



# HORWOOD AND NEWTON TRACEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

*Enabling children to be the best that they can be!*



**Friday 8th March 2024**

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy week with lots and lots of learning!

It is of course Mothering Sunday this week, and it was lovely to see the Mother's day cafe tradition in action at the Village Hall on Thursday. Reception and Class 1 gave a heart warming display of care and affection with a rousing round of poetry, big singing voices and carefully crafted and delivered presents to mums and carers. This is a very special occasion as I'm sure anyone who has ever been can attest. I would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Radley, Mrs McFarlane, Mrs Blunt and Mrs Dixon for organising the event.


On Thursday, it was also World Book Day, which is always a great day to talk about the books we love. It was wonderful to see so many book selfies as well as children bringing in and talking about the books they love. Reading for pleasure has to be one of the most 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. I know staff enjoyed sharing some of their favourite stories. A huge thank you to Mrs Hopkins for organising the day.

It was lovely to be able to get over to the field today, and was even dry enough not to go in wellies. We are by no means fooled that it will be wet again soon but we are hoping to get across to the field more and more, so please ensure that your child has a set of wellies in school, and a coat.

Have a great weekend, Mr Hick



## Dates for your diary....

Date	Event
Monday 11th March	Colouring After-school Club 3.30pm - 4.15pm (Week 9)
	Selected children to attend Maths Event at Pilton Bluecoat
Tuesday 12th March	Cooking After-school Club 3.30pm to 4.15pm (Week 9)
	Cosmic Yoga After-school Club 3.30pm to 4.15pm (Week 9)
	LGB Governor Meeting 5pm
Thursday 14th March	Coding After-school Club 3.30pm to 4.15pm (Week 9)
	RED NOSE DAY - no red noses this year please, but thanks to the School Council, children can wear non-school uniform - ideally with something red. 50p child - NO CASH into school, please pay via Parentpay

**The last after-school clubs will be on W/C 18th March - with an extra session for Coding Club on Thursday 28th March and Colouring Club on Monday 25th March**

## TEA AT TWO

This week, Tea at Two is awarded to:

- Class 1: Martha and Jorgie
- Class 2: Emily and Osha
- Class 3: Flo and Bella W
- Class 4: Kenzie and Martha W



for behaving exceptionally in school this week

## PRESENTATION HERO

This week, our Presentation Hero award goes to:

Austin (Class 2), Angus (Class 4) and Eddie (Class 4)



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

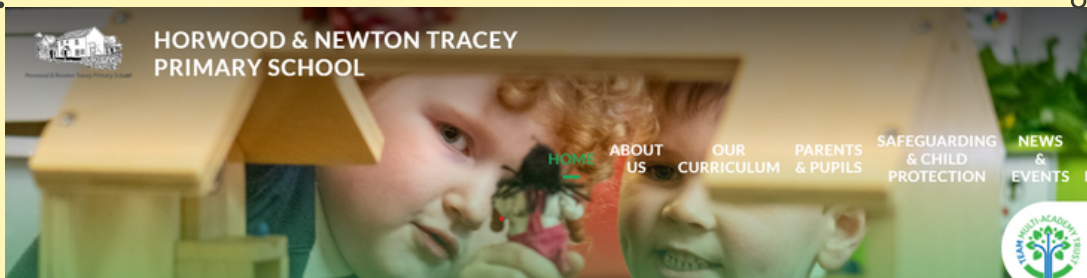
### Letters/Emails sent out this week...

Class	Topic
All classes	Headlice in school - please treat if necessary
All classes	New sign up form available for our Breakfast Club for the first half of the Summer Term

**BREAKING  
NEWS**

## OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE IS NOW LIVE!

**BREAKING  
NEWS**



Find us at [www.https.devon.sch.uk](https://www.devon.sch.uk)

We have been very careful to ensure that only those children with parental permission for photographs to be included on the school website have been included on our website. If your child's photo has been included, but you would prefer us to remove it, please let Carla know in the school office. We are still working on the content of the newsletter, so please bear with us.

