



Newsletter—Friday 8th March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Some temporary changes in Class Three

Miss Trofa is going to be away from school for the rest of this term from next Wednesday. This is so that she has the right amount of recuperation time following a medical procedure that has been expedited by the NHS this week. Whilst Miss Trofa will definitely be missed, we have a plan in place to mitigate her absence. Mrs Kennard will continue to teach Class Three on Wednesday afternoons and all-day Thursday, whilst Mrs Strickland will continue to teach Science on a Tuesday afternoon. Mondays, Tuesday mornings and Fridays will be covered by Mrs Scowen until Easter. Mrs Scowen, who is a fully qualified teacher, knows the children well and is familiar with routines and the high expectations we have of the children. Her stepping into the teaching role will provide the most seamless transition possible. During this period, Miss Trofa will continue to plan work for the children.

I'm sure you will want to join me in wishing Miss Trofa a speedy recovery. All being well, she will be back with us fighting fit for the start of the Summer Term. Of course, this is all dependant on the operation going ahead as scheduled—if there are any changes we will let you know.

SGH Georgeham Residential

Miss Trofa's absence will mean a number of staff changes for the Class Three residential next week (she is very sad that she can't go with you, Class 3!). Residential will certainly be going ahead though. As planned, there will be at least two members of staff from High Bickington with the children at all times, with the activities being led and supervised as always by the expert staff from SGH. The staffing timetable will be:

	SGH Morning	SGH Afternoon	SGH Evening & over-night
Wed	NP & RN to drive children in minibuses EK to greet children at SGH EK & NP with children	EK & NP with children RN arrives – NP departs	EK & RN with children
Thu	KS arrives – RN departs EK & KS with children	EK & KS with children HL arrives – EK departs	HL & KS with children
Fri	HL & KS with children	Children collected by parents at 1:00pm	

NP: Mrs Pearce. EK: Mrs Kennard. KS: Mrs Scowen. HL: Mrs Laurence. RN: Mr Norton

Lots of non-uniform

Wow! What fantastic costumes we saw on Thursday for World Book Day ... from the children and the staff! Everyone should have come home with a WBD voucher to spend on a book- I hope you will all enjoy reading something new as a result. Reading for pleasure has to be one of the most

Next week—W/C Monday 11th March 2024

Monday:	YR/6 National Childhood Measurement Programme Lunchtime Choir Club
Tuesday:	Lego Club KS2 Art Club
Wednesday:	Class 3 to SGH Lunchtime Drama Club
Thursday:	Class 2 PE Lunchtime Eco Club Y6 SATs Club KS1 Sports Club
Friday:	Red Nose Day—Non uniform/wear something red Class 4 PE Lunchtime coding club 3.00 celebration collective worship—HBCC KS2 Sports Club

important things we can instil in our children. Reading is not only acknowledged as one of the greatest ways to ensure a bright future academically, but is also well known for its benefits to mental health. This can come from sharing a book or reading alone. On WBD, I received the provisional list of authors and illustrators for Appledore Book Week in the autumn. We will be looking to book at least one person to visit each class again in the Autumn Term and will keep you posted on who is coming nearer the time.

Thank you for all of the donations of Easter eggs, bunnies, chicks etc that were brought in on Wednesday in exchange for non-uniform day. There will be some great prizes at the PTA Easter Bingo, so make sure you get along to that.

We have had a great day with Martin Brice from Devon cricket today. It was so nice to see everyone engaged and having fun, whilst (in some cases) having a first experience of cricket. From small acorns, mighty oaks grow and who knows, we may see boys and girls representing the county or even England one day.

Red Nose Day

More non-uniform next Friday. Please try to wear something red as part of a non-uniform day. and bring a donation to Comic Relief.

End of the day

We have had our first week of opening the top of the playground for parents and carers at the end of the day and, despite a few hitches, it has been great to see most parents meeting their children in there. We can still do better though. If someone other than a parent is picking up and they may not know about waiting on the playground, please do let them know what to do.

Have a lovely weekend,

Rob Norton
Head of School

Red Nose Day

Non uniform/wear something red day on Friday 15th March, to raise money for Comic Relief. Class Four children have PE—if their non uniform choice is suitable for PE they do not need to change, otherwise please bring PE kit to change into.

We have a small number red noses available to sell—these are £1.50 each. If you would like to buy one, please look under 'trips' on Arbor.



