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THE TARRANT TIMES

THE NEWSLETTER FOR HURSTBOURNE TARRANT CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our Core Christian Values are: Respect, Effort, Aim High, Honesty, Care and Love
Collective Worship Theme: Compassion

Dear Parents,

It has certainly been a busy start to the half term with new topics starting in three of the classes. Spring Class have just started that their Superheroes topic. Following the workshop on History Day, Summer Class have begun their topic on the great Fire of London. Autumn Class have just started their work on 'Walk on the Wildside' which looks at rainforest habitats. and I would like to thank everyone who attended and cheered on the children in our annual pancake race. As always, it was great fun watching the children and staff take part.

I would like to say a HUGE thank you to the working party of adults and children who helped to tidy **Syd's Garden** during the last INSET Day. This included: Mr and Mrs Linsley, (as well as Alan) Mr and Mrs Wallace, Mr and Mrs Juniper, Mrs Bush, Mrs Mezger Mr Pockett and Ms Yager. The following children also helped: William B, Ash L, Eva J, Flora W, Bibi M and Bo M. Mr Solomon and myself are amazed by how much light now floods into this lovely space.



There are also a couple of **staffing changes** that will be occurring over the next few weeks. Unfortunately, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Harrison as she has decided to leave us at Easter to enjoy a well-deserved retirement. Mrs Harrison has worked at our school since 2008 and is responsible for teaching French in Autumn and Winter Class. I wish her all the best for the future. Miss Kirk will be returning to us following her maternity leave. Although her formal return is after Easter, Miss Kirk will be with us on Friday's this term to work with Miss Gelderd on supporting our SEND pupils. All communication regarding SEND should be sent to Miss Kirk via the school office.

Just a reminder that our **Easter service** is on Thursday 26th March at 2:00pm in the church. Autumn Class will be performing their play 'Good News'. It would be great if you could join us. Warmest regards as always,
Gareth Dee

Prayer of the week

This prayer was written by Winter Class.
Dear God,

*Thank you for the changing seasons and the warm weather that arrived this week
Please help the people of Wales celebrate St. David's Day. Amen.*



Attendance

Pupil attendance is often in the news and poor attendance can really affect your child's attainment at school so it is important that your child is in school at all times. Please could you help us by:

- ✓ Ensuring your child arrives on time for school every day and is ready to learn. Pupils must be in school by 8:35am.
- ✓ If your child appears to be only slightly unwell, send them in to school. We have staff who will contact you if their condition deteriorates.
- ✓ If possible, please book any medical appointments outside of school hours. If this is unavoidable, please book for as late in the afternoon as possible and inform the school of appointments in advance.

If your child becomes reluctant to go to school or you need help, please contact the school immediately; we are more likely to be able to work together to solve any problems if we act early.

Thank you so much.

98-100%	• Excellent - Children are accessing all learning opportunities
96-97%	• Good - Very few learning opportunities are missed
94-95%	• Risk of underachievement • Up to 10 school days absent in an academic year
92-93%	• High risk of underachievement • Up to 15 school days absent in an academic year
90-92%	• Severe risk of underachievement • Upwards of 22 school days absent in the academic year
< 90%	• Extreme risk of underachievement • Upwards of 22 school days absent in the academic year

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★ Time to celebrate! Congratulations to all of the children listed below who have been identified over the last week for being truly brilliant!

Star Awards		Polite Person	Values Cup	Toolbox Trophy	Birthdays
	27th February				Ash L Isaac J Francis D Eva H Maya H Amelia M Jeph B Cherry P S 
Spring	Mason H Honor L	Max Schols	Grace B Arthur B	Grace P	
Summer	Willow P Hugo K				
Autumn	Jasmine H Harvey E				
Winter	Grace V Oliver T				



Reading Reward Scheme:

Please don't forget to record in the log book each time your child reads at home. Well done to the following children who received a certificate or badge on Monday.



Grace V—150 Home Reads
Sofia H—600 Home Reads
Mariela H—600 Home Reads

World Book Day—Next Week!

This year the school is celebrating World Book Day in style on Thursday 5th March. The children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. The learning on this day will be focused around Alice in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll. Each class will share their work during Celebration Worship at the end of the week.



Dates for the Diary



Thursday 5th March		World Book Day
Tuesday 10th March	1:15pm	Rural Schools' Cross Country for KS2
Wednesday 18th March	9am	Outcome and Evacuee Day for Winter Class
Thursday 19th March		Comic Relief (Autumn Class)
Friday 20th March		Comic Relief and World Down Syndrome Day
Friday 20th March		Autumn Class trip to The Living Rainforest
Tuesday 24th March	3:30pm	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 25th March	2:30pm	Summer Class outcome (on the field)
Thursday 26th March	2pm	Easter Service—Autumn Class to perform 'Good News'
Thursday 26th March	3:30pm	Parents' Evening
Friday 27th March	1pm	Easter Bazaar and end of term
Monday 13th April		INSET Day

*More dates may be added or changed during next term so please check each newsletter or our website.

'Love of Learning, Love of Life, Love of Christ'