

Horwood and Newton Tracey Community Primary School Newsletter

Friday, 3rd February 2023

Dear parents, carers and children

We have worked very hard to minimise the disruption to the children's learning by appointing experienced staff, at very short notice, to different roles this term. We normally send out whole school reports during the Spring Term but given that some staff are new to classes, we will instead write annual reports in the Summer Term. The parent/carer consultations will be used to provide you with details of your child's progress and achievements in reading, writing and maths. Details of how to book a parent/carer consultation will be sent out after half term.

I would like to thank you for your patience and understanding as we continue to work towards providing continuity and high quality teaching and learning for the children.

Mrs Lisa Eadie
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Upcoming Trips and Dates

Mon 6th and Tues 7th: Bikeability Year 5 Group 2

Tue 7th Feb: 4.30 pm Resources Committee

Wed 8th Feb: C3 and C4 Tarka tennis and Falcons gymnastics

Thu 9th Feb: Year 2s Forest School, Year 1s yoga

Future dates:

Mon 20th Feb: INSET day

Tue 28th Feb & Thu 9th Mar: parent/carer consultations

Thu 2nd Mar: World Book day dress up

Bikeability

Congratulations to the Year 5 children who completed Level 2 of their Bikeability course this week. The second Year 5 group sessions will be taking place on Monday and Tuesday and children participating will need a bike and helmet for their sessions. The children should also come dressed in warm clothes (with a hat and gloves).

After School clubs

These start after half term and booking is open for Romar Sports club running on Tuesdays for children in Years 1 – 5. Maths SATs booster club also starts for Year 6s on Tuesdays. Clubs will run from 3.30 – 4.30 pm and details of how to book have been sent out via email.

Parent/carer consultations

These will be held after school on Tuesday, 28th February and Thursday, 9th March. Letters will be sent out after half term with details of how to book an appointment.

World Book Day

We are inviting the children to dress up (if they wish) for World Book Day on 2nd March. There will be a prize for the best homemade costume for each family group.

Enabling children to be the best that they can be!

Welcome

I am delighted to inform everyone that Mrs Julie Mahoney was successfully appointed to the Friday lunchtime Meal Time Assistant (MTA) and Friday afternoon Teaching Assistant (TA) post and starts today. Welcome Julie to the team.

The Freedom Centre

Attached with this newsletter is a lovely thank you letter from the Freedom Centre for our Christmas donations.

Teaching and Learning Governors Update

At the recent Governors Teaching and Learning meeting a wide range of subjects were discussed. These included Curriculum, Parent consultations, assessment and staffing.

The recent staffing changes have affected a number of classes. It appears however that the children have settled well with the new members of staff. The autumn assessments highlighted where things are going well but also areas for development for whole classes and the needs of individual pupils.

Curriculum continues to be developed, this is now with the support of the Team Academy Trust. This will open up increased opportunities for the children.

Paul Williams (Vice chair of Governors)

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 judge what kind of physical contact is acceptable, comfortable, unacceptable and uncomfortable and how to respond (including who to tell and how to tell them).

Classes 3 and 4 will learn to judge what kind of physical contact is acceptable or unacceptable and how to respond and the concept of 'keeping something confidential or secret', when they should or should not agree to this and when it is right to 'break a confidence' or 'share a secret'.

Classes 1 and 2 are using the "We Eat Elephants" scenario of "Beth - school play" 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 active in mind and both".

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: Joe (Class 1), Eben (Class 2), Flo (Class 3) and Amy (Class 4). Well done!



COMMUNITY NEWS

Horwood, Lovacott and Newton Tracey Parish Council Meeting and AGM on Wednesday, 8th February at 7 pm at the Village Hall.

Carol Anne Netball Club – see poster about half term camps

Junior Lifeguard programme – see poster for more details