



● Horwood and Newton Tracey Community Primary School Newsletter

Friday, 17th March 2023

Dear parents, carers and children

This week the preparations for the handover to TEAM Academy for the Summer Term have continued. Simon Wallis is TEAM's premises manager and has been talked through all the caretaking jobs. Dan Polak is one of the senior members of TEAM and had a handover with myself about whole school organisation.

During the Summer Term the senior leadership of TEAM will be on site each day. In September, John Hick will be the new Head of School.

I am also pleased to let you know that Mrs Gilbert has been arranged to teach Class 2 on Mondays. She is a local supply teacher who taught the class recently. She will be teaching this coming Monday to get to know the children, and will visit again before the end of term to have a handover with myself.

Mrs Lisa Eadie
Headteacher
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Upcoming Trips and Dates

Tues 21st Mar: Maths Y6 SATs booster club and Romar Sports Club
Thu 23rd: Y1 Forest School Y2 Yoga

Future dates:

Tues 28th Mar: KS2 Proms Event at the Queen's Theatre
Fri 31st Mar: Mrs Eadie's final day – children's dress up

Proms Event at the Queen's Theatre

This exciting event is being held during the school day and children are expected to attend. We have had many requests for children to stay at school on this day and as a result, we cannot accommodate the numbers. If transport for your child is a problem, then please contact the school to help you. If your child is anxious about being on stage they will not be made to participate but will be taking part in the audience. If your child does not want to attend the evening performance, you may collect them at 3.30 pm. Don't forget to book your tickets if you want to come and watch the performances through the Queen's Theatre booking office.

Family Group Extreme Reading competition

We are currently running an Extreme Reading competition in Family Groups. The children are invited to read somewhere interesting, have a photo taken and submit it via email to the office admin@hntps.org Judging will take place on Thursday, 30th March with TEAM Academy.

After School clubs – Summer Term

These are currently being organised and details will go out about how to book before the end of term.

PE for Class 3 and 4 – tennis and gymnastics has ended

Class 3 will be doing PE on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Class 4 will be doing PE on Mondays and Wednesdays.

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Attendance monitoring

This week attendance has again been monitored and letters have been sent home for those children whose percentages have fallen below 95% and whose attendance has not improved since the last monitoring in January.

A meeting with the Educational Welfare Officer is taking place today to discuss how to support families whose children are persistently absent (below 90%). The monitoring is a statutory duty for all schools to ensure that children attend school and get the best education they can.

Once attendance falls below 90%, absence is not authorised without supporting information that the child is unable to attend school. This is in line with our Attendance Policy which can be found on our website www.hntps.devon.sch.uk

As always, if you have suggestions about how the school can support your child please get in touch with us.

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: Theo (Class 1), Evie (Class 2), Flo (Class 3) Bronte (Class 4). Well done!



Class 3 and 4 have had a wonderful time at Tarka Tennis and Falcons gymnastics. This week was their final session for this year

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Full Governing Body 14th March update from Sarah Williams

During the meeting, the board covered a range of topics. Firstly, the board reviewed and approved several important policies related to admissions, SEND, supporting pupils with medical conditions, the Forest School Handbook and acceptable ICT and internet policies. We are proud to have these policies in place, as they are crucial in ensuring the safety and wellbeing of our students and staff.

The headteacher's report was also discussed, which provided an overview of the school's progress towards its goals. We were thrilled to hear that our school is making good progress in several areas and the students are showing impressive development in their academic and personal lives.

The board also received an update on parent consultations, which have recently been held this term. These consultations have provided valuable feedback to parents on how their children are performing academically and the support the staff can provide.

The board also had the final vote on the formal consultation for the academisation of our school. After careful consideration over the last two years, we are pleased to inform you that the governors have agreed to continue with the academisation process. Everyone present at the meeting agreed to this decision, and we look forward to keeping you updated on future developments.

Lastly, the board received an update on governor training, which is essential in ensuring that our governors are equipped with the necessary knowledge and skills to fulfil their role effectively.

In conclusion, we are pleased with the progress made at the FGB meeting and are committed to ensuring that our school continues to provide high-quality education and support to our students. We will keep you informed of any future developments.

On another note the governors and I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to Mrs. Eadie for her dedication to our school over the years. Her tireless efforts and unwavering commitment have made a significant impact on the lives of our students, and we are grateful for everything she has done for the school community .

It is with mixed emotions that we bid farewell to Mrs. Eadie as she moves on to a new school. While we are sad to see her go, we are excited for her to embark on a new chapter in her career. We would like to take this opportunity to wish her all the best in her new role, and we have no doubt that she will excel and continue to make a positive impact on the lives of her students.

Mrs. Eadie has been an integral part of our school community, and her presence will be missed. However, her legacy will live on, and we will always be grateful for the time and effort she dedicated to our school. Once again, we would like to express our sincerest thanks to Mrs. Eadie for her dedication and hard work. We wish her all the best in her new school, and we look forward to staying in touch.

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Year 6 Leavers Hoodies

If you would like to order another hoodie for your child, the shop has re-opened and will close at 23.59 on Sunday 19 March. Please use the following link to log in:

<https://www.leavershoodies.com/horwood--newton-tracey-primary-school-2023-leavers>

If you have any queries, please contact Caroline McFarlane via email: cmcfarlane@hntps.org.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Romar Sports holiday club – see details of the football holiday club which is being run during the Easter holidays.



The Moorings Barnstaple – mental health support for anyone over 18. See more details with this newsletter.

Chivenor Soccer School – Easter holiday club. See more details included with this newsletter.