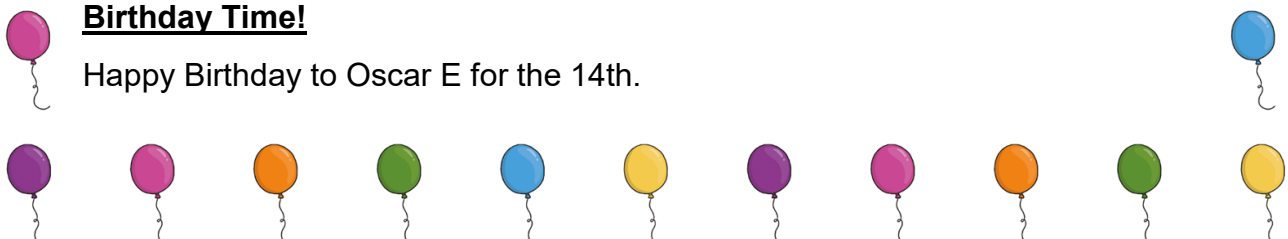
Notices and Messages

SGH residential—when packing, please make sure that your child is able to carry their bag themselves. Two small bags can be better than one large bag!



Birthday Time!

Happy Birthday to Oscar E for the 14th.



What happened at school this week?

These questions are about what has been happening in each class this week and are designed as 'conversation starters' for you to use with your child. We hope that they will provide a useful prompt to encourage conversations about school - talking for just three minutes each day about school has been shown to have a great impact on children's learning!



Learning Lions (Class One)

Collect 10 objects e.g. pencils. How many different ways can you show 10 by splitting them into 2 groups? 9 and 1, 8 and 2, 7 and 3...

What lives in the sea?

What is your favourite book you've read at school? At home? What do you like about it?



Exploring elephants (Class Two)

Can you find out facts about the Indian Elephant, Peacock or Tiger?

Can you make a poster about odd and even numbers?

Can you help with some gardening?

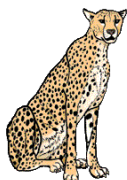


Inventive Impalas (Class Three)

Can you explain how you created your own database?

What did you learn during World Book Day with Mrs Kennard?

Have a go at adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator.



Challenging Cheetahs (Class Four)

How do you find 10% or 16% of an amount?

What was life like in the Shang Dynasty?

What cricket skills did you practice with Mr Brice?

Next Week's Menu—W/C 11th March 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Beef Burgers in a bap Potato wedges, baked beans & sweetcorn Iced Sponge	Sausage Rolls Creamed Potatoes & Seasonal Veg Fruit Muffins	Roast Gammon Roast Potatoes & Seasonal Veg Fruit Platter	Chicken pasta bake Seasonal Vegetables Pineapple Upside- Down Cake & Custard	Oven Baked Fish Golden Fries & Seasonal Vegetables Flapjack

Mother's Day Church Activities—Two Rivers Mission Community

Mothering Sunday Family service in High Bickington Church

Sunday 10th March, 10.30am

Come and join us for our Mother's Day service. Gifts for mums and refreshments for all after the service. Everybody welcome.

Messy Mothering Sunday Church with cream tea in Atherington Pavilion

Sunday 10th March, 4.00pm

As messy church falls on Mothering Sunday this month all activities will be based around gifts for mothers. This will be followed by a short act of worship and a cream tea. Everyone of any age is welcome to come and join in the fun.

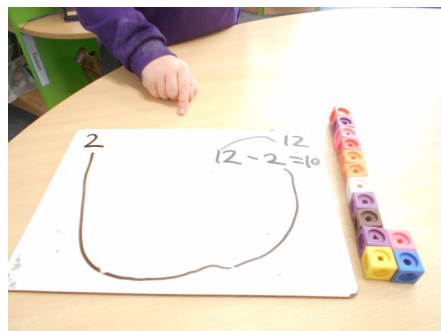
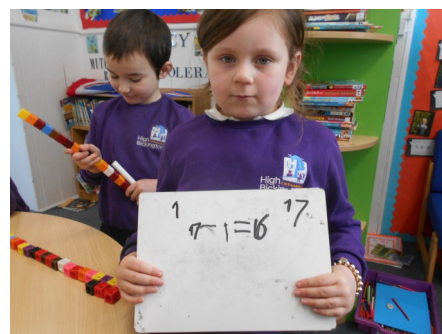
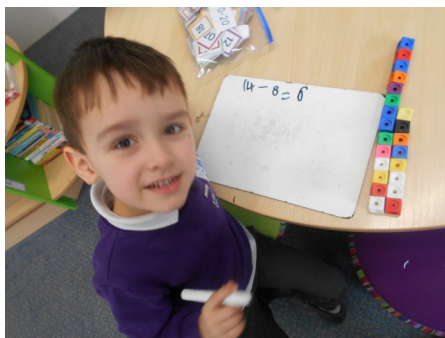
Class One

