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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: Forgiveness



Welcome back and a Happy New Year to you all! I hope you all had a restful and relaxing holiday and are now looking forward to our new term. I have to start this newsletter with some sad news. David Sullivan (Mr Sullivan to all of the children) passed away over the Christmas holidays. Mr Sullivan had been a friend of the school for many years and led our Monday morning worship with myself. I know that all of the children and staff will miss his retelling of the Bible stories and how they link to everyday life. I know I will miss our little chats and the odd prayer in my office once he had finished worship. I would like to take this opportunity to send his family our condolences at this difficult time.



We have lots of exciting things planned for the new term so please keep your eyes peeled to see what's coming next. Our new theme for collective worship is 'Forgiveness'. The new topics are well underway. Spring Class have begun their 'Huff, Puff and Gruff' topic where they look at a variety of traditional tales. A few children have already visited my office this week with pictures of The three Bears! Summer Class are now learning all about 'Giants' in their new topic with much of the work linking to the book 'The Smartest Giant in Town'. Autumn Class have now begun their topic, 'Can You Feel The Force' which looks at natural disasters such as volcanoes, tsunamis and earthquakes. Winter Class have begun their new topic which looks at the Mayan civilization.

I hope you enjoyed the end of term celebrations—I know I did! Thank you to everyone who joined us for Carols Around the Tree; it was a great turn-out for one of my favourite events of the year! I also loved seeing our youngest children acting so well, both in the church and on stage in the hall. It reminded me of how special our children are and how lucky we are as a community to work together.

Best wishes as always,
Gareth Dee

Prayer of the week

I would like to share one of the class prayers with you. This prayer was written by Winter Class.

Dear God,

Thank you for allowing Mr Sullivan to be part of our lives. He was very special. Please take care of him in heaven. We shall miss him immensely.

Amen.



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

Star Awards		Polite Person	Values Cup	Toolbox Trophy	Birthdays
	10th January				Zenon C Zach M
Spring	Iona B Arthur J	Jorgia H	Zach M	Archie F	
Summer	Grace B Isaac J				
Autumn	Jack H Piper J				
Winter	Anna D Max K				

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Ice: Be aware of icy conditions on and around the playground and bridge, especially on those cold winter mornings.

Reading Reward Scheme

Please don't forget to record in the log book each time your child reads at home. These are totalled each week (to a maximum of 7) and recorded in school. At each 50 read interval the children will receive either a certificate or a very fancy enamelled badge. It works like Sainsbury's reward points—the more you read the more you get!

Snow!

Having been watching the weather forecast this week, I thought I would remind everyone that if we do have heavy snowfall, please listen to Andover Breeze, check the school website or check Hampshire's main website for updates on the school. We will always endeavour to open if possible but as some members of the staff, and children, live a distance from the school this is not always possible.

Reminders:

- ✓ Please send your children into school with a coat and sensible shoes. The days may be damp but we do like to allow the children to get some fresh air!
- ✓ Please also can the children have their PE kits in school EVERY DAY including a cheap track suit so that we can go outside even if its cold!
- ✓ Please re-label all of your children's items or clothes—over time a pen label will fade in the wash—so trying to reunite a jumper with its owner can be somewhat tricky!
- ✓ Please make sure all long hair is tied up as this helps to keep the spread of nits to a minimum.



Dates for the Diary



Monday 20th January	3:30pm	Maths Information Evening for Years 3-6
Wednesday 29th January	12:45pm	Rural School's Cross-Country
Monday 10th February	2:30pm	Summer Class Outcome
Wednesday 12th February	2:30pm	Spring Class Outcome
Thursday 13th February	2:30pm	Autumn Class Outcome
Friday 14th February	9:00am	Winter Class Outcome
Monday 17th February		Half Term
Monday 24th February		School begins
Tuesday 4th March	8:45am	Pancake Races on the playground
Thursday 6th March		World Book Day
Tuesday 1st April	3:30pm	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 2nd April	2:00pm	Easter Service at the church.
Thursday 3rd April	3:30pm	Parents' Evening
Friday 4th April		Easter Bazaar (No Celebration Worship)
		End of Term (school finishes at 3:15pm as normal).
Tuesday 22nd April		INSET DAY.

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

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