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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: Courage

What a busy few weeks!

As I sit here writing, I can honestly say that autumn has arrived particularly with those chilly darker mornings! What a busy start to the term it has been. So many children have been to see me with excellent work, especially the partitioning work in maths completed by Autumn Class. Our Spring Class children have settled in well: just the other day I found myself working with a group of children building a marble run! All of the classes are busily working on their new topics whether that is space, pop up books or toys; it's great to hear such a buzz of learning across the school.

On Monday, after school, we have our **Reading Information Evening**. This is an ideal opportunity to learn how we teach phonics at our school; the meeting is aimed at parents of children in Spring and Summer Class. Please do attend and find out more about how the Read, Write, Inc scheme develops our early readers.

For those of you new to the school, your children are automatically allocated a house to belong to (unfortunately we don't have a sorting hat!) Each week excellent work and behaviour is recognised by the giving of star points to the children. Every Monday, the house captains reveal the total of house points accrued for the week. The winning house is then allowed to fly their flag on the flag post for the week. Blue= Badgers, Red=Squirrels, Yellow=Foxes and Green=Hedgehogs. These points are then accumulated for the year to decide which house wins the House Cup in July. As Tesco say, 'Every Little Helps!' Best wishes as always, Gareth Dee

Prayer of the week
This week's prayer was written by
Spring Class.



Dear God,
Thank you for making us all unique and special. Thank you for our families and all the people who care for us.
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.

House Captain Election Results! Huge congratulations to:



Lysander C C. House Captain for Foxes,
Mariela H. House Captain for Badgers,
Harper L. House Captain for Squirrels,
Amelia M. House Captain for Hedgehogs.



Safeguarding

Over the past couple of weeks, we have noticed one or two parents attempting to gain access to Spring Class. Please could I remind everyone that access to the school should be limited to the foyer at the entrance to the school unless you have been invited into the building by a member of staff and dogs should not be brought on to the school site. Thank you.

Do you have a child due to start school in September 2027? (Or do you know someone who is?)

We are holding two open afternoons 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 the school office.

Coats

Unfortunately it is that time of year where the days are not as warm as they were and we are getting the odd shower. Please can you make sure that your child has a labelled coat with them in school everyday. We do try to get the children out to play whatever the weather as young children need to burn some energy after concentrating for long periods of time.



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Stars of the Week!

A huge congratulations must go to the following pupils who have been identified over the past 3 weeks. Well done!

Star Awards				Polite Person	Values Award	Toolbox Trophy	Birthdays
	11th September	18th September	25th September				Tommy D Jack H Lysander Honor Bo Ifedeo Kitty
Spring		Alana G C Ellis J	Zebe M Phoenix E	Ifedeo S A	Jack S	Arthur J	
Summer	Skye M Arthur B	Honor L Aiden P	Effie W Mason H				
Autumn	Ethan B Ash L	Ella-Mae B Max S	Flora W Harry G C	Jasmine H	Antek L	Jemima C	
Winter	Lysander CC Wren L	Sofia H Harper L	Amelia M Ottilie G	Angus B	Oliver T	Freddie C	



Dates for the Diary



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
Monday 23rd November	1pm	Flu Immunisations
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.

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