



Dartmoor
Multi Academy
Trust

...everyone in our Trust.



"LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE"

Matthew 5:16

Newsletter
Friday 14th October 2022

This week's
attendance
98.8%

Dear parents/Carers,

I wanted to begin this week's newsletter by thanking parents for attending our parents' consultation evening on Wednesday, we will have 100% attendance of parents' meetings across the school and staff will have had the opportunity to speak to parents about the targets that have been set for this term. We strongly believe working together with parents will enable our staff team to support your child/ren the best we can, ensuring that all the children at Northlew continue to 'Let Your Light Shine', in all areas of the curriculum. We hope to analyse our parent questionnaire and share the results with parents after the half term break. If you have anything that you would like to discuss further either with your child's class teacher or myself, please do not hesitate to contact the school office to arrange an appointment.



As part of **Mental Health Awareness Week**, the key stage 2 children took part in a mental health workshop and had the opportunity to develop their knowledge and understanding of mental health and how it applies to them. The children took part in a workshop where they found out about their own genius and discovered other children in the school and famous people who had similar qualities to them. The children used their teamwork, communication and vision skills during a competition to wrap one member of their group as a mummy! It was wonderful to see how the children can identify positive aspects about themselves through this workshop.

The School Council had also requested that the children come to school on Thursday to celebrate 'Hello Yellow Day' by wearing something yellow for a small donation. We are pleased to say that we raised a fantastic **£30.10** for the charity 'Young Minds'.



Harvest Festival

Just to remind parents that our Harvest festival will take place in Northlew Church on **Tuesday 18th October at 3pm**. We are asking that donations of dried and tinned foods are brought into school on Tuesday morning so we can bring them over to the Church in the afternoon. All donations will be delivered to the food bank in Okehampton. Everyone is invited, so please spread the word.



Pupil Consents- Arbor App

Please can we ask that all parents login to their child/ren's ARBOR account, as new consents have been added and updated. It's important that we hold the correct information for your child, so please consent/decline the permissions listed within your child's account by **Monday 17th October**.

Parents' Forum

Just a reminder that our parent's forum is on **Tuesday (after the harvest festival) at 3:30pm in the school hall**, everyone is welcome. Our SENDco Jacqui Dart will be sharing information about the 5-point scale that we have introduced to the children this term and how parents can use this to support their children with big emotions at home. We also hope to discuss plans about our outdoor provision for EYFS children and how we can make links with the wider community of Northlew and Ashbury. Please do come along, your input is important to us.



Read, Write Inc – Phonics session

Miss Atkinson has already spoken to many of the parents in class 1 about coming along to see their children in their phonics session next week. Parents are welcome to join us when they drop off in the hall. Miss Atkinson and Mrs Quick will be demonstrating the daily phonics lessons they lead with the children as well as sharing lots of useful videos and activities parents can be doing at home to support their children with reading. Looking forward to seeing you all on **Wednesday morning**.



Volunteers Needed!

Do you have any spare time? Would you like to come and listen to our children read? Support new projects and develop new areas to support the curriculum for all our children? Please speak to Mrs Cook to find out more. We warmly welcome any parental support in school.



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

Forest School Session

There has been a change to the dates originally sent out to parents a few weeks ago. The children will have their first forest school session throughout the day on **Thursday 20th October** (instead of Wed 19th). We are asking that children come to school in old clothes on Thursday and bring along their wellies to change into when we go outside. We have sets of waterproofs at school, but if you do have your own, please send these in along with your child's wellies. We are looking forward to welcoming Rob Taylor back to Northlew to lead our forest school sessions with all the children across the school.



Ethos Singing Group

Our ethos singing group are currently practising for two events at Hatherleigh Methodist Church on

- **Tuesday 1st November**
- **Tuesday 13th December**

They will be singing a range of songs linked to our school Christian ethos values between 10:30 and 11:30am. The coffee morning will be led by the Northlew Methodist Church and all are welcome to attend. *If your child is part of the singing group (featured in above photo), please give consent in the 'payments' section of School Gateway prior to the first event.*



Have a wonderful weekend,
Mrs Cook



We have had a bumper crop of apples and pears this year and are grateful to the village shop for selling them on

our behalf. We would like to thank the shop and community for supporting us as we raised £10, which the Woodland Champions have used to buy plants for the classroom.



With all the remaining apples I will be making chutney and apple sauce. We would appreciate donations of glass jars, please leave these in the purple tub in the school entrance.



A big well done to our Woodland Champions who have come up with some fantastic ideas that they will be sharing in next week's newsletter

Mrs Johnstone

Apple Tails Workshop

A huge thank you to our PTFA who kindly funded our Apple Tales workshop on Wednesday morning. The children thoroughly enjoyed the apple pressing experience provided by Kevin from Harvest Worker's Co-op. The children washed, cut, squished and pressed the apples

to create delicious apple juice and used lots of different tools and utensils throughout the process.



Swap Shop

Just to remind parents that our Swap Shop will take place on Monday afternoon from 3-3:45pm in the school hall. We have extended the drop off and will accept donations on Monday morning. Please leave donations in reception.



Monday 17th October
Northlew Primary School
3:00- 3:45pm

Donate any unwanted items of children's clothing, shoes & books (in good re-usable condition) and in return you can swap them for other items available on our Swap Shop stall.

Please leave donations at reception from Fri 14th October.

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

School Diary

October

Monday - 17th	OCRA Football after-school club, 3:30-4:30pm SWAP SHOP - 3:00-3:45pm in the school hall
Tuesday - 18th	Harvest Festival in Church, 3pm Parents Forum meeting in school, 3:30pm
Wednesday - 19th	Tuck Shop , 3:15-3:30pm
Thursday - 20th	Forest School (<i>wellies required</i>) