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Trust

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# "LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE"

Matthew 5:16

**Newsletter**  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022

This week's  
attendance  
99%

Dear parents/carers,

Today the children took part in a Remembrance service in the Church grounds led by Rev leigh. They have spent time this week reflecting on all those people who have lost their lives in conflict both in the past and current now across the world. The children in class 2 read their own prayers of remembrance and laid a poppy wreath created by the whole school. A minute's silence was conducted



beautifully by all the children. A huge thank you to all our parents a wider community who were able to join us for our service this morning.

## **Update from our School Librarians**

Our school librarians have been busy finding out about the books children would like to see available in our school library. They have carried out a survey across the school to find

out more from the children and are considering various ways on how they can raise money to purchase a new range of books for everyone to enjoy. They hope to introduce the new Book Track reading scheme next week in our afternoon worship sessions.



## Welcome To The Team

We would like to warmly welcome Mrs Lethbridge who will be joining our staffing team and working at Northlew and Boasley Cross throughout the week. Mrs Lethbridge will be popping up to school on Tuesday afternoon to meet the children and staff and will be available to meet parents at school pick up. Please do come over and introduce yourself.



Hello everyone. I'm Mrs Lethbridge and I'm very excited to be joining you in the next couple of weeks as a Teaching Assistant across both Northlew and Boasley Cross Primary Schools. Over the past 7 years I have worked in a number of local schools and some of you may remember me from my time working at Boasley Cross a few years ago.

I live in Okehampton with my husband, two teenage boys and two nutty dogs!

I really enjoy all sport, both watching and taking part and I have recently taken up a new sport called 'Padel' which is quickly becoming popular in the UK. I also love music and singing.

I can't wait to meet all of you and becoming part of the Northlew and Boasley Cross families.

## Anti-Bullying Week Monday 14<sup>th</sup> – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November



Next week is National Anti- Bullying week and this year's theme is 'Reach Out', which aims to empower all children and adults to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes. The children will be focusing on what makes a good friend and

looking at strategies and behaviours that we already have in school that demonstrate positive relationships with others. We hope to share our outcomes with you in next week's newsletter. To celebrate our individual uniqueness, **we are encouraging the children (and adults) to wear odd socks to school all week.** For more information and to explore the range of resources available to discuss with your children at home, please click on the link below:

[Anti-Bullying Week 2022: Reach Out \(anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk\)](https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk)

## PE

From next Thursday, the children will be having their PE sessions on Thursday afternoons with Mr Pugh. We aim to have the PE lessons outside, weather permitting. Please make sure that your child has a suitable PE kit in school each week. We are suggesting that as the weather is getting colder, children bring in track bottoms or leggings.

### **After School Cooking Club**

This week, the children joined Mrs Johnstone in her after school cookery club. The children thoroughly enjoyed working together, carefully listening and following their instructions to make some delicious flapjacks. Next week they will be making cheesecake. The club is currently full and will run for the next 4 weeks, then new children are welcome to sign up for a place after the Christmas Holidays. Please see the link below which shares some cheap and easy to make recipes that the children can get busy with at home:

[https://getseteatfresh.co.uk/resources?&filter%5bresource\\_filter\\_audience%5d%5b%5d=Parents](https://getseteatfresh.co.uk/resources?&filter%5bresource_filter_audience%5d%5b%5d=Parents)



### **Wet weather Drop off and pick up**

Just to remind everyone that if the weather is bad during morning pick up or afternoon drop off, we will open the front door of the school for children to come straight into class or to be collected from the school hall. Please can we remind parents that the school gates open at **8:50am** where learning is available to access in classrooms. Staff begin each morning with a range of activities that support individual children, including pre-teach and keep up sessions. It is crucial that all children arrive at school on time to ensure that they don't miss out on these valuable sessions.



### **Board Game Club**

Mr Pugh will be running an after-school board games club which is open for children from year 1 to 6. Please sign up through School Gateway if you would like your child to join the club on a Thursday afternoon from 3:30-4:30pm, starting next week.

### **Singing In the Barn**

We are hoping to have a group of children performing a range of Christmas songs at an event on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December from 6:45-7:30pm. A letter was sent home sharing information about this event earlier this week. If you would like your child/ren to take part in the event, please give consent through School Gateway by **Monday morning**. We need at least 10 children to sign up for the school to take part. Mrs Quick has begun practicing the songs with all the children in our weekly singing worships and will share the song words with the children next week to take home to practice.

### **Tempest Orders**

Your child will have come home on Monday with their school photo order form. You can order online at [www.tempest-orders.co.uk](http://www.tempest-orders.co.uk) quoting the web access code stated on the order form. Alternatively, you can return your completed form in the envelope provided to school by **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November**.



On **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November**, for Children in Need, the school council

would like to politely request cake donations for the children to enjoy. These will be sold for 20p to 50p per item. Please can cakes be left in reception on the Friday morning.

Children can also come to school in their pyjamas or Pudsey costume for a £1 donation to the charity.

