

Horwood and Newton Tracey Community Primary School Newsletter

Friday, 10th February 2023

Dear parents, carers and children

The half term has already come to an end and we hope you all have a lovely week off. A reminder that the Monday after half term is an INSET day.

Tuesday 21st – Friday 24th February the Year 5s are going to London on a residential with myself with TEAM Academy. If any children have worries which they need to chat through on Monday 20th, staff will be in school during the morning so feel free to pop by if you need to.

After half term, the Year 1s have Forest School and the Year 2s will have yoga on Thursdays.

Letters have gone out this week about parent/carers consultations which will be taking place after half term. Please return your preferred date and time so that appointments can be arranged.

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Upcoming Trips and Dates

Next week is HALF TERM

Mon 20th Feb: INSET Day
Tue 21st – Fri 24th: Y5 London residential
Tue 21st: Romar sports and Maths SATs booster clubs
Wed 23rd Feb: C3 and C4 Tarka tennis and Falcons gymnastics
Thu 24th Feb: Year 1s Forest School, Year 2s yoga

Future dates:

Tue 28th: Steve Manning storyteller
Tue 28th Feb & Thu 9th Mar: parent/carers consultations
Thu 2nd Mar: World Book day dress up

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. There are 5 spaces left for the Romar Sports club.

Parent/carers 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.

Turkey and Syria Earthquake Relief Fund

£56.50 has been raised so far by Reception selling roses. Thank you everyone for supporting this.

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Resources Committee - Governor Update

The Resources Committee had our first meeting of the calendar year when we met on Tuesday 7th February. During the meeting, governors discussed and approved several statutory policies and risk assessments, ensuring we continue to hold ourselves to account regarding pupil and staff wellbeing.

This was particularly relevant whilst approving the school's Equality policy, which seeks to enable and ensure all pupils have to ability to take part as fully as possible in every part of school life, by developing each child's self-confidence, recognising their strengths and encouraging them to achieve their full potential.

As Headteacher, Lisa has recently had to carry out several risk assessments. Governors discussed the outcome of these, and agreed any actions that need to take place to make sure the school continues to be a safe place to be for all pupils and staff.

Governors also received an update on the current year financial position. Whilst finances continue to be a challenge to balance, we remain in a reasonably strong place. We are fast approaching the end of the financial year, so we will be keeping a close eye on costs, as this will impact on our budget going forward.

There are no major concerns for us to make parents aware of, and we remain confident the school is performing excellently across a wide range of areas.

Mr Karl Murphy-Barnes (Chair of Resources Committee)

Bereavement Policy

We are continually looking at new ways that we can support our children, not just with their academic learning but also with their social, emotional and mental health needs. In light of this, the Governing Body has recently adopted a school Bereavement Policy. This is in consultation with Families in Grief (a local bereavement charity). A copy is available on our school website.

Personal, Health, Social and Economic Education (PHSEE)

All classes continue to follow our PHSEE curriculum with a focus this term on **Relationships**. The first week back after half term, Classes 1 and 2 will learn to recognise when people are being unkind either to them or others, how to respond, who to tell and what to say and to recognise different types of teasing and bullying, to understand that these are wrong and unacceptable

Classes 3 and 4 will learn to listen and respond respectfully to a wide range of people, to feel confident to raise their own concerns, to recognise and care about other people's feelings and to try to see, respect and if necessary constructively challenge others' points of view

Classes 1 and 2 are using the "We Eat Elephants" scenario of "Chloe can't sleep" and Classes 3 and 4 a scenario based on the character Deepak which is relevant to the children. The positive mental health focus is, "take a break".

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CELEBRATION OF PUPIL SUCCESS



Congratulations to the Year 5s who completed Bikeability.



Congratulations to Ayden who competed in the south west trampolining challenge cup on Sunday 5th February at Bath University for Air Extreme TA and came 3rd.