



HORWOOD AND NEWTON TRACEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Enabling children to be the best that they can be!



Friday 1st March 2024

Dear parents and carers,

I would like to start off by saying a big thank you to Caroline McFarlane, Kay Clark, Caroline Robinson and Carla Humphries for the tremendous work they have done in getting the breakfast club off to a flying start. I have had many positive reports from children, parents and other members of staff. Thank you to those of you who have got in touch to let us know how it has been going for your child.

Feedback is always greatly appreciated.

Look out for the online safety newsletter attached to this email. It has some really useful tips on screen time and Fortnite. We subscribed to this newsletter to help support you in what we know can be a challenging area.

This week in family group time we talked about road safety and the importance of wearing helmets when we ride our bikes and how to cross the road. Road awareness is of course a vital skill and one we practice often when we go to the field or the village hall. We talked about how we need to be aware of the road outside of school, and to use the pavement or the side of the road at the start and end of the school day.

We are all looking forward to World Book Day on Thursday. Reading is a big part of what we do here at school but it is always a great day to get fired up and share our love of reading and books. With that in mind, we want to keep the focus on books rather than dressing up so please see the details later in the newsletter, and I can't wait to hear about everyone's favorite books.

Have a lovely weekend, Mr Hick



Dates for your diary....

Date	Event
Monday 4th March	Colouring After-school Club 3.30pm - 4.15pm
Tuesday 5th March	Cooking After-school Club 3.30pm to 4.15pm
	Cosmic Yoga After-school Club 3.30pm to 4.15pm
	RECEPTION CLASS: Vision Screening (NHS Team)
Wednesday 6th March	SEND PE TEAM event (Umberleigh) - selected children
Thursday 7th March	WORLD BOOK DAY - see Newsletter
	Coding After-school Club 3.30pm to 4.15pm

TEA AT TWO

This week, Tea at Two is awarded to:

Class 1: Georgie and Archie
 Class 2: Ronnie and Elise
 Class 3: Eben and Edie
 Class 4: Luca



for behaving exceptionally in school this week

PRESENTATION HERO

This week, our Presentation Hero award goes to:

Elle (Class 1), Amon (Class 2), Yana and Willow (Class 3) and Jake (Class 4)

Our Presentation Hero is awarded to children across the school each week who always present their work carefully



WORLD BOOK DAY

No dressing up this year BUT we've got exciting activities lined up to celebrate World Book Day this year for all children! On the day, teachers will be sharing their favorite book with their classes.

Design a bookmark competition – There will be blank book marks available for each child to design their own bookmarks. Winners will be photocopied and available in the library for anyone who would like one.

#bookselfie– take a book selfie and email to your teacher.

Bring your favourite book in to share in family groups.



WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**

7 MARCH 2024



SCHOOL TERM DATES 2023/2024

Spring Term

Last Day: 28th March 2024

Summer Term

First Day: 15th April 2024

Bank Holiday: 6th May 2024 (school closed)

Half-term: 27th-31st May 2024 (school closed)

First Day: 3rd June 2024

Last Day: 23rd July 2024

FOREST SCHOOL/PE DAYS

Nursery: Forest School on Thursdays

Reception: Forest School on Thursday afternoons, PE on Fridays - please can all PE and Forest School kits stay in school.

Class 2: Yr1 Forest School on Tuesday afternoons - bring in Forest School kit on the day. Yr2: PE on Tuesday afternoons, children to wear PE kit into school on the day.

Class 3: Tennis on Wednesdays. Children will need to come to school wearing their PE kit every Wednesday.

Class 4: will be going to Falcons gymnastics on a Wednesday. Children will need to come to school wearing their PE kit on Wednesdays.

WE KINDLY REQUEST THAT...:

- If your child is poorly, please report their absence to the school office on 01271 858373 or email admin@hhttps.org by 9.30am
- All medical appointments are to be advised in advance please to the school office
- Any other absences must be applied for via an absence request form
- Please supply your child with a refillable water bottle every day
- Warm coats for outdoor play if it's wet or cold!

Emails are monitored between **7.40am - 3pm** (Mon to Thurs) and between **7.40am - 12.20pm** (Friday)

If you need to speak to someone urgently please call the school number 01271 858373. If no one answers, please leave a message and someone will contact you as soon as they can.

ATTENTION
PLEASE



Spring Dinner Menu

Meal price is £2.50 per day for Class 3 and 4 children, Classes 1 and 2 qualify for universal free school meal

Jacket Potatoes with a choice of toppings are available every day.

Fresh fruit, salad & wholemeal bread are available daily. Reminder: we are a nut free school.

Week 1: 04/03, 18/03

Mon	Fish Fingers Salmon Fishcakes Chips/Pasta/Baked Beans/Peas Filled Jacket Potato Chocolate Cake & sauce Fruit bowl/yoghurt
Tues	Sweet & Sour Chicken Fajitas Potato wedges, Mixed Veg Filled Jacket Potato Apple Muffins Fruit bowl/yoghurt
Weds	Hot Dog Sausage & Pasta/Veggie sausage Spaghetti hoops/Sweetcorn Filled Jacket Potato Ginger cake & custard Fruit bowl/yoghurt
Thurs	Roast Gammon, Roast Potatoes, Veg and Gravy Veggie Burger Filled Jacket Potato Ice Cream & Stewed Apple Fruit bowl/yoghurt
Fri	Panini (ham, cheese, tuna) Ham Roll Garlic potatoes, fruit and veg selection Filled Jacket Potato Australian Crunch Fruit bowl/yoghurt

