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THE TARRANT TIMES

THE NEWSLETTER FOR
HURSTBOURNE TARRANT CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

Welcome Back

Welcome back to a new school year at Hurstbourne Tarrant CE Primary School. I hope you all had a lovely summer break and have returned to school refreshed and relaxed. I would like to welcome all of our new children and families into our school community. It really was lovely to see our new Spring Class children start their very first day of school with us.

The children have settled in well into their new classes and are already working enthusiastically on their new topics. Winter Class are learning all about space, Autumn Class are learning all about the pop up books. Summer Class are learning about toys and Spring Class are learning all about themselves in their 'All About Me' topic. Mrs Sims will continue to teach music across the school every Wednesday. We have some lovely things planned this term and attached to this newsletter is a list of dates so far for this year for your diaries. All are welcome to Celebration Worship and you can access the hall from 2:30pm via the door in Syd's Garden. On a sad note, Mrs Tuson has decided to leave us.

Please accept my apologies for any issues with our school website, we are in the process of migrating our website to a new provider so please bear with us if there are any glitches or technical issues! Here's to a really successful year ahead.

Kindest regards, as always,
Gareth Dee

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. When your child has received 100 home reads, they will receive a bronze badge. At 200 they receive a silver badge, 300 means a gold badge, 400 diamond, 500 platinum, 600 ruby, 700 sapphire, 800 emerald, 900 citrine and 1000 amethyst. If your child manages 1500 home reads, they will become a star reader!



It works like supermarket reward ★ points—the more you read the more you get!

Refreshers and Reminders!

- 1) Please make sure that PE Kits are in school every day. We do tend to make good use of the sunshine when it is with us.
- 2) PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE help us to get lost property back to its owners by writing your child's name in everything!!!
- 3) If your child has just entered Y3 remember that unfortunately you now have to start paying for school lunches if you take them. They cost £3.30 a day. If it makes it easier you can pay by the half term or term in advance.
- 4) Unless it is part of an Individual Education Plan, please could toys—including cuddly toys and fidgets remain at home. Pokemon cards should not be in school at all! The school accepts no responsibility for damage to these objects.



Do you have a child due to start school in September 2027?

(Or do you know someone who is?)

We are holding two open mornings for prospective parents on Thursday 22nd October and Thursday 19th November from 1:30pm to 3pm.

If for some reason you or your friend can't make that date, you may of course book individual appointments with me through the School office.

www.hbtpprimary.net

Reading Information Meeting

This year, we are holding a reading information meeting on Monday 28th September from 3:30pm in the School hall. This will be for parents with children in Spring Class and Summer Class. The aim of the meeting is to give information about how the Read Write Inc reading scheme works and how you can support your child when reading at home. We would love to see you there.



Prayer of the week

This week's prayer was written by Autumn Class.



Dear God,
We hope all the new children in Spring Class have enjoyed their first week in school.
Please help everyone who has joined HBT feel happy, welcome and valued.
Amen.



Harvest Festival

We will be holding our Harvest Festival Service at the church on Thursday 15th October at 2:30pm. Please could you provide your child with a tin, jar or packet of food during week commencing 12th October. This year, the produce collected will be sent to the Andover Crisis and Support Centre, therefore we would ask for a donation of tins and packets of food to help others less fortunate than ourselves. Thank you so much.



Dates for the Diary



Thursday 17th September	3:15pm	Friends' AGM (in the school hall)
Friday 18th September		House Captain Elections
Friday 25th September		School Council Elections
Monday 28th September	3:30pm	Reading Information Evening
Wednesday 7th October		Bikeability (Year 6)
Thursday 8th October		Bikeability (Year 6)
Friday 9th October	9:15am	Alice in Wonderland—M and M Productions
Thursday 15th October	2:30pm	Harvest Festival at the church
Friday 16th October	9am	Autumn Class Outcome
Tuesday 20th October	3:30—7:30pm	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 21st October	9am	Summer Class Outcome
Thursday 22nd October	1.30pm	YR Open Afternoon
Thursday 22nd October	3:30—7:30pm	Parents' Evening
Friday 23rd October	9am	Winter Class Outcome
Friday 23rd October	2.30pm	Spring Class Outcome
Friday 23rd October		End of term
Monday 2nd November to Friday 6th November		PGL Residential for Winter Class
Thursday 19th November	1:30pm	YR Open Afternoon
Thursday 3rd December	2:30pm	Christingle Service at the church
Friday 4th December	1:30pm—4pm	Whole School trip to the Panto (Corn Exchange)
Wednesday 9th December	1:45pm	Y1/2 Nativity Play
Thursday 10th December	1:45pm	Y1/2 Nativity Play
Tuesday 15th December	2pm	Carol Service and Spring Class Nativity (Church)
Thursday 17th December		Fun Day
Friday 18th December	12pm	Carols Around the Tree. Term Finishes

*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!'