

Horwood and Newton Tracey Community Primary School Newsletter

Friday, 20th January 2023

Dear parents, carers and children

Next week is an important date for the school with a meeting for all stakeholders to discuss the proposal to join TEAM Academy. The meeting is at 5 pm at the school. All parents and carers are warmly invited to attend. Arrangements for a separate consultation period with staff are also in place.

Comments and questions can be submitted via the dedicated email set up for your views ... hntpsconsultation@team-mat.org.uk .

Your responses, including supportive comments, are very welcomed and will help the Governing Body to make its decision.

If anybody needs to join the event virtually, please get in touch via the office (admin@hntps.org) so this can be arranged.

Mrs Lisa Eadie
Headteacher
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Upcoming Trips and Dates

Tues 24th Jan: Bikeability Year 3 and 4

5 pm TEAM Academy Stakeholder consultation

Wed 25th Jan: C3 and C4 Tarka tennis and Falcons gymnastics

Thu 26th Jan: Year 2s Forest School, Year 1s yoga

Thu 26th Jan: Proms auditions C3 and 4

Future dates:

30 and 31st Jan: Year 5 Bikeability

6 and 7th Feb: Year 5 Bikeability

Tarka Tennis and Falcons Gymnastics

Classes 3 and 4 had their first PE sessions at Falcons Gymnastics and Tarka Tennis this week. If children's ears have been pierced for more than six weeks, the Gym has said earrings must be removed for children to take part.

Proms event at the Queen's Theatre

We had such an overwhelming response to children wishing to audition for the Queen's Theatre solo/group events that we are holding auditions on Thursday, 26th January in the afternoon for Classes 3 and 4. We have a 15 minute slot to fill so teaching staff will decide who will go through. Thank you to all the children who have put themselves forwards. It's lovely to have so much talent to choose from!

Nursery volunteers needed

With our nursery numbers increasing this term, we need an additional adult to be able to take the children off site to Forest School (Thur AM) and PE at the Village Hall (Fri AM). Is anybody able to volunteer on a rota basis to help us please?

Enabling children to be the best that they can be!

Parent and Carer Code of Conduct

A separate letter is being sent out today from the school and Governing Body about a new Code of Conduct policy for parents and carers.

Personal, Health, Social and Economic Education (PHSEE)

All classes continue to follow our PHSEE curriculum with a focus this term on **Relationships**. Classes 1 and 2 will learn to share their opinions on things that matter to them and explain their views through discussions with one other person and the whole class, and to offer constructive support and feedback to others

Classes 3 and 4 will learn that civil partnerships and marriage are examples of a public demonstration of the commitment made between two people who love and care for each other and want to spend their lives together. and who are of the legal age to make that commitment. In addition, that marriage is a commitment freely entered into by both people, that no one should marry if they don't absolutely want to do so, or are not making this decision freely for themselves

Classes 1 and 2 are using the "We Eat Elephants" scenario of "Beth - it's not fair" and Classes 3 and 4 a scenario based on the character Deepak which is relevant to the children.

The positive mental health focus is, "keep hydrated".

Home to school Transport

Devon County Council (DCC) is consulting on its arrangements for home to school transport. Currently Devon County Council charge £600 per annum (with a £30.00 discount if the full year cost is paid in full) for concessionary seat passengers and post-16 passengers. This annual charge is a contribution towards the cost of the transport we provide.

DCC are consulting on increasing these charges to £800 per annum from September 2023. Full details are available at: www.devon.gov.uk/haveyoursay/consultations/home-to-school-transport-consultation The changes, if approved, would apply to all new and existing passengers. Responses to this consultation will help to inform the Transport Policies being considered by Devon County Council's Cabinet.

DCC welcome comments. Please submit all comments by the closing date of **2 March 2023**. A survey for responses is available as part of the Home to School Transport consultation via the weblink above. Alternatively, please email: schoolconsultations@devon.gov.uk

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: Drew (Class 1), Bella (Class 2), Georgie (Class 3) and Darcy G (Class 4). Well done!



COMMUNITY NEWS

Art Competition

Children's Hospice South West (CHSW) is inviting you to join them on a bear hunt.

The wonderful CHSW Bear Hunt sculpture trail will be brightening up North Devon and raising funds for children and young people with life-limiting conditions across the South West. As part of the sculpture trail, 25 dedicated artists have produced original pieces of art. We are now inviting children and young people from across the U.K to participate in this amazing initiative, with an art competition, allowing children and young people to create their own 'bears that care' design.

There are 4 age categories:

- 5 and under
- 6 to 10
- 11 to 15
- And 16 to 21

Taking part in the Bear Hunt art competition is a fantastic opportunity for children and young people to showcase creative skills, exhibit artwork as part of the trail and be in with a chance of winning some amazing prizes!

The competition will be free to enter but there are suggested donations of between £2 and £15 detailed in the pack – more details with the attached flyer.

Megan Evans (Events Volunteer)