled to Pupil Premium).



### **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 each class are: Nico (Class 1), Emily (Class 2), Isabel (Class 3) and Kaiden (Class 4). Well done!



### **Governing Body – Resources Committee update**

The Resources Committee met on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November, with governors discussing and approving a variety of aspects to ensure we continue to be well-placed to provide outstanding education to our pupils.

Our meeting covered areas such as safeguarding, Health and Safety, and the approval of several policies to ensure we continue to conform to the procedures set out by Government. However, the main topic of conversation was around the school finances. As you will be aware, education funding and finances are going to be even more challenging than usual, given the announcement by the Chancellor that public sector budgets are to be tightened. Whilst we don't have all of the information yet, we have started to produce budget plans for the school for the next 3 years. The key priority is to make sure we can balance the books whilst not damaging the excellent resources and education we provide.

The good news is that it looks like we are still better placed than most schools to be able to ensure this happens, which was a relief to governors! Whilst we know that difficult times may be ahead, we feel we have everything in place to maintain our standards for both our pupils and staff. We will of course keep you updated on any major developments on all aspects of the Resources Committee.

### **Karl Murphy-Barnes, Chair of Resources Committee**

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### **Personal, Health, Social and Economic Education (PHSEE)**

All classes continue to follow our PHSEE curriculum with a focus this term on Living in the Wider World. All classes will be reviewing their previous topics from this term and focusing on anti-bullying and British Values until the end of term. The positive mental health focus is "actively care for others".

### **The Friends of the School**

An impressive £327.36 was raised by the Friends by running the popular Pumpkin Ball last month. Thank you to everyone who supported it. Christmas fundraising with our coloured hamper raffle will begin soon – more details to follow.

**Pupil Success** – Taddy with his first swimming certificate. Congratulations!



### **The School Council**

Thank you to the School Council today for promoting Children in Need today and during a School Council meeting today have been tasked with designing some Anti-bullying "speak out" posters.

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## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **South West Water Road Closure**

Road closure this weekend on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November, East Barton Farm – road from Horwood Cross to Newton Cross, Lower Lovacott EX39 4PE.

**Police appeal following collision this week**

Police are appealing for witnesses and dashcam footage after a serious road traffic collision on the B3232 west of Alverdiscott near Hall Farm, Barnstaple. A total of three people were taken to hospital, two with life-threatening injuries. Police were called shortly before 11.40am on Wednesday 16 November to reports of a two-vehicle road traffic collision.

Two cars were involved in the collision, a black Alfa Romeo Spider and a Blue Hyundai I20.

The occupants of the Hyundai - a female aged 69 and a male aged 77, both from the Torrington area - were airlifted to Derriford Hospital in Plymouth with injuries described as life-threatening.

The male driver of the Alpha Romeo, a 54-year-old from the Winkleigh area, was conveyed to North Devon District Hospital in Barnstaple by land ambulance with non-life-threatening injuries.

A road closure was put in place as local officers and the Roads Policing Team completed a forensic examination of the scene. Anyone with information, in particular dashcam, is asked to contact police via our website [here](#) or by calling 101 quoting log number 272 of 16th November 2022.

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## HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD STAY SAFE – NOVEMBER 2022

**Vodafone online safety information for parents**

<https://www.vodafone.co.uk/mobile/digital-parenting>

**NSPCC keeping children safe**

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/>

**Think you Know**

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

**National Online Safety**

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/>

**Childline**

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/staying-safe-online/>

