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## Newsletter

### Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Dear parents/carers,

This week the children have enjoyed their last week of clubs before the Christmas break. Our OCRA Wednesday club has now finished a huge thank you to Sue and her team for the activities they have planned over the last term. After the holidays we will be starting a craft club on Wednesday's run by Liz, our caretaker. More information will follow in this newsletter. A reminder to all parents, there will be NO clubs next week! All clubs will resume the second week back when we return in January.

On Wednesday the whole school attended Northcott Theatre to watch a performance of 'Beauty and the Beast'. As always the children were beautifully behaved and thoroughly enjoyed participating in the show, some even got a special mention.

Our 'gold star' achievers this term had a trip to Clip and Climb in Exeter on Thursday; a massive well done to those children who demonstrated sheer determination and bravery to overcome their fears and complete the challenges to the best of their ability. Many said they had a great time and were keen to return over the holiday with their families.



Just to remind you all that we have our Christingle service at Northlew Church on Tuesday at 2:30pm, everyone is welcome. Please come along and join us in the Church, parents are free to take their children home after the service.

A huge thank you to everyone for their help in preparation with learning lines, costumes and singing their songs for our Christmas performance which is in the village hall on Wednesday at 2pm. We hope you can come along and join us.

Finally, it was lovely to see all the children in their Christmas jumpers today. Today we have managed to raise £41 for 'Save the Children'. A massive thank you for all your support.

Looking forward to seeing you at our events next week.  
Mrs Cook

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

Booking for the spring term is now open in School Gateway

## School Diary

**December 2019**

*(NO after-school clubs this week)*

<b>Monday - 16th</b>	Play rehearsal, 9:30-11:00 KS1 Swimming Sessions, 1:30-2:30 (final)
<b>Tuesday - 17th</b>	Mr Waites teaching KS2- all day Play rehearsal, 9:30-11:00 Christingle Service in Church, 2:30pm
<b>Wednesday - 18th</b>	<b>'Children of the World' Christmas play</b> In the Village Hall 2pm
<b>Thursday - 19th</b>	<b>NO Forest School</b> – this will return in January
<b>Friday - 20th</b>	Mr Thomas teaching KS1- all day End of term Celebration Assembly, 3:10pm

### Northlew Dragons- Martial Arts Club

Last week our children had their first official belt grading. This week they went from white belt to red and were awarded with their team t-shirts, certificates and red belts. Well done all of you!



### Christmas Dinner

Today the children enjoyed a Christmas dinner with all the trimmings and even had a visit from Father Christmas himself, who kindly took time out of his hectic festive schedule to deliver a chocolate lolly to all the children and wish them MERRY CHRISTMAS!





When we return after the Christmas break, we will no longer have OCRA multi-skills club running every Wednesday and will instead offer the children the chance to take part in our new **Arts & Crafts Club** beginning on Wed 15<sup>th</sup> January. This will run for 4 weeks at a time with a payment of **£8** (£2 per session) required up front. Places are limited to 10, so if your child would like to attend the club, please book through School Gateway under 'payments'. **Booking will open on Monday morning at 10am.** We suspect that this club will prove popular, so to make it fair we have decided that the children who attend the first 4 sessions cannot be booked onto the following 4 sessions.

### Creative Christmas Decoration Evening



The Northlew community came out in force again this year to support the PTFA's Creative Christmas Decoration Evening on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December in the Victory Hall. After a warm welcome and a mug of something the



tutoring began and all participants created a willow shape which was later decorated to personal festive taste. All the greenery used had been foraged by PTFA members and our supportive florist professional (who is also a parent at school).

### Christmas Lunch

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2019

At Northlew Victory Hall

Doors open at 12.30 for 1pm

Bookings **must** be in by Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December

Adults: £10 Children (11 & Under): £7.50

Roast Turkey and all the trimmings

Vegetarian option available, please state when booking



Bar

Raffle

We would like to thank everyone for their support once more and we are pleased to say that **£310** was raised to enhance the learning experience for all the pupils of Northlew Primary School.

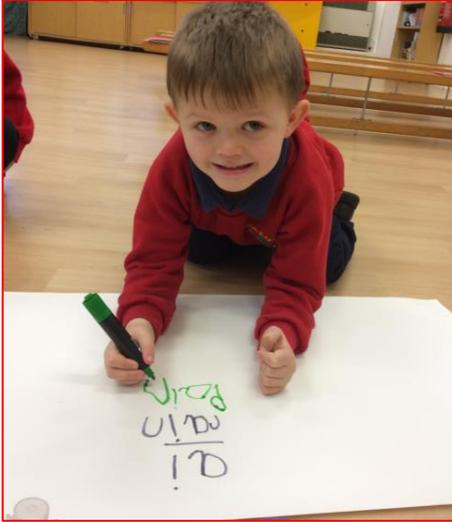


For bookings call: Jayne on 01409 221225

In aid of the Foyer Refurbishment at Northlew Victory Hall

Registered Charity No: 266213 A13

# SUPER LEARNERS OF THE WEEK



## Class 1

Jack has really tried hard to remember all his sounds and use them in his writing.