Week 2: 18/03, 25/03

Mon	Cod fillets Salmon Fishcakes Veggie Fingers Chips/Pasta/Baked beans/Peas Filled Jacket Potato Sprinkle Cake Fruit bowl/yoghurt
Tues	Cottage Pie/Quorn Cottage Pie Mixed Veg Filled Jacket Potato Apple & Blackberry Crumble & custard Fruit bowl/yoghurt
Weds	Bacon Buttie Veggie Burger Buttie Potato Wedges Spaghetti hoops/Sweetcorn Filled Jacket Potato Icecream and Custard Biscuit Fruit bowl/yoghurt
Thurs	Roast Chicken/Quorn Chicken Fillet, Roast Potatoes, Veg and Gravy Veggie Burger Filled Jacket Potato Sticky Chocolate Courgette Cake Fruit bowl/yoghurt
Fri (28th March)	Panini (ham, cheese, tuna) Ham Roll Filled Jacket Potato Chocolate biscuits Fruit bowl/yoghurt

Class 1

Mud painting in Class 1 Forest School

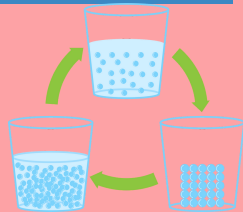


Class 2

This week, we have enjoyed making our own recycled paper, from old newspapers and cornflour, to use when we create our own collages in the style of Henri Matisse. We also thought about primary colours and which colours to mix together to create the secondary colours.



Class 3



Class 3 have been looking at solids, liquids and gases.

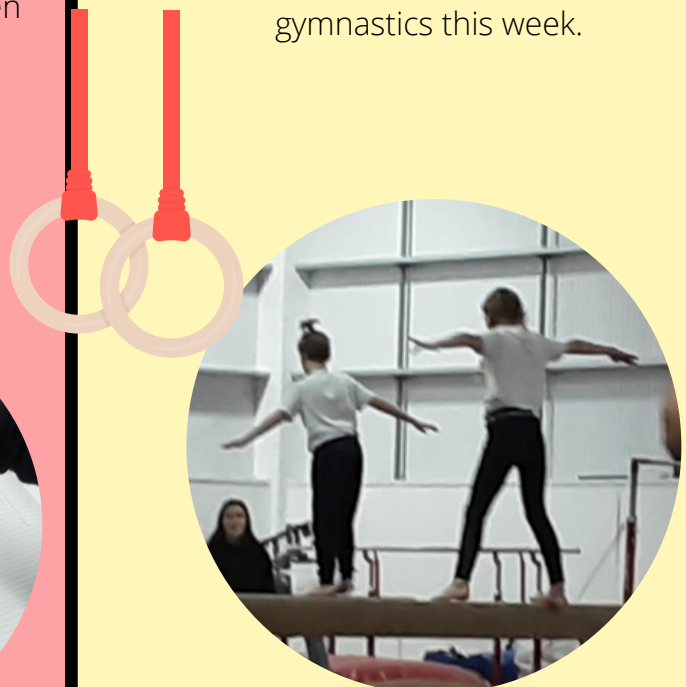
This week, we have been working out how to weigh the gas in a fizzy drink. We spent quite a lot of time shaking the bottles and thankfully there were no explosions! We learnt that gas can be weighed even though it is invisible.



Class 4



Class 4 have been enjoying activities on the high beam, asymmetric bars and floor as well as the trampete while at Falcons gymnastics this week.



Nursery

We are excited for spring to arrive and have been for a muddy puddle walk looking for signs of spring.



Letters/Emails sent out this week...

Class	Topic
Selected children	Wednesday 6th March - PE/team building event at Umberleigh Academy
All classes	Private singing lessons on Friday mornings after the Easter break - please contact Rhiannon Wright directly
Selected children in Class 3	Monday 11th March - Maths event

BREAKFAST CLUB!



Fun!

Arts and Crafts!



BREAKFAST CLUB

OUR RULES

- We take turns to speak
- We use kind and positive words
- We listen to each other
- We wait for everyone to finish eating before activities begin
- We are respectful to staff and each other



Lots to do!

Exciting!



Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

	Until...
Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



SCAN ME

Advice and guidance
To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrc0.de/minfec>.



PICK UP YOUR CHILD'S FREE PACK FROM YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY

Has your child signed up to The Secret Book Quest yet? It's an imaginative, fun reading challenge and it's free to take part! Your child will be given a free starter pack. As they read books, they can collect stickers, solve the puzzle, get certificates and a finisher's prize at the end.

Head to your local library to find out more about signing up.

Location of DEFIBRILLATORS in the Woodcott News area

Newton Tracey EX31 3PL

Hunters Inn porch. B3232

Lovacott EX31 3PU

On wall of Primary School facing the road

Horwood EX39 4PB

Behind the boundary wall of Horwood Church

Holmacott EX39 4LR

On the wall of Elders Farm, Old Bideford Road



also at **Eastleigh – EX39 4PA** in the old BT phone box.
and at **Alverdiscott – EX39 4PZ** on the front of Alverdiscott Community Hall

The Woodcott Players present

Aladdin

Lovacott Village Hall

22 and 23 March



**Adults £6 and
£3 for under 16s**

**FRIDAY 22nd March
at 7.30pm**

**SATURDAY 23rd
at 2pm and at 7.30pm**

TICKETS

Box Office opens 12th February – and not before!
For tickets call Pauline on 01271 858988
or text 07802 421516

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mentalhealthmatters

Our experienced staff team is available to provide emotional, social and practical support if you are in crisis or feel you are heading toward a crisis situation.

We offer support in person, over the phone, or via video call. You can come just for a chat, or to access one-to-one support from trained professionals.

We also offer help in creating staying well and crisis plans, and support visitors to access other organisations that may be useful to them.

People using the service will also have access to our 24/7 helpline when the service is closed.

Contact us or drop in:

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