



Horwood and Newton Tracey Community Primary School Newsletter

Friday, 15th March 2019

Dear parents, carers and children

This week we have focused on the children being involved with Science investigations, as it has been British Science Week. Each class has held practical sessions: Class 4 has focused on forces, Class 3 circuits, Class 2 solids and liquids and Class 1 have made chocolate fossil dinosaurs and slime!

It has been lovely to see how much the children have enjoyed the practical sessions and increased their scientific vocabulary as they have worked on investigating. As a result of this week, the school is going to develop a more rigorous and strategic approach to teaching science, including more practical investigations, in the next academic year especially looking at independent and collaborative learning.

Today is Red Nose Day and it has been great to see the children wearing something red and being involved with a wider, fundraising project. Thank you everyone for your donations.

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Air Ambulance Night Landing Site – Parish Field

The school attended this important consultation evening this week. The Parish Council is now going to submit a planning application for the light column which is needed to facilitate its implementation. I will keep you updated of progress.

Parish Field

The school attended the Parish Council meeting this week where the issue of allowing dogs onto the Parish Field was discussed. The Parish Council agreed to maintain the rule of no dogs on the field, which the school supports, to keep our school children safe as we use the field for sports and recreation activities.

Walking Bus

Devon Highways have now completed a site survey for the Walking Bus route and approved the school's plans. Would any parent/carer like to volunteer to help staff the Walking Bus from the Summer Term? Please express your interest via the office. A DBS check will need to be undertaken and full training will be given.

w/c Monday 18th March

Mon 18th: parent/carer consultations

Tue 19th: Clubs: Y6 Maths
Booster
C1 and C2 Board games
Y3, 4, 5 Origami

Wed 20th: parent/carer consultations

Thu 21st: World Poetry Day
Netball Club

Parent Consultations

Appointments have been sent home. If you did not return the appointment slip in time to receive a time slot, please speak directly to your child's teacher.

Book Bags in Class 1 and 2

A reminder that children in Class 1 and 2 should have a book bag in school rather than a back pack please.

Book Tracker

Congratulations Marley for book tracking 5 books. Excellent reviews from Beatrice and Amy F!

FRIENDS of the School

Easter Bingo Raffle Prizes

The Friends are asking if every family would be kind enough to donate £1 per pupil towards the raffle prizes for the Easter Bingo night on Wednesday, 3rd April? Donation envelopes will be sent home next week. Thank you in advance for your support.

Easter Bingo

FOR SALE

The school piano – enquiries please via the office.

The old coat racks and pegs for Class 2 and 3 have been removed and need disposing of. Would anyone like them?

COMMUNITY NEWS

Fremington Girl Guiding Needs You!

Fremington/Sticklepath/Bickington Girlguiding are looking for adults volunteers to help at their weekly meetings. Can you spare 1 - 2 hours a week in the evening?

If you can and would like to join a very active and adventurous district/unit.

Please contact Katie on kwestwood93@gmail.com for more information or have a look at the Girlguiding website.

If your daughter is between 5 and 14 years of age and would like to have fun, do adventurous activities in a safe girl only environment, then

RAINBOWS/BROWNIES/GUIDES is the ideal place for them. If your daughter would like to join a group, then please register your daughter and follow the link to the Join US portal:

enquiryv.girlguiding.org.uk



Burton Art Gallery Exhibition

Class 2 have completed some 3D artwork inspired by the work of Pablo Picasso.

We are very proud to be exhibiting this artwork at the Burton Art Gallery in Bideford. It is available for anyone to view during normal gallery opening hours from March 16th – April 22nd.

Anyone who visits the exhibit is also being asked to vote for their favourite piece. The winner will receive an award at a presentation night on Tuesday 2nd April with two further prizes being selected at random from the votes cast during the exhibition.

Please support the children by visiting the gallery and voting for us!

Thank you to Mrs Hopkins for organising our submissions.

Walking Bus

The school is hopeful that a Walking Bus to and from the Village Hall will be running after Easter. Children will be able to be dropped off from 8.30 am and walked back to the Village Hall for 3.45 pm. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis (once volunteers have been appointed and trained). There will initially be 16 places to gauge how popular the scheme is. More details will follow.