This week class one has been learning all about the sea and the creatures that live within it. We have started to investigate the different layers of the sea and what can be found within them. The children embarked on an exciting sea themed art project. More information to follow on that! The end of the week has been awash with books, face paints and excitement. We have loved celebrating World Book Day with all the characters, costumes and stories. It has created quite a reading buzz in class and it's been a joy to watch the children share books from home and make recommendations of what their friends should try to read next. Please take this opportunity to encourage your child to read to you at home as well as for you to read stories to them.



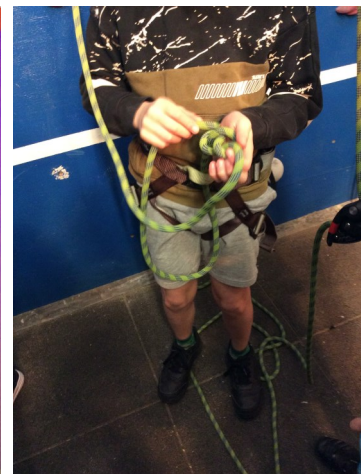
Class Two

This week in Class Two we have been busy finding out even more about India. We have learnt some facts about the country and how the climate can vary from the desert and the mountains to the mainland of India. In Maths we have been exploring addition and subtraction in Year One and recognising how they are related. Year Two have been investigating with odd and even numbers and worked in pairs to find out what happened when they multiplied an odd and even number together. We have been mastering playing the Penny Whistle and are doing a great job learning to play 'Hot Cross Buns'. In Art we have been working hard to complete some beautiful scenery for our Bible stories. Soon we will be ready to start using them with ICT for our Digital Media Art project.



Class Three—by Esmay

Yesterday Class Three and the whole school celebrated World Book Day. World Book Day is when we have to dress up as a character from a book. Mr Norton dressed up as Geraint Thomas who is a Tour de France cyclist. Mr Norton got on one of the Class One's yellow tricycles! Also the whole school had to wear home clothes on



Wednesday. When we were on the computers we were learning about branching databases where we had to make up yes/no questions. On Wednesday we went climbing, we were learning how to do belaying and we learnt what the holds were called. They are called slopers, jugs, pocket and crimps.

Class Four—by Eloise

This week in class four, we have had an amazing week. On Tuesday we had a Zoom call with some people and we were learning about our particular characteristics. After that, we had music with Mrs Scowen. On Wednesday we had Mrs Cork teaching us in the morning. We learnt about how smoking is bad for you. Also on Wednesday it was non uniform day and we had to bring in an Easter egg for the PTA bingo. On Thursday it was World Book Day. All of the school travelled to the community centre and showed everyone our World Book Day costumes. On Friday we had a cricket lesson with Mr Brice. In the afternoon we had gymnastics.



Home Activities and Homework Tasks

Class One – Reading.

Class Two – Reading for 15-20 minutes each day. Please log reading in yellow Reading Record books.

Class Three— Reading log book and times table practice (no spellings this week)

Class Four – Reading for at least 60 minutes (Y6) and 45 minutes (Y5). Study times table facts.



Stars of the Week!

Class One—Oscar for brilliant storytelling with puppets.

Class Two— Erika for being ready to learn and for being polite and considerate.

Class Three—Esmay for contributing more to class discussions and sharing her ideas.

Class Four—Katie for trying hard in school this week and for improved handwriting.

Reading Stars

Class One—Dexter for enthusiastic reading at home.

Class Two— Imogen for becoming more confident and reading in front of the class.

Class Three—Frank for focussing on his reading and showing lots of perseverance.

Class Four— Amaya for working on expression when reading aloud.



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IMPORTANT MESSAGE – DO NOT MISS OUT ON WORKING ENTITLEMENT FUNDING!

The working entitlement funding for 2, 3 and 4 year-olds is available for eligible families. It is important that if you have a child who will be 2 or 3 years old before 31st March or if your circumstances have changed, that you apply to HMRC (Childcare Service) now.