*Many thanks Lily, Marjorie & Sienna*



Start saving your pennies for our special fund-raising Pudsey coin picture, which will be created on the playground when children arrive at school **on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November**. The more pennies the better, so start collecting now and ask family to get saving for you too. All funds raised will be donated to Children in Need.



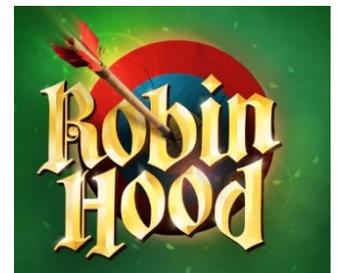
### **Martial Arts Grading**

Sensei Steve has informed us that some of the children will be ready to take their grading on **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December**. In order for your child to be graded, please go to the payments section of School Gateway to pay the

**£15 grading fee**. This covers the cost of the grading, belt & certificate should your child pass. If your child is not ready to be graded, there won't be a payment request in School Gateway.

### **Northcott Panto Trip**

**Polite Reminder:** Our PTFA have generously contributed to the cost of funding this trip but we are asking for a £10 contribution per child. If you haven't done so already, please go to the 'payments' section of School Gateway to make payment and give consent. **As we will soon need to confirm tickets, we are asking that payment/consent is received by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November.**



### **Religious Education and Worldviews Lesson**

A huge thank you to Reverend Leigh who came into Northlew on Wednesday afternoon to support the children with their **religious education and worldviews lesson**. The children in Class 2 have learnt about Christian beliefs of creation and whether this is complimentary or conflicting with Scientific views of creation. Rev Leigh allowed the children to ask a huge variety of questions and answered them in a very open and honest way. It was fantastic to see how the children were inspired by this visit and how they were then able to reflect on the learning that they have done.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,  
Mrs Cook

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

# School Diary

## November

<b>Monday - 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>*OCRA Tag Rugby</b> after-school club, 3:30-4:30pm
<b>Tuesday - 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>*Cooking</b> after school club, 3:30-4:30pm
<b>Wednesday - 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Tuck Shop</b> , 3:15-3:30pm
<b>Thursday - 17<sup>th</sup></b>	PE lessons- AM, class 1 & 2 <b>*Martial Arts</b> club, 3:30-4:30pm
<b>Friday - 18<sup>th</sup></b> 	Children In Need Celebration Assembly, 9am Class 1 Swimming Lessons, 1:30pm @ Aqua Stars (3/7) PTFA Christmas Shopping Fayre at Northlew Hall, 5-9pm

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



- **Fri 18<sup>th</sup> November-** Children in Need
- **Fri 18<sup>th</sup> November-** PTFA Christmas Shopping Fayre, 5-9pm
- **Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> November-** Forest School (session 3)
- **Tues 29<sup>th</sup> November-** Whole School Flu Immunisation programme
  
- **Wed 7<sup>th</sup> December-** Christmas Performance
- **Tues 13<sup>th</sup> December-** Parents Forum 5pm
- **Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> December-** 'Robin Hood' Pantomime Northcott Theatre
- **Fri 16<sup>th</sup> December-** Last day of term



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

NORTHLEW PRIMARY SCHOOL

## PTFA CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022

5-9pm

Held at Northlew Victory Hall

HOMEMADE CARDS

SOFT CRAFT KNITTING

PAINTED GLASS

KEYRINGS

RAFFLE

WOODWORK

CAKE STALL

HOT FOOD

AVON

TEA & COFFEE

and lots more!



FOR MORE INFORMATION OR FOR A TABLE, PLEASE MESSAGE

07527554208

# Celebrate Christmas

in the barn with  
**The Hummingbirds  
& Northlew Silver Band**

Saturday December 3rd from 6pm

Hot Food, Licenced Bar

All proceeds to local charities

Tickets £10 adult under 16's free

text Celia on 07432 512499

or search facebook for The Party Barn

or email [goodtimes@thepartybarn.co.uk](mailto:goodtimes@thepartybarn.co.uk)

Higher Gorhuish, Northlew, EX20 3BT



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### Question Of the Week

Do you feel it is important to  
pay your respects on  
Remembrance Day?

YES- 100%

NO-0%

#### Yes

- \*So we can remember the people who lost their lives in the war.
- \* Be thankful for what they did for us
- \*Having time to reflect on those who sacrificed themselves for others.
- \*I like that the school takes time to go to the church to remember those people from our village who lost their lives in the war.
- \*We should never forget those people who gave up their lives for others.



Easy fundraiser is a simple way to help us **raise FREE money for our children**. By using the easy fundraising app & doing your usual online shopping we can get FREE donations from lots of big companies. It really is simple to do and will benefit our children & school greatly.

Please help Northlew & Ashbury PTFA. It only takes a moment and it's completely free, so please get involved if you haven't already!

