

HORWOOD AND NEWTON TRACEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Enabling children to be the best that they can be!



Friday 28th March 2024



Dear parents and carers,



Happy Easter! This term has whistled by and we have had lots of successes to celebrate. A lot of you will have received reports this week which show just how much hard work and learning has taken place. At this point, I thought it would be good to make clear that when we talk about progress on our reports that steady progress is the aim. If you see that your child has made steady progress in a subject then this means that they are making the progress we would expect for them. This is a praise worthy achievement. We know that we still have the summer term ahead of us and much more learning to do. Please continue to support your child by reading with them regularly and completing homework.

We are looking forward to the summer and brighter weather with lots of exciting activities such as bike ability, sports day (provisionally booked for the 5th and 12th June weather dependent), the Bude residential in May, and Otillie Robinson-Shaw, the top ranking UK freestyler-kayaker who will be visiting our school on Thursday 25th April. Hopefully, everyone has started collecting sponsorship pledges on their Sports for Champions UK form. Please ensure that your child approaches 'safe' adults who are known to your family for sponsorship.

Thank you for continuing to be mindful at pick up and drop off, and ensuring children are staying out of the road. We are having a road awareness week in June when a PCSO will be coming in to work with us on how to stay safe on the road. We are particularly grateful to you for making breakfast club work, and that drops off are careful not to block the road for residents.

From all of us here at Horwood and Newton Tracey we wish you a lovely Easter weekend.

Best wishes, Mr Hick



Further summer term information for Class 2

Today, your child will bring home a plant pot. They have planted a rosemary, mint or chive seed, some of which have started to grow. If you could please continue to watch them grow over Easter and send in a photo or draw a picture of the herb when it has grown. This will be greatly appreciated as part of our science learning.

I look forward to seeing how the herbs grow.
Mrs Northmore



First week back: W/C 15th April 2024

MONDAY	First day back Class 4 PE (athletics & rounders) - please come to school wearing PE kit
TUESDAY	Year 3 PE (athletics & cricket) - please come to school wearing PE kit Year 4 - Forest School - please come to school wearing Forest School kit
WEDNESDAY	Class 2 PE (athletics & batting and fielding- please come to school wearing PE kit
THURSDAY	Nursery - Forest School Class 1 - Forest School
FRIDAY	Class 1 will be doing a full change for PE on Friday afternoons, although they may need kit any day weather permitting.

Further information for Class 1 PE

Please could you ensure your child has a PE T-shirt, shorts, pants and spare socks in their bag when it is returned after Easter. If school shoes are 'trainer type' with suitable grip, separate PE shoes are not required, otherwise trainers need to be in PE kit bag also.

The bag will be kept in school every day until the teacher sends it home to be washed. It is part of the early years curriculum that children should be able to dress/undress independently Thank you for your support and cooperating with this.

Mrs French

CLASS NEWS THIS WEEK



Class 1 HAPPY EASTER

Class 1 have been finding out about Easter this week



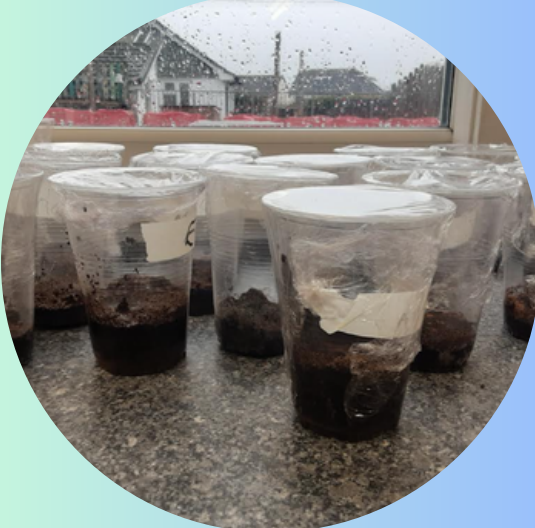
Class 2



To end our topic on the Scented Garden and India, the children made their own naan breads this week. They had to measure out ingredients, mix and roll out the dough. I hope they enjoyed eating them as much as they did making them!



This week class 3 have made their own mini water cycles. We will be carefully watching them to see if we can notice evaporation, condensation and precipitation over the next few days. We have added some cress seeds to our pots so we should hopefully also see our cress growing.



Class 4



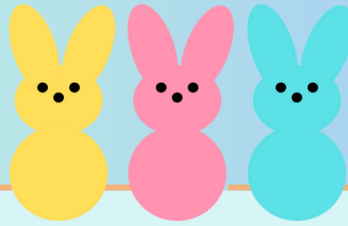
As part of our weekly Jigsaw/pshe lessons class 4 have been learning how to put each other in the recovery position - an important skill for anyone.



