

Horwood and Newton Tracey Community Primary School Newsletter

Friday, 2nd December 2022

Dear parents, carers and children

Today we had a wonderful visit to the Plough Theatre to see, "Mary the Pigeon who didn't give up". It was a bit nerve wracking when one coach didn't turn up on time! Thanks to some quick thinking and phone calls (and the Plough delaying the start) everybody safely arrived and had a wonderful time. If anybody was too poorly to attend there are some tickets available for the Saturday afternoon public performance. The Plough has also kindly only charged us for the children who attended so we will refund any payments made for children who could not attend.

This week Class 1 children also had a lovely trip to Rosemoor. Thank you to Hayley, Kate and Rebecca - our adult volunteers - for helping us by coming along too.

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Upcoming Trips and Dates

Tue 6th: After School Clubs 3.30 – 4.15 pm (week 6 – final week)

Thu 9th Dec: Year 5s Forest School, Year 6s swimming

Future dates:

Wed 14th Dec:

Whole school Christmas dinner

Nativity service drop off at 5 pm with service starting at 6 pm.

Fri 16th Dec:

Whole school party lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

Whole School Christmas dinner and Party lunch

We will be assuming that all children will be having a Christmas dinner on Wednesday 14th December and a party lunch on Friday, 16th December unless you let us know by the end of next week (9th December). This is free for Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Free School Meal children. Cost otherwise is £2.30 per child.

Jeffers Music lessons

The ten weeks of private music lessons have finished for this term. Jeffers will be contacting you regarding the Spring Term in the New Year. If you would like more information, please get in touch via the office.

Year 6 Leavers' hoodies

The final date to order these is 6th December by 11 pm. Orders received after this time will not be possible to process.

Return spare clothing

Reception and nursery staff have supplied clothing this half term to children. Please could you check pants and joggers and if they are labelled HNTPS return them. Thank you.

Enabling children to be the best that they can be!

Whole school tea towels and coasters

Thank you everybody for your orders. The payments have now been set up on ParentPay.

Children in Need

An extra £15.50 has been raised, making our total £64.

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: Harper (Class 1), Louis (Class 2), Carter (Class 3) and Lily (Class 4). Well done!



Staffing changes

Today a separate letter has gone out via email about changes with staffing in the New Year. Please take a look and let your children know what is happening. We will talk to the classes next week after you have had an opportunity to chat with them first.

Nativity Service

On Wednesday, 14th November we are having our whole school (including nursery) nativity service at Tawstock Church. The service will start at 6 pm and last for approx 45 minutes. We are asking that children are dropped off at 5 pm for a run through. Parents/carers are then warmly invited to have refreshments at Tawstock Court and take advantage of their ample parking. There will be an opportunity to purchase refreshments and buy any last minute raffle tickets for our coloured Christmas hampers. Nursery children are invited to come dressed as angels, reception children will have a nativity costume provided. All other pupils are invited to wear a Christmas jumper.

There will not be a retiring collection after this event but instead, during these difficult financial time we are asking for people to bring non-perishable food item donations for the local Foodbank. The Freedom Centre have asked for the following items: pot noodles, chocolate bars, sweets, crisps, custard, chocolate biscuits, washing power and disposable razors. They do NOT need tea, pasta, oats or baked beans.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Torrington Library Christmas Crafts – Saturday, 10th December 10.30 am – 12 noon. Join them for a morning of festive making in the children's library. Drop in – no need to book.

Lumi Nova Tales of courage (for 7 – 12 year olds)

Digital therapeutic support for children with anxiety – in a game! Self sign up at: <https://childrenandfamilyhealthdevon.nhs.uk/> .