## 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

### Safety concerns:

Please can you ensure that children are supervised when using the Village Hall car park. Additionally, the spring bulbs are in flower so please ensure children stay off the grass verges. Thank you for your understanding.

### 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@hntps.org](mailto:admin@hntps.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: 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: 11/03, 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

Class 1 have been learning about spring bulbs and flowers.



## Class 2

Year 1 this week had a brilliant time at Forest School, where they were busy making clay faces on trees. Year 2 were developing their ball skills this week, where they had to use a tennis racket to move the ball around, avoiding all of the cones.



## Class 3

Finally, some nice weather for PE. This week we have been practising our ball control skills and our forehand. We have learnt how to hold the racquet and how to hit the ball back to our partner. A great afternoon of learning in the sunshine!



## Class 4

Class 4 have had great fun designing and making their own soft toys. They have been able to develop their sewing skills and adapt the designs as they went along. Much fun was had!



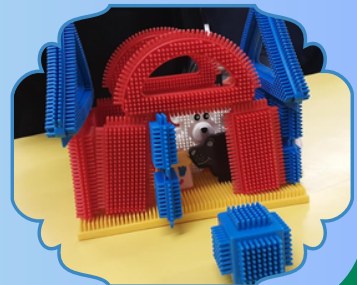
# Nursery

We have loved making, decorating and wrapping gifts for our Mummy's. Happy Mother's Day to all our preschool Mummy's ❤️



## Breakfast Club

We had lots of great activities on offer this week, including learning how to put on arm slings and bandages!





# Breakfast Club - great pupil feedback!



## Head lice

We have cases of head lice in school. Please can parents check their children's hair and treat where necessary. You can find a wealth of information about different kinds of treatment on the NHS website.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

## Umberleigh PE event

A small group of children spent a morning at Umberleigh this week. The children took part in a variety of outdoor learning activities with other schools from within the Trust and had great fun. Thank you to Ms Clarke and Mrs Gordon for taking the children.





# Congratulations!

## IMOGEN

Imogen represented the Dulverton West Pony Club under 11 Team at the Area 15 quiz at the weekend. For the second year running they came top of the 11 teams competing and will represent Area 15 at the National Pony Club quiz final in Sheffield in April.



## WORLD BOOK DAY 2024

Children across the school enjoyed sharing their books in family groups, creating book marks and looking at our #bookselfie displays. The teachers also had time to share their favourite books during our whole school story time. We've had a great day sharing a love of books and reading.














### 10 top tips for parents to support children to read

1. Encourage your child to read.
2. Read aloud regularly.
3. Encourage reading choice.
4. Read together.
5. Create a comfortable environment.
6. Make use of your local library.
7. Talk about books.
8. Bring reading to life.



# HNTPS Breakfast Club Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cereals served with milk (7) Rice Krispies (2) Corn Flakes (2) Weetabix (2) (14) Fruit	Cereals served with milk (7) Rice Krispies (2) Corn Flakes (2) Weetabix (2) (14) Fruit	Cereals served with milk (7) Rice Krispies (2) Corn Flakes (2) Weetabix (2) (14) Fruit	Cereals served with milk (7) Rice Krispies (2) Corn Flakes (2) Weetabix (2) (14) Fruit	Cereals served with milk (7) Rice Krispies (2) Corn Flakes (2) Weetabix (2) (14) Fruit
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Milk (7), water, orange juice, apple juice	Milk (7), water, orange juice, apple juice	Milk (7), water, orange juice, apple juice	Milk (7), water, orange juice, apple juice	Milk (7), water, orange juice, apple juice

													
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## BREAKFAST CLUB!

## Exciting!



Lots to do!



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



Arts and Crafts



Sign up for April and May - forms available from the school office now!

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

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