

North Tawton Community Primary School

NEWSLETTER



THEME – Inquisitive

Experimenting Questioning Curious

Working with Parents

Thank you to all who were able to attend the Curriculum Evening. A special thank you to Mandy and PJ in the kitchen who provided the tasty food samples carefully selected from Chartwells' menu. We were pleased to see so many parents attend and show such an interest in their children's future with us at North Tawton – read all about that later in Mrs Underwood's letter.

Open Morning and Open Assembly

Every last Friday in the month we open our doors at 8:45 and invite you to come into the classrooms to view the work, see the displays and chat with the teachers. On that same day we also have our open assembly at 2:45. You are welcome to join us to celebrate achievements, including those based on the weekly theme. We are hoping to also give you a lovely treat each month, so you really will have to join us to find out what that might be!

Mrs Grainge Leaving

Our Administrator Mrs Grainge is leaving! She has decided to embark on a brand new and exciting career. She was a very supportive parent while her two children attended our school and loved it so much she decided to become our administrator! She has worked tirelessly to ensure that the office runs smoothly and, along with Mrs Ford, she has been a central part of the inviting and welcoming atmosphere at our school. She has managed to embed new systems and has coped with the many changes over recent times. The staff rely heavily on the school office and we are completely indebted to her professionalism and cheery manner. We will all miss her enormously and wish her the very best as she takes up her new role, which suits her talents perfectly. Her last day is Tuesday 8th October so please do express your farewells personally! She has been a pillar of support to me and I personally will miss her very much. Good Luck Mrs Grainge!

Peripatetic Music

Nick Bryant will be joining us on Monday to start the music lessons. If you are interested please contact Mrs Mathews who will direct you.

Harvest Festival

The collection of goods filled our tables. THANK YOU so much for all your donations. Reverend Weldon has collected these and will be distributing them all to the worthy causes. Thank you for joining us to celebrate in such a fantastic way. We all enjoyed the singing – thank you Mrs Mathews.



Football and Netball Tournament on Friday 4th October

We will be hosting this annual tournament as usual. Other local schools will be joining us. Let's hope for some drier weather! Watch this space for the results.

Next week at a glance

Monday 30.9.19	Nick Bryant Music Teacher in	
Tuesday 1.10.19		Willow Local Geography Trip
Wednesday 2.10.19		
Thursday 3.10.19	CENSUS DAY	
Friday 4.10.19	Football and Netball Tournament Little Seedlings	

Have a lovely weekend
Miss Chauhan

Dear Parents,

As we near the end of September, completing the first month of our school year, I am delighted to see our Three Hares Primaries in full flow with our children engaged in active learning about their schools and the communities surrounding them. I met with our Academy Committee (Governing Body) last week, where the leadership of the schools reported just how fantastic our team of staff have been, in setting up the classrooms and developing the teaching & learning, ready for this term. Our teachers and teaching assistants have worked tirelessly to develop the curriculum and organise resources for a smooth transition into the new academic year. On behalf of our governors, may I take this opportunity to officially thank our staff for their dedication and hard work.

These last few weeks have been busy and many parents have taken up the offer to come into school to meet the teachers and hear a little more about the year ahead and our vision for the Three Hares. Thank you to the large show of parents who attended at North Tawton – I was pleased to meet you formally and for you to be able to put a ‘face to a name’.

Next week, I am looking forward to meeting with school councils to talk about our school logos. We are hoping to incorporate the Three Hares within each logo, which will then be included on future school uniforms, websites and other branded items. Our websites are also being considered for redevelopment, in order to make sure they accurately represent the lives of our schools and the Department for Education compliancy requirements. Please bear with us whilst we work on this key window into our schools.

In my role, I enjoy such a variety of interesting elements which make up each week as I join each staff team in each school, but this week has had a couple of wonderful highlights. On Tuesday, I accompanied children from the Three Hares Primaries at a festival of athletics, held on the sports field at Tavistock College. It was heartwarming to see our children inter-mixing and encouraging each other as they tackled track and field events with other primaries from across our multi-academy trust (MAT). Fortunately, the rain held off until we were back on the bus back to schools and the children were excitedly recalling their experiences. A fun day of sport was enjoyed by all and we are grateful to the Y10 students of the college who organised the activities as part of their GCSE curriculum.

The second highlight of my week was to take a small sample of each school choir to Okehampton College where we joined with schools from across our MAT, to learn some songs to be sung after Christmas on a special day, at the moment referred to as our ‘Trust Day’. More details will follow in due course. Our Three Hares children were magnificent in their behaviour throughout a three hour rehearsal; this was no mean feat as we learned songs with complicated harmonies and in Latin, alongside others which we knew a little better!

Well done to all of our children for another super week in school and I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Kindest regards

Mrs E Underwood
Executive Headteacher