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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 11th March 2022

This week's
attendance
79.6%

Dear parents/carers,

As you are aware, we have had further cases of covid reported across the school this week and are following guidance from public health England. Staff are continuing to test twice a week and regular handwashing and sanitising will continue to be part of our daily routine. We will continue to monitor the situation carefully and keep parents updated next week.

A huge thank to all our parents who attended our parent consultations on Tuesday evening. Class teachers were able to share the successes of last term's learning as well as discuss the targets that have been set for your child/ren for the next term. Targets will be sent home by the end of next week and will have any useful resources to support your child/ren with their learning at home.

A book is a gift you can open again and again.

—Garrison Keillor

Every child a reader

At Northlew, we truly value the importance of reading. As part of

our daily timetable, staff read aloud to children from their class text, exploring plot, character and making links with other stories they have read. Both classes

now have comfortable cosy reading areas, which are used throughout the day by the children. Our daily guided reading and individual reading sessions provide opportunities to dive deeper into vocabulary, summarise, make careful predictions and links with other stories or genres we have already read. Our school librarians are available in the library every day to help children choose a new book and share stories. To celebrate

Reading should not be presented to children as a chore, a duty. It should be offered as a gift.

— Charles Scribner, Jr.

"THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS A KID WHO HATES READING. THERE ARE KIDS WHO LOVE READING, AND KIDS WHO ARE READING THE WRONG BOOKS."

JAMES PATTERSON

reading, we have our weekly reading basket that is drawn every Friday morning in our celebration assembly full of exciting books to read as well as hot chocolate and marshmallows. Please remember to fill in your child/ren's reading record book every day and return this to school. Five reads or more will earn a ticket for the weekly reading draw. I have included a link to the 10 benefits of reading, which clearly summarises the values for reading. [The Benefits Of Reading.](#)
[Top 10 Reasons Why Reading Matters \(best-books-for-kids.com\)](#)



Forest School Sessions

We are pleased to begin to develop our outside learning and reopening our forest school shelter again. Mrs Simmons, our forest School lead teacher at Boasley Cross will be leading the sessions each Friday morning. This week the children discussed how the area will be used and engaged in a variety of games that explored clear communication and developing team building skills.



Easter Service

Next week, Rev Leigh will be visiting the children on Wed 16th March to lead a whole school worship on forgiveness, which links in with our ethos value this half term. On

Wednesday 6th April we would like to invite our parents and community to our Easter Service, which will be held in the church 2pm.

PE Kits

Our weekly PE sessions are led by Wes Pugh, a PE specialist from Holsworthy College. Both classes are exploring various net sports and over the past few weeks, have been developing their skills in tennis. Our PE sessions take place each **Friday morning** and as the weather is brighter (most of the time), we are keen to get the children outdoors for these sessions. Please can we ask that your child/ren has a FULL PE kit in school for these sessions – plain white t-shirt, navy shorts/tracksuit bottoms and trainers.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,
Mrs Cook

School Diary

March

Monday - 14 th	OCRA Unihoc after-school club, 3:30-4:30pm
Tuesday - 15 th	Dance after-school club, 3:30-4:30pm
Wednesday - 16 th	Tuck Shop , 3:15-3:30pm Art after-school club, 3:30-4:30pm (3 of 4) Year 6 SATs Club, 3:30-4:15pm
Thursday - 17 th	Martial Arts club, 3:30-4:30pm
Friday - 18 th	Red Nose Day Non-uniform (<i>£1 donation</i>) Celebration Assembly, 9:15-9:30am PE lessons- AM, class 1 & 2 Forest School- am, class 1 & 2 (wellies required)

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

Gangsta Granny- Theatre Trip

Reminder: On Friday 27th May we are excited to be visiting the Queens Theatre in Barnstaple to watch a performance of Gangsta Granny. The PTFA have kindly offered to cover the cost of the coach, so we are able to reduce the cost and ask for a parental contribution of **£12 per child**.



To make payment, please go to the 'payments' section of School Gateway by Mon 28th March. After this date we will confirm numbers with the Theatre and *cannot* secure any additional tickets.



Parents' Questionnaire

We value our parents' views on the delivery of teaching and learning across the school as well as other aspects of school operations and would great appreciate if you could complete a quick questionnaire. We will be discussing the feedback from the questionnaire in our weekly staff meetings and developing strategies for further development. Please click on the link below to complete the questionnaire:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=kG0H07J4vUqeBcIPJiicRg8-2GRWHhFDgXQtEJvMsiVUNzFZSE0xNUdIVUVKRVhWVU5UVEYwWVZHNS4u>

Class Assemblies

To celebrate the learning which the children have been focusing on over the last term, we would like to invite parents into school to watch their child's class assembly on the following dates:

- Class 2- Wednesday 30th March at 3pm
- Class 1- Monday 4th April at 3pm



Train to Teach: Primary School Taster Session

**Primary Taster Session – Okehampton Primary School - Tuesday
5th April – 9.30am start**

Come and experience what a day in the life of a primary teacher entails, and how the Dartmoor Teacher Training Partnership could provide the launchpad for your own career.

