



Horwood and Newton Tracey Community Primary School Newsletter

Friday, 24th March 2023

Dear parents, carers and children

Next week is my final week in post as Headteacher of HNTPS and comes with mixed feelings of great sadness at leaving but also huge pride at the improvements which have taken place during the last six years.

I would like to invite you all to come and say goodbye at the Village Hall on my last day, Friday, 31st April from 9 am where there will be refreshments kindly provided by Caroline. If there is anyone who can help serve teas and coffees this would be very appreciated. Please email the office if you can help.

The other change in the Summer Term is that Mrs Radley is reducing her hours on a Friday. Mrs French will be teaching Reception on Thursday mornings and all day Friday. Forest School will be taking place for Reception children on Thursday afternoons.

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Upcoming Trips and Dates

Mon 27th: Rev Gary Easter assembly
Tues 28th: KS2 Proms event at Queen's Theatre
Tues 28th: Romar Sports Club
Thu 30th: TEAM Visit School Improvement Day
Thu 30th: Y1 Forest School Y2 Yoga
Fri 31st: Mrs Eadie's final day – children's dress up

Easter holidays

Children return on Monday 17th April

Proms Event at the Queen's Theatre

A reminder that children will need a home packed lunch and packed tea for this day. The children also need to wear a plain coloured t-shirt (any colour).

Family Group Extreme Reading competition

Final entries are being collated via the office admin@hntps.org
Judging will take place on Thursday, 30th March with TEAM Academy.

After School clubs – Summer Term

Details of these have been emailed out this week and can be booked via the office. Clubs running are as follows: art club (Mrs Radley), ball skills (Mrs Hopkins) and Purple Mash computing club (Mrs Wallace). In addition, Mrs Northmore will be continuing to run Maths SATs booster club for the Year 6s.

Music Tuition with Jeffers

We have the opportunity for children to learn an instrument 1:1 with specialist music teacher, Jeffers Mayo after school during the Summer Term. If you are interested in your child playing the guitar, keyboards, drums or ukulele then please contact the office for more details.

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Attendance monitoring

Thank you for your feedback about our monitoring letters and your understanding that the school has a duty to keep you informed of your child's attendance. Last week the school met with Linda Page, the school's Educational Welfare officer (EWO) who advised that the Local Authority has issued a new Attendance Policy. This will be considered by Governors, alongside TEAM Academy, next term. You will be kept informed of the changes once they have been agreed.

Tea @ 3 with Mrs Eadie

All children usually have an opportunity to have Tea @ 3 with Mrs Eadie throughout the year. As I am leaving at the end of this term, the whole school will have a special Tea @ 3 event on Friday, 31st March in the afternoon so that nobody misses out. This is also an optional Royal themed dress up day for the children.

Bronte Success

Over the years we have celebrated Bronte White's success with her gymnastics and dance abilities. We are delighted to share her news that she has been accepted to a boarding dance school in Chester from September. There are only 15 spaces offered a year and Bronte has also secured sponsorship. We are absolutely thrilled that after many, many years of hard work Bronte is able to continue to pursue her dancing dream. Congratulations! We look forward to hearing how you get on in future years. We are very excited that Bronte will be performing a solo dance at the Proms event on Tuesday.



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TEAM Academy support

This week Briony Parsons (Business Manager) and Simon Wallis (Premises Manager) from TEAM Academy conducted a premises walk with Mrs Eadie to identify areas of improvement around the school. This information will be shared with Governors to include in our annual cycle of maintenance works.

Congratulations Mrs Dixon

Our nursery practitioners offer our youngest children a wonderful start at HNTPS and the staff are always seeking to improve their practice and skills. This term Mrs Dixon completed her Level 2 Childcare qualification. Well done!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Basketball Coaching – Great Torrington School (GTS) are offering Easter holiday basketball coaching on 4th April. See leaflet for more information and how to book.