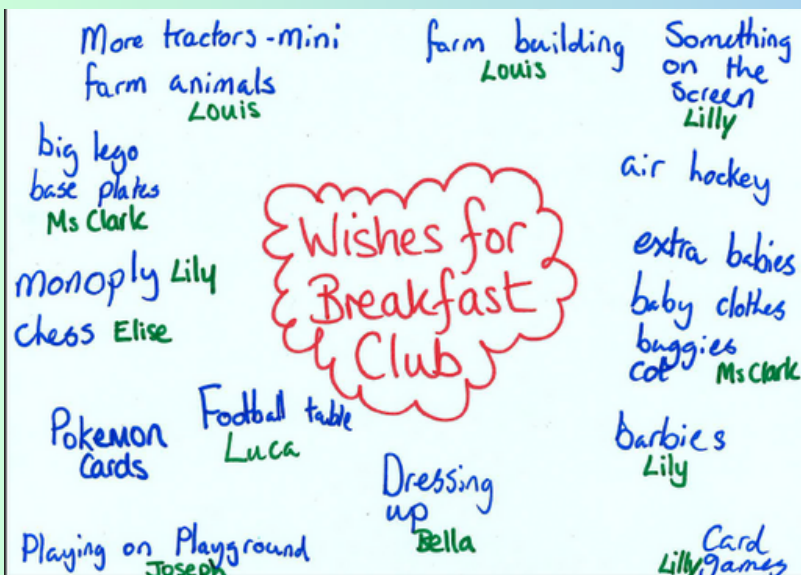
Nursery



We are getting very eggcited for Easter.



Breakfast Club



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.

CHILDREN'S ABSENCES

- 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!

CONTACTING THE SCHOOL OFFICE

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.

Year 6 Bude Residentials

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

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2023/2024

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

Summer Term Lunch Menu

Our meal price is £2.50 per day for Class 3 and 4 children. Classes 1 and 2 children qualify for Universal Free School Meal funding.

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

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

15/04, 29/04,
13/05

Lunch menu W/C 15th April 2024

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Meat/ Fish	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fishcakes	Sweet Chilli Chicken Fajitas	Hot Dog/Sausage & Pasta	Roast Gammon	Ham/Tuna Panini or Roll
Vegetarian	Veggie Fingers/Filled Jacket Potato	Veggie Fajita/Filled Jacket Potato	Veggie Sausage/Filled Jacket Potato	Veggie Burger/Filled Jacket Potato	Cheese Panini/Filled Jacket Potato
Side	Chips/Pasta/ Baked Beans/Sweetcorn	Potato Wedges/ Sweetcorn	Spaghetti Hoops/ Sweetcorn	Roast Potatoes/ Vegetables/ Gravy	Garlic Potatoes/Salad
Dessert	Chocolate Cake & chocolate sauce/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt	Banana Muffins/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt	Swiss Crumble & Custard/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt	Ice Cream & Fruit Jelly/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt	Chocolate Cracknell/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt

Can you help us.....



The Friends of HNTPS are putting on a Bingo night next term – we will be announcing dates and times shortly!!

In readiness for this we are looking for donations of **Raffle Prizes** for the event – if you have any unwanted gifts from Christmas or have a spare box of chocolates or bottle of wine you would like to donate – all items would be gratefully received.

Please send any raffle donations into school.

Thank you in advance for all your support.

Friends of HNTPS

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 this week.



Community Information

#LITTER HEROES AMBASSADORS

Community Clear Up Day

Your Parish Needs Your Help!! HINT 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.



Newton Tracey Church

COFFEE and a CHAT



**Wednesday
17th April**

at The Hunters Inn
10 – 11.30

Everyone is very welcome

Alverdiscott Community Hall

**Friday
12th
April**

**7pm for
7:30pm**



Teams of
up to 6 people
£5 per head

Includes
refreshments,
with licensed bar

Book your place with Liz White on 01271 858441
or bulworthy@aol.com

Alverdiscott Community Hall

BIG BREAKFAST

Sunday 5th May

From 9.00am to 1.00pm
Adults £10, under 10s £5



All profits raised go to
North Devon Hospice

YOUTH CLUB

**Thursday
11th April
6-7.30pm**

For ages 8 and upwards, in
Newton Tracey Church. There is
a small charge of £2 per child.

For more information
ring Kate on 01271 858268

BARNSTAPLE
TOWN COUNCIL

FREE

Easter

CRAFTING WORKSHOPS

WEDNESDAY

3RD & 10TH APRIL 2024



11AM-2PM



**GUILDHALL,
BARNSTAPLE**

Just the Way We Are



An art exhibition about ageing

- open to all ages

Barnstaple Library Foyer

Saturday 30th March

9am - 1pm



@nickyruddickart