Please set-up or visit your [Gateway Account](#) immediately to apply or reconfirm. If you are unsure if you are entitled to the working entitlement, please check the [Eligibility Criteria](#).

It is important that you allow good time as any queries with new applications or reconfirmations could cause delays and any codes issued in April 2024 **will not be funded** in summer term 2024. Any start dates from 1st April 2024 will not be funded until autumn term 2024 and only then if you reconfirm by 31st August 2024.

If you have a code that needs to be reconfirmed, this should also be completed **now**, and if you are unsure, it is your responsibility to log into your [Gateway Account](#) and check. If you are newly eligible or are given a new code at reconfirmation, you need to take your 11-digit code to your provider who will complete a verification check and then confirm your funded space.

When eligibility ends, children who have accessed the working entitlement can continue to access their entitlement in the grace period. However, new children, who are 2 or 3 years old before 31st March, or start at a new setting, cannot start to use the working entitlement funding in the grace period if they are no longer eligible.

As part of the eligibility check with HMRC, you will be asked if you would like to register for Tax Free Childcare. You cannot register for Tax Free Childcare if you are in receipt of Universal Credit, Tax Credits or Childcare Vouchers. If you do register, your benefits may be stopped, and it can take several weeks to reinstate.

If you have problems accessing the system or completing your check, please call the HMRC Helpdesk on 0300 1234 097 (your provider and Devon County Council cannot assist with new applications or reconfirmations).

You may be able to access further help with childcare costs. Please visit the [Childcare Choices Website](#) for more information.



VACANCY FOR A MOBILE CATERING ASSISTANT HIGH BICKINGTON C OF E ACADEMY

JOB TITLE: MOBILE CATERING ASSISTANT

REQUIRED: 25TH MARCH 2024

HOURS PER WEEK: 7.5 (1 HOUR 30 MINUTES MONDAY-FRIDAY)

WORKING WEEKS: 38 WEEKS

STATUS: PERMANENT / PART TIME

STARTING SALARY: £11.79

GRADE: B

CLOSING DATE: 12 NOON ON MONDAY 18TH MARCH 2024

INTERVIEWS: WEDNESDAY 20TH MARCH 2024

Do you hold a full driving license and would you like a different sort of job, one which is interesting and gets you out and about? This is an unusual opportunity which involves transporting and delivering nutritious meals to the High Bickington Academy foundation stage unit (new site linked to the community centre) from High Bickington Academy (main site). This post will be fully supported and managed by our Business Manager and Head of High Bickington Academy.

As a rural school, High Bickington is a closely knit and harmonious community of staff and pupils, all appreciative of good food and company. They enjoy sharing meals together and have a deep understanding of where food comes from and the quality of the provision at the school. The post holder will have the opportunity to develop this further and will be a valued member of staff. All training will be provided.

This is a fantastic opportunity to join a team where you will be valued, welcomed, and supported within a friendly staff environment. Additional benefits include: Membership of a generous pension scheme (TP/ LGPS). Access to Medigold Occupational Health who provide our employees with a range of free health and wellbeing benefits including access to Thrive; a mental wellbeing app. Free Seasonal Flu Vaccinations, Cycle to work and IT schemes, a Competitive Salary, Wellbeing and Long Service days.

TEAM Multi-Academy Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, and expects all its staff and volunteers to share this commitment. A DBS check will be undertaken and references taken up before interview. All shortlisted candidates are subject to a pre-employment online search prior to interview.

An application form should be fully completed; we do not accept CV's.

Full details and application form can be found on our website www.teamacademytrust.com

Applications should be hand delivered, posted or emailed to Sam Stobbs, via vacancies@team-mat.org.uk



VACANCY FOR A CLEANER BEAFORD ACADEMY

JOB TITLE: CLEANER

REQUIRED: 1ST APRIL 2024

HOURS PER WEEK: 13.75 (2.75 HOURS PER DAY 3:45PM – 6:30PM)

WORKING WEEKS: 41 WEEKS

STATUS: PERMANENT/ PART TIME

STARTING SALARY: £11.79

GRADE: B

CLOSING DATE: *12 NOON ON FRIDAY 15TH MARCH 2024 (* AN EXTENSION PERIOD HAS BEEN APPLIED)

INTERVIEWS: TBC

The appointed person will be managed by the Premises Manager and Head of School. In service training will be provided where appropriate.

