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"Let Your
Light Shine"
Matthew 5:16



Remember to book your child's school dinners for the coming week

Newsletter Friday 10th December 2021

Dear parent/carers,

We have had confirmation of positive COVID cases within a family in class 2 today and are currently awaiting results from other children. We have spoken to Public Health England this morning and are following all necessary guidance. I want to reassure parents that we are putting all relevant measures in place to ensure that we are keeping our children, parents and community safe.

For the remainder of this term the children will be operating as separate bubbles, as we have been for the last month. This will include children entering/exiting the building separately, using separate toilets and sitting in their class bubbles for lunch.

Up until now, the children have been practicing the play in their separate class bubbles, and we had planned for the children to come together in order to record the performance. Because we are waiting on results from children's PCR tests, we do not want to take unnecessary risks and we want to ensure that all children are here to participate in the play as we had initially planned. Instead, staff have planned to record their classes singing the songs from 'Don't be Afraid' next week and send the link out to parents. We plan to delay our Christmas performance until the new year when we have all the children able to participate in the play and hopefully all parents able to watch a live performance.

We know how upsetting this news may be, but we are doing our utmost to ensure, as always, that the safety of all our children, community and staff is our top priority. We will continue as always with regular handwashing and the school will be well ventilated as it always has been.

If your child develops any covid symptoms, we suggest that you take a lateral flow and follow the latest government guidance. If a child develops symptoms at school, we will contact you to take them home and carry out a lateral flow and PCR testing if necessary.

Once again, I want to take this opportunity to thank all our parents for their patience and understanding through these challenging times.

Mrs Cook

School Diary

NO AFTER-SCHOOL
CLUBS THIS WEEK!

December 2021

Monday - 13 th	Christmas Dinner OCRA Multi-sports after-school club, 3:30-4:30pm
Tuesday - 14 th	
Wednesday - 15 th	Christingles in school Tuck Shop , 3:15-3:30pm Art after-school club, 3:30-4:30pm
Thursday - 16 th	Martial Arts club, 3:30-4:30pm
Friday - 17 th	 Pyjamas & messy hair (£1 donation) Celebration Assembly, 9:15-9:30am PE lessons- Class 1 & 2 Music lessons- Class 1 & 2 Festive Tuck Shop , 3:15-3:30pm Swimming-Class 1, 1:30-2:30pm (final session)

Last week's
attendance
was:
99.3%

*Your child must be booked onto our after-school clubs through School Gateway, in order to take part.



Pyjama & Messy Hair Day

On Friday 17th December our School Council have chosen to support Crisis by suggesting that the children wear their pyjamas to school & have messy hair, for a £1 donation.

They will also be putting on an additional Tuck Shop that afternoon, which will be selling some festive treats along with the usual tuck. Profits from this will also be donated to Crisis. For more information or to make a donation to Crisis, please visit their website- www.crisis.org.uk



Dance After-School Club

We are pleased to announce that we will be offering the children an additional after-school club next term, which will be free of charge. Dance club will be led by Jess Squire and take place on Tuesday's, 3:30-4:30pm beginning 11th January 2022. If your child would like to take part, please go to the 'clubs' section of School Gateway to book them on.

**Please remember to cancel your child's booking should they be off school unwell or unable to attend a session, to enable another child to take part.*

Northlew & Ashbury Primary PTFA

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

PTFA Christmas Hamper Raffle

Please use the envelope provided to return all sold/unsold tickets to school, along with payment (*cash only*) by Monday 13th December.

School Uniform

It's important that children are dressed appropriately for the weather, especially as we require windows to be open throughout the day for ventilation. Therefore, we are suggesting that trousers are worn to school, rather than shorts. Coats should be brought into school daily as we recommend they are worn in class, should it be a particularly cold day.



