HORWOOD AND NEWTON TRACEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER





Friday 22nd March 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

We started this week with a great set of cricket sessions thanks to Martin Brice and Chance To Shine Cricket. There was lots of fun game based learning and practice of the key batting and fielding skills.

This built on our winter sessions with Martin and will set us up nicely for the summer term

All the children in Year 1 to Year 6 have completed assessments over the past few weeks and we have been very impressed with their mature and hardworking attitude to these tests. Very well done to everyone - you have all worked hard.

We always frame anything we do with a growth mindset, and that as learners we try hard, always look forward and think about our next steps. We don't dwell on our mistakes, but use these as a helpful hint on what to do next time. This is something that we think is really important to help foster resilience and is built into our school code.

Testing plays an important role in our assessment process and enables teaching staff to look at where any gaps are and plan to fill these as quickly as possible. You will not be surprised to learn that in Maths, gaps often result from children not being able to recall times table facts or basic number facts speedily. In Reading, errors often occur because children have struggled with vocabulary. As parents, you can support your child in both areas by practising number facts with them and listening to their reading of a wide range of fiction and non-fiction texts - explaining unfamiliar words as you go.

The children will take some statutory tests over the Summer term including Year 6 SATS in May, Year 4 multiplication check and Year 1 phonics screening. These tests help measure the attainment of pupils in relation to the standards set out in the national curriculum, and help schools identify strengths and areas for development.

Have a lovely weekend, Mr Hick



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@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.

CLASS NEWS THIS WEEK

Class 1

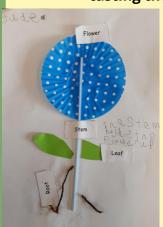
Class 1 had a visit from Farmer May to learn all about tractors.

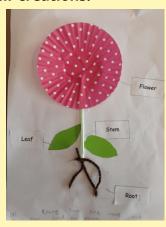




Class 2

This week in science, year 1 created their own flower and labelled the different parts, while year 2 drew, labelled and explained what the jobs are of the different parts of the plant. They have also been very excited to design, prepare and try their own fruit smoothie. They had lots of fun doing this and it was lovely to see them all enjoy tasting their creations!





Class 3

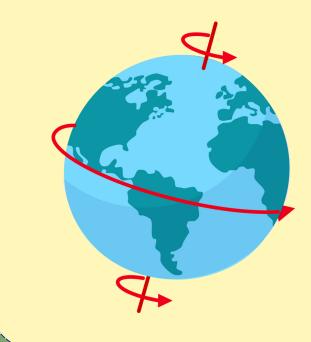
Class 3 have finished their houses this week. Learning about architects and designing and making our own houses has been great fun. We have enjoyed using some of Gaudi's features in our own designs and this week we have compared his work with other famous architects.



Class 4



Class 4 have looked at what we know about the religion of the Shang Dynasty by using primary sources of evidence. They have also been thinking about why we have night and day because of the rotation of the earth on its axis.





Nursery

Our fabulous still life paintings of daffodils.





Breakfast Club







More tractors-mini form building Something form animals
Louis Louis Screen
Lilly

big lego base plates
Ms Clark

Monoply Lily

Cheos Elise

Pokemon

Cards

More tractors-mini form building Something on the Screen
Lilly

air hockey

extra behies
buby clothes
buggies

Cot Ms Clark

Pokemon

Luca

Dressing

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Playing on Playground

Can you help us?

We are looking for donations of games and toys in good condition for our Breakfast Club. The children have made a few suggestions ...

Please bring any donations to the school office, thank you for your support.

SCHOOL AWARDS THIS WEEK

TEA AT TWO

This week, Tea at Two is awarded to:

Class 1: Clara and Archie

Class 2: Wilfred and Demelza

Class 3: Bella G and Carter

Class 4: Olivia and Alina

for behaving exceptionally in school this week



PRESENTATION HERO

This week, our Presentation Hero award goes to:

Elle (Class 1), Isabelle (Class 2), Imogen (Class 3) and Harriet (Class 4)

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





Congratulations to Phoebe

For completing the Trampoline proficiency award level 5

| Reminder - Next week: W/C 25th March 2024 | | | | | |
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| MONDAY | TEMPEST Traditional Group Photographs - Classes 2,3 and 4 in the afternoon. Colouring After-school Club extra session | | | | |
| TUESDAY | Cosmic Yoga After-school Club extra session | | | | |
| WEDNESDAY | HOS Interviews | | | | |
| THURSDAY | Last Day of term | | | | |
| FRIDAY | Easter Holidays | | | | |

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.

Next week's Menu - W/C 25/03/24

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|------------|---|---|--|--|----------------|
| Meat | Cod Fillets/Salmon Fishcakes | Cottage Pie | Bacon Buttie | Panini (Ham & Tuna) | Easter holiday |
| Vegetarian | Veggie Fingers/Filled Jacket Potato | Quorn Cottage Pie/Filled Jacket Potato | Veggie Burger Buttie/Filled Jacket Potato | Panini (cheese)/Filled Jacket Potato | |
| Side | Chips/Pasta/ Baked Beans/Peas | Mixed Veg | Potato Wedges/Spaghetti Hoops/Sweetcorn/ | Baby Garlic Potatoes/Salad | |
| Dessert | Sprinkle Cake/ Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt | Apple Crumble & Custard/Fruit Bowl/ Yoghurt | lce cream & Custard Biscuit/Fruit Bowl/ Yoghurt | Oat Crunchie/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt | |



Important information this week

Year 6

Bude Residential 2024

Instalment payments are now due, links are available on your Parentpay accounts. Thank you for your understanding

THANK YOU!

We raised a grand total of £37.00 for Red Nose Day this year!



SAVE THE DATE



On the 11th July we will be holding an E-Safety day in all of our schools. Children will enjoy online sessions with "The 2 Johns" during the day and there will be a staff session after school. In the evening we will have an online session for parents and carers. These sessions will be live and fully interactive.

"John and John spent many years working as Police Detectives in various covert roles tackling Online and Offline Child Exploitation The '2 Johns' are regarded as experts in their field and every year they work in hundreds of Primary and Secondary Schools interacting with Children, Teachers and Parents."

If you would like any more information on the 2 Johns then please see their website Home - eSafety Training

Private Music Lessons Next Term

Rhiannon Wright, Singing Teacher and Jeffers Mayo, piano, drums, guitar, ukulele will be coming into school after the Easter holidays to provide private music lessons. If you would like more information, please contact Carla in the office.



Information about Working Entitlement Funding for parents!

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

Dear Parents,

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 <u>Gateway Account</u> immediately to apply or reconfirm. If you are unsure if you are entitled to the working entitlement, please check the <u>Eligibility Criteria</u>.

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 <u>Gateway Account</u> 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.



SPORTS FOR CHAMPIONS UK SPONSORSHIP EVENT - We are raising funds to buy resources for our new outdoor classroom

Your child/children should have brought home a sponsorship form at the end of last week in preparation for our visit on 25th April by Ottillie Robinson-Shaw, a top ranking UK freestyler kayaker. During her presentation to children across the school, Ottillie will talk to us about her journey as a top athlete and children will also take part in some exercise during the day with her. Every child (Reception to Class 4) has been provided with an official Sports for Champions UK form so that they can challenge themselves to complete these exercises for sponsorship. Please ensure that your child approaches 'safe' adults who are known to your family for sponsorship.

We have two methods of collecting sponsorship money:

- 1. Use the QR code on the sponsorship form to donate directly through the Crowd Funding website to Sports for Champions UK
 - 2. Inform the school office of the total amount that your child has raised and we will set up a special link in your Parentpay account.

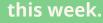
CHALLENGES:

Spotty Dogs, Leg Drives, Full or Half Press-Ups, Star Jumps
Each exercise will be performed for 60 seconds!





We are pleased to announce that Ottillie Robinson-Shaw will be joining us on the 25th April. She is a freestyle kayaker who will be coming in to talk to us about her journey as an athlete. All children will take part in some exercise during the day and will be seeking sponsorship. Children will be bringing home some more information and a sponsorship form











Community Clear Up Day

Your Parish Needs Your Help!! HLNT Parish Council are taking part in the Community Clear up campaign and invite you to join us for

Community Litter Pick

Saturday 30th March 2024

10-11am

At Lovacott Village Hall

Light Refreshments provided

Everyone Welcome!

Equipment provided but please bring your own gloves.





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 |



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