**Click the link to sign up:**

[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?invite=dilgss&char=267200&referral-campaign=s2s&utm\\_campaign=refertowin\\_sept\\_22](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?invite=dilgss&char=267200&referral-campaign=s2s&utm_campaign=refertowin_sept_22)

# PTFA Christmas Fayre Raffle

**Prizes include...**

**The Toy Shop Okehampton - A game**

**Koast - £15 voucher**

**Zeals - Scarf & socks**

**Occasions - Money pot**

**Chilli Babi - x3 kids knitted hats**

**I bounce - x1 free bounce**

**Love Brownies - donation TBC**

**Ruby Oak Pool - x2 family swim vouchers  
(2 adults & 2 children)**

**Raffle tickets for sale at the fayre on the night.**



Northlew Primary School PTFA

## SILENT AUCTION

**THE  
WAIE 2 PLAY**  
EX17 6DF

We have had the following amazing prizes kindly promised by local businesses:

- 2 x Guest Passes at Merlin Cinema
- Family 'Waie 2 Play' Admission ticket at the Waie Inn
- 2 x Climbing Sessions at Clip 'n' Climb
- Family Ticket Admission to Castle Drogo
- Family Ticket Admission to Rosemoor Gardens



Bids can be placed online via the Northlew PTFA Facebook page

Paper bids can be submitted in a sealed envelope either at the school office or at the PTFA Xmas Fayre - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November. Please include your full name and a contact phone number.

Closing date for bids - Midday Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December. The winners will be announced at the Northlew Primary School Nativity Play.



### Grand Christmas Hamper Tickets

Tickets are available to purchase for £1 from Northlew school office or the village shop. The draw will take place at our school nativity play on Wed 7<sup>th</sup> December.

# Forest School News

During Forest School this week, the children in year 3 and 4 built fires and used flint and steel to light them, they found this a difficult skill to master but eventually managed to start one and keep it lit. The year 5 and 6 children used their woodwork skills to carve knives out of wood and they were very impressed with how they turned out! Both groups also found some time to play team games and make smores over the fire.



Class 1 children enjoyed experiencing a sense of peace during forest school by standing with their eyes closed, feeling the warmth of the sun on their face and listening to the birds and the wind blowing through the trees above them.





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



**Bronze Award**  
(50 stars)

**Class 2**

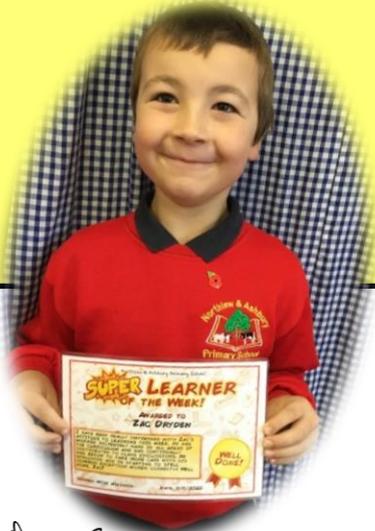
**Alfie  
Zac U-T  
Harry  
Jack  
Marjorie**



# Super Learners of the Week!

## Class 1

I have been really impressed with **Zac's** attitude to learning this week. He has worked incredibly hard in all areas of the curriculum and has continually contributed to class discussions. He has begun to take more care with his spellings and is starting to spell common exception words correctly. Well done, Zac!



## Class 2

**Harry** has shown great determination this week with his long multiplication and short division. He has been persevering to use his timetable knowledge and really challenged himself with some problem-solving questions. Well done, Harry!



## Christian Ethos - Peace

## Class 1

**Ronnie** has shown peace many times this week. He is always looking out for other children in the class, especially those younger than him. He is also regularly seen and heard using kind words. All of these things make our classroom a peaceful place to be. Well done, Ronnie!



## Class 2

**Casper** has helped other children through this half term to regulate their emotions as well as regulating his own emotions, he has particularly shown this support during transition periods such as lining up from break and coming into the classroom. Well done, Casper!



# Parent Questionnaire Results



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## Northlew C of E Primary School Parent Questionnaire – October 2022

<b>My child feels safe at school</b>	Strongly Agree	38%
	Agree	54%
	Disagree	8%
	Strongly disagree	-
	Don't know	-
<b>The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved</b>	Strongly Agree	31%
	Agree	62%
	Disagree	7%
	Strongly disagree	-
	Don't know	-
<b>My child is happy at school</b>	Strongly Agree	23%
	Agree	77%
	Disagree	-
	Strongly disagree	-
	Don't know	-
<b>My child has been bullied and the school have dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively</b>	Strongly Agree	-
	Agree	7%
	Disagree	7%
	Strongly disagree	-
	My child has never been bullied	82%
<b>The school has high expectations for my child</b>	Strongly Agree	15%
	Agree	70%
	Disagree	7%
	Strongly disagree	-
	Don't know	8%
<b>My child has a SEND and the school give them the support they need to succeed</b>	Strongly Agree	Not completed by parents of SEND children
	Agree	
	Disagree	
	Strongly disagree	
	Don't know	
<b>My child does well at this school</b>	Strongly Agree	15%
	Agree	85%
	Disagree	-
	Strongly disagree	-
	Don't know	-