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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,

The first three weeks of this term seem to have passed by incredibly quickly. As always, I love to pop into the classrooms and have a look at what the children are learning. Spring Class have just finished their 'wanted posters' for the Big Bad Wolf. These posters have now been displayed around the school. When I visited Spring Class, a few children told me they had seen the wolf. Apparently, he is mean, has grey fur and pink ears!

The teaching of phonics remains a real strength of the school. Many children look forward to their phonics sessions and are learning their sounds with such enthusiasm. When I visited Summer Class, there were four different groups of children all learning their sounds. Having Miss Irons and Miss O'Donnell in the school for the term really helps us to target extra support to the children. I would like to thank all of those parents who regularly listen to their children read. This support is vital and makes such a difference in helping your child(ren) progress with their phonics and reading.

In Autumn Class, the children are continuing to learn their times tables. This will certainly help secure these key facts which will enable them to solve maths problems that use fractions, decimals and percentages when they arrive in Winter Class. I would also like to thank those parents that attended the maths Information Evening on Monday.

In Winter Class, I saw an art lesson which involved the children depicting the London skyline during the Blitz. The children are thoroughly enjoying the 'We'll Meet Again' topic and are looking forward to the trip to the Steam Museum in Swindon.

And finally, I would like to thank all the parents that completed the questionnaire sent out by Vicky Bradley at the Red Kite Kids Club. She is currently looking at costings for this extended provision and will be in touch soon with further information.

Warmest regards 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 Summer Class.

Dear God,

Thank you for giving us books. Help all children in the world learn to read so that they can enjoy stories like we do.

Amen.



Ice:

Having seen the weather forecast for next week, please be aware of icy conditions on and around the playground and bridge, especially on those cold winter mornings.



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.

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Time to celebrate! Congratulations to all of the children listed below who have been identified over the last 2 weeks for being truly brilliant!

Star Awards			Polite Person	Values Cup	Toolbox Trophy	Birthdays
	16th January	23rd January				
Spring	Aidan P Jemima C	Lucy B Eva H	Elodie H	Eva J	Theo C C	
Summer	Archie J Ada M	Boaz M Lara W				
Autumn	Ruby C Antek L	Wren L Jack H	Francis D	Ash L	Max K	
Winter	Janie H Eli L	Harriet J Anna D				

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.



Aidan P—100 Home Reads
Honor L—100 Home Reads
Ada M—200 Home Reads
Iona B—250 Home Reads
Max S —750 Home Reads
Grace P—1000 Home Reads

Iona F—100 Home Reads
Daisy K - 150 Home Reads
Ada M—250 Home Reads
Willow P—400 Home Reads
Sofia LS—800 Home Reads



Dates for the Diary



Wednesday 4th February

Wednesday 11th February

Wednesday 11th February 2:30pm

Thursday 12th February 9am

Thursday 12th February 2:30pm

Friday 13th February

Tuesday 24th February 8:45am

Friday 27th February

Thursday 5th March

Tuesday 10th March 1:15pm

Wednesday 18th March 9am

Tuesday 24th March 3:30pm

Thursday 26th March 3:30pm

Friday 27th March 1pm

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

History Day—'Trunk Theatre' for Summer and Autumn Class

Winter Class STEAM Museum

Summer Class Outcome

Autumn Class Outcome

Spring Class Outcome

INSET DAY and Half Term

Pancake Races

Dress Down Day and Friends' disco

World Book Day

Rural Schools' Cross Country for KS2

Outcome and Evacuee Day for Winter Class

Parents' Evening

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Easter Bazaar and end of term