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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



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. We have lots of exciting things planned for the new term to help continue to develop our school so keep your eyes peeled to see what's coming next. Our new theme for Collective Worship is 'Compassion' so our whole school and class worship will be examining this concept.

The new topics are now well underway. Spring Class have begun their 'Huff, Puff and Gruff' topic where they look at a variety of traditional tales. Summer Class are now learning all about 'Once Upon a Time' in their new topic. Their focused text is 'Into the Forest' by Anthony Browne. Autumn Class have now begun their new topic, 'Suits You'. This is a Design Technology topic which will help the children develop their skills when using fabric to create a new waistcoat for Fantastic Mr Fox. Winter Class have begun their new topic 'We'll Meet Again' This topic looks at how the lives of children were affected by World War II, including evacuation. One of the key texts that the children will be examining is 'Goodnight Mr Tom' by Michelle Magorian. There is also a trip to the Steam Museum booked which will enable the children to experience life in an air raid shelter and how they might feel if they had to be evacuated.

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 and is probably my favourite event of the whole year, especially when we sing the '12 Days of Christmas'! 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 Autumn Class.

Dear God,

Please keep everyone safe during the snow and bad weather that Storm Goretti brings.

We hope everyone had a lovely Christmas.

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
	9th January				Zach M
Spring	Hector M Effie W	Ollie L	Archie J	Harriet J	
Summer	Arthur B Iona F				
Autumn	Arthur P S Grace P				
Winter	Ottillie G Sofia L S				

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Ice:
Be aware
of icy
condi-
tions on
and
around the play-
ground and bridge,
especially on those
cold winter morn-
ings.

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! Well done to the following children who will receive a certificate or badge on Monday.



Lucy B—100 Home Reads **Jorgia H**—200 Home Reads
Rowan P—550 Home Reads **Eva J**—800 Home Reads

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



Thursday 15th January
Friday 16th January
Monday 19th January
Wednesday 4th February

Wednesday 11th February

Thursday 12th February	9am
Friday 13th February	
Tuesday 24th February	8:45am
Thursday 5th March	
Wednesday 18th March	9am
Tuesday 24th March	3:30pm
Thursday 26th March	3:30pm
Friday 27th March	1pm

Bikeability for Year 6
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Maths Information Evening Autumn/Winter Class
History Day—'Trunk Theatre'
for Summer and Autumn Class
Winter Class STEAM Museum
Autumn Class Outcome
INSET DAY and Half Term
Pancake Races
World Book Day
Outcome and Evacuee Day for Winter Class
Parents' Evening
Parents' Evening
Easter Bazaar and end of term

*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'