Art Club

This week was the groups final session of the term. The children had loads of fun making mouldable chocolate and then forming their chocolate into festive animals and Christmas shaped truffles. Thank you to Liz for another term of fantastic crafts, which the children have thoroughly enjoyed creating.

After-school Art Club will return on Wednesday 12th January 2022, 3:30-4:30pm, with a new group taking part in 4 sessions. Booking in School Gateway will open on Monday. Please go to the 'payments' section as this club has a £2

per session fee, with the full £8 required upon booking.



Question of the Week

Do you think our playground is a nice environment?

97% Yes

The children thought that everyone was kind to each other and shared the equipment well and the younger children liked the fact there are backs and places to play quieter games

3% No

1 child said no because they didn't like the equipment that was out at lunchtime.

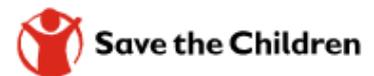


OCRA After-school Club

This term OCRA will be teaching the children how to play 'unihoc', during their after-school club sessions. Unihoc is similar to ice hockey but played on the playground using plastic sticks and a puck or plastic ball. This club is free of charge and will begin on Monday 10th January. To book your child onto this club, please go to the 'clubs' section of School Gateway.

Christmas Jumper Day

It was lovely to see the children looking festive in their Christmas jumpers today. We're pleased to say that we've raised **£46.00** for 'Save the Children'. The money raised will help support vulnerable children around the world, this Christmas.





Congratulations to the following children for achieving their gold star certificates!



Silver Award
100 stars

Class 1
Tenzo



Super Learners of the Week!

Class 1

It has been lovely to see **Freddie's** attitude to school and learning this week. He has taken assessment week in his stride and even though he found some of the assessments difficult he kept going and showed great perseverance and resilience. He has also been a brilliant example during our rehearsals for our play. Always sitting nicely and singing loudly and clearly! Well done, Freddie!



Class 2

Darcie has been fantastic during play rehearsal with her acting and learning her lines. It has been brilliant to see her enthusiasm. Well done, Darcie!



Christian Ethos - 'Peace'

Class 1

Jacob has been doing brilliant sharing with his friends this week and worked with them peacefully to create a lovely Gruffalo jigsaw. Well done, Jacob! Keep it up!



Class 2

Casper has kept a peaceful demeanour during assessments this week and due to his calm attitude, he has shown a great understanding of what he has learnt this term, particularly with reading. Well done, Casper.





Congratulations to Isabel who read 5 times this week and won the chance to take home the reading basket.



PLAYER DEVELOPMENT CENTRES

DEVON & CORNWALL

AGES 5 - 11
BOYS & GIRLS

East Cornwall & North Devon

Bodmin
Bodmin Girls
Holsworthy
Launceston Girls
Launceston GK's
Okehampton
Okehampton Girls

Liam.Bryant@pafc.co.uk

Plymouth

Manadon
Plymstock
charlie.hardcastle@pafc.co.uk

West Cornwall

Falmouth
Falmouth Girls
Pool Academy
Truro
Brannel

liam.chinn@pafc.co.uk

argylecommunitytrust.co.uk

LEARN. PLAY. SUCCEED

DECEMBER 17
5:30-7:30pm

THE POLAR EXPRESS

Please join us to get into the festive spirit

Northlew & Ashbury Primary PFA present

CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT

£3.50 per Child to include Popcorn & a mug of Hot Chocolate. Pj's, Dressing Gown & a warm blanket recommended.

Must be accompanied by an adult. Siblings welcome. Additional drinks, popcorn & biscuits will be available to purchase

To be held at Little Springs, Higher Gourish, Northlew

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Christmas Lunch

Sunday 12th December 2021

At Northlew Victory Hall

Doors open at 12.30 for 1pm

Bookings **must** be in by Thursday 9th December

Adults: £11 Children (11 & under): £8.50

Roast Turkey and all the trimmings

Vegetarian option and delivery available,

please state when booking



Bar

Raffle

For bookings call: Jayne on 01409 221225