Please contact Sally Huxen to register your interest:
Shuxen@dmatschools.org.uk

For 2022-23 we are offering 3 route into primary teaching:

- School Direct Distance PGCE 5-11
- School Direct Distance PGCE 3-7
- Post Graduate Apprenticeship

Dartmoor Teacher Training Partnership - *Inspiring the teachers of the future*

www.dartmoortmat.org.uk

Primary Teaching Taster Day | Tuesday 5th April, 9.30am at Okehampton Primary School

Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust is pleased to lead the Dartmoor Teacher Training Partnership. Our programmes are aimed at nurturing the teachers of tomorrow and the leaders of the future. Whether you are a new graduate or you are considering a career change, our teacher training will equip you with the skills, knowledge and knowhow to be an excellent teacher.

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Congratulations to Ethan who won the chance to take home the reading basket this week, by reading at least 5 times.

Question of the Week

Do you know how to find appropriate news?

Yes – 52% (14)

~ Speaking to adults at home and adults in school.

~ I know that you should find the news from watching proper news on TV or listening to it on the radio.

No- 48% (13)

~ I don't watch the news

~ I can't tell what news is true and what is false.

Ukraine Day

Today the children showed their support to the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine by coming to school wearing blue & yellow and some even painting the Ukrainian flag on their faces.

Thanks to all the donations, we are pleased to say we raised a fantastic...

£100



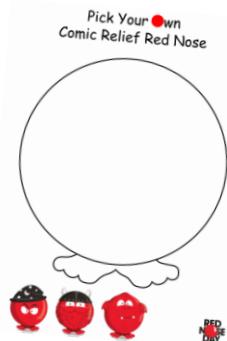
Red Nose Day 2022

On **Friday 18th March** the School Council have chosen to raise money for Comic Relief/Red Nose Day by asking the children to come to school wearing their pyjamas, for a £1 donation.

There will also be the following competitions throughout the day:

- Guess how many red objects in the jar (20p)
- Design/draw your own red nose (50p)
- Fun games/activities on the playground at lunchtime (free)
- Second-hand book sale (various prices)

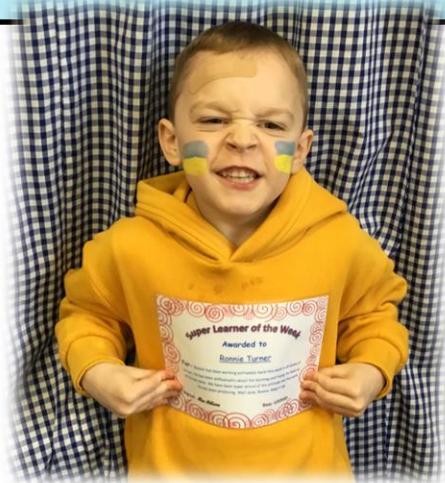
For more information on Red Nose Day or to donate, visit
www.comicrelief.com/rednoseday



Super Learners of the Week!

Class 1

Ronnie has been working extremely hard this week in all areas of school. He has been enthusiastic about his learning and trying his best in all he has done. We have been super proud of his attitude and the work he has been producing. Well done, Ronnie. Keep it up!



Class 2

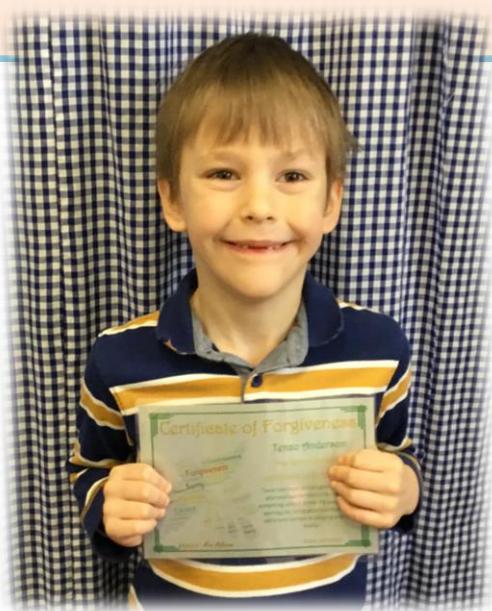
Harry has shown some great determination during his interventions this week and has then come back into the classroom and applied his learning to his writing. He is really persevering with his handwriting and spelling. Well done, Harry!



Christian Ethos - Forgiveness

Class 1

Tenzo has been very forgiving this week after another member of the class did something unkind to him. He accepted their apology by using great communication skills and carried on playing with them nicely. Well done, Tenzo!



Class 2

After accidentally hurting another child when playing **Arabella** sought forgiveness straight away by apologising. Showing her concern, she followed this up later in the playtime by asking the other child if they were ok. Well done, Arabella.