This is a part-time, permanent position, working 13.75 hours per week (2.75 hours per day, Monday to Friday). Hours are to be worked outside of the school day.

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VACANCY FOR A CATERING ASSISTANT
PILTON BLUECOAT C OF E ACADEMY

JOB TITLE: CATERING ASSISTANT

REQUIRED: ASAP

HOURS PER WEEK: 18.75 (3.75 PER DAY WORKED 9:45AM – 1:30PM)

WORKING WEEKS: 38 WEEKS

STATUS: PERMANENT/ PART TIME

STARTING SALARY: £11.60

GRADE: A

CLOSING DATE: 12 NOON ON FRIDAY 15TH MARCH 2024

INTERVIEW DATE: FRIDAY 22ND MARCH 2024

Would you like to join our school team as a Catering Assistant and help to create nutritious and appealing meals for our pupils? The post will be under the direction of the Kitchen Manager.

Full training will be given including a Basic Food Hygiene Certification course.

The appointed person will work as part of a team of 4 to help prepare meals. This role requires the ability to fulfil all spoken aspects of the role with confidence and fluency in English.

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Horwood & Newton Tracey Primary School

**VACANCY FOR HEAD OF SCHOOL
HORWOOD AND NEWTON TRACEY PRIMARY SCHOOL**

INVITATIONS ARE INVITED FROM INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL CANDIDATES FOR THE ABOVE POST THAT WILL BECOME VACANT ON 1ST SEPTEMBER 2024

JOB TITLE: HEAD OF SCHOOL

STATUS: PERMANENT/ FULL TIME

SALARY RANGE: LEADERSHIP SCALE 1-4

CLOSING DATE: 12 NOON ON THURSDAY 21ST MARCH 2024

INTERVIEW DATE: TUESDAY 27TH MARCH 2024

START DATE: 1ST SEPTEMBER 2024

This is a perfect opportunity for a dynamic and talented leader, with track record of raising achievement and improving teaching and learning in their school, to work with a great community of children, staff and parents at Horwood and Newton Tracey Primary School.

Horwood and Newton Tracey is a wonderful school situated in a rural catchment area, caters for children at Key Stage One and Two. Our school has a very strong local reputation with currently 114 pupils on roll.

If you would like to work and contribute to a Trust that is committed to providing children with outstanding learning experiences, aims to continually develop and grow, and where teamwork and the professional development of all staff is important, we would encourage you to apply.

This vacancy is a full-time position with a 0.6 FTE teaching commitment. The appointed person will be an integral member of the senior leadership team of the Trust and will work collaboratively with other Heads to develop further the schools within our organisation. We are eager to recruit a Head of School who leads by example, is child centred and has a passion for teaching and learning. As a rural primary school, we are outward looking and have a number of local, national and international partners. Therefore, if you enjoy bringing the global dimension into the classroom then Horwood and Newton Tracey Primary School is for you.

We actively welcome visits to our school. Should you have any further questions or wish to arrange a visit, please contact our CEO Ian Thomas via ceo@team-mat.org.uk



WE NEED YOU.

We are looking for keen and enthusiastic volunteers to join our Local Governing Bodies (LGB) as a school Governor and/or a Trustee.

Governor

The role of a School Governor is key in ensuring the school offers high standards of education for all children.

Each school within TEAM Multi -Academy Trust has its own Local Governing Body. The LGB meet once or twice a term and are encouraged to join in with our school visits and learning walks throughout the school year. This is a voluntary position and training is available for this role.

Trustee

Our Trustees oversee the strategic direction of the Trust schools along with holding the senior school leadership to account and monitoring the trust's finances– amongst many other aspects of school performance.

They can draw on their own expertise from all aspects of business and industry and have specific interests as part of their role such as – Curriculum, Personnel, Admissions, Finance, Safeguarding, Premises or SEND. They meet approximately 6 times a year as a whole group and are active within a range of committees and individual portfolios.

VOLUNTEERING IN THIS WAY BRINGS MANY REWARDS. YOU WILL ENJOY WORKING ALONGSIDE LIKE-MINDED PEOPLE AND GET REAL SATISFACTION AT USING YOUR SKILLS TO CREATE A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT FOR OUR CHILDREN.

If you are interested in volunteering or to find out more about being a local governor at your school or a TEAM trustee, then we would love to hear from you. Please email vacancies@team-mat.org.uk



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