## Class 2

Charlie N has shown real determination and a positive attitude towards her learning.

## Christian Ethos- 'Peace'

## Class 1

Casper is always considerate of others in his class. He offers help and support to other children when needed.



## Class 2

Rose is always thoughtful and kind particularly when children fall over or have an accident on the playground.

# 12 Smartphone Online Safety Tips

## FOR CHILDREN WITH NEW DEVICES

The Christmas season has finally arrived and soon many of you will be opening your presents in the hope that Santa has listened to your request for the latest mobile phone or smart device. Owning a mobile phone can be fun, but it's important to use it safely and responsibly. By following our safety tips below, you can make sure that you set up your phone securely, keep your personal information private and enjoy using your phone in the healthiest way possible.

**1 ALWAYS SECURE YOUR PHONE WITH A PASSWORD**

This will help to keep your private information safe and won't allow others to access your phone without your permission. Make sure your password is memorable and personal to you but something which other people can't guess, and always share it with your parents just in case you forget it.

**2 DISABLE LOCATION SETTINGS**

This can usually be done from the device's privacy control settings. Disabling location settings means that your phone can't be tracked by others and strangers can't tell where you are when you're using it. It also helps to save battery.

**3 ALWAYS USE A SECURE WIFI NETWORK**

When you use your WiFi at home usually it is a secure network that only you and your family know the password to. Public networks, like those in coffee shops, can be accessed by anyone which means that people could potentially hack into your device and access your personal information without you realising.

**4 ONLY PAIR WITH BLUETOOTH DEVICES YOU KNOW**

A Bluetooth connection with another device means that you can send and receive data wirelessly. For example, you could listen to music wirelessly or receive pictures and videos from your friends. However, pairing your phone with a device you don't know means that you could be sharing personal information with a stranger or could leave your device open to receiving viruses.

**5 ONLY USE APPS WHICH YOU ARE OLD ENOUGH TO USE**

Before downloading any new apps, always check the age-rating of the app. If you need help, ask your parent or carer to make sure that the app is safe for you to use and never download anything which you are too young for as it may contain things that aren't safe for you to see.

**6 BEWARE OF BECOMING ADDICTED TO YOUR PHONE**

Your phone can be fun to use and it's easy to become too attached, whether it's keeping in touch with friends, discovering new features or downloading the latest apps. Remember it's always good to talk in person, go out and have fun and get regular exercise. This will keep you fit and healthy and make you appreciate there's more to life than just your mobile phone.

**7 LIMIT YOUR SCREEN TIME**

Using your phone for too long, particularly in the evenings, can make you feel tired at school, affect your concentration and make you lose interest in other things in life. Only use your phone at certain times of the day and don't use it close to bedtime. You can set a 'screen time limit' via the settings on your phone. This will help you stay fit and healthy and means that you will still be able to focus and perform well at school.

**8 THINK OF OTHERS WHEN TAKING PHOTOS**

Don't take embarrassing photos of other people on your phone. If other people get access to the photo and share it with more people, it could make that person really upset and treated as a form of bullying. Always be mindful of the photos you take using your camera and who you share them with.

**9 MAKE SURE YOUR PARENTS SET UP 'PARENTAL CONTROLS'**

This means that you will be able to use your phone safely and securely and won't accidentally do things you shouldn't do. The best time to do this is when you get a new phone or device so that you're protected from the very beginning.

**10 ALWAYS TALK TO YOUR PARENTS IF YOU DON'T FEEL SAFE**

Sometimes, even though your phone is really secure, you might see something you don't like, or someone might contact you who you don't know. If this happens, always tell your trusted adult like your parents, carers, other adult family members or a teacher, all of whom will be able to support you and advise you on what you should do next.

**11 DON'T TEXT AND WALK**

This might seem like a strange thing to say but it can be dangerous to stare at your mobile phone whilst walking outside alongside busy roads or bicycle paths. In some cases, children have been knocked over by cars or cyclists because they haven't been aware of their surroundings whilst texting or playing games on their mobile devices.

**12 DON'T SHARE YOUR NUMBER OR YOUR DEVICE WITH PEOPLE YOU DON'T KNOW.**

Never feel pressured into sharing your phone number with people you don't know and don't lend your phone to strangers or keep it where others could get hold of it. Look after your device and always keep it hidden from sight to avoid it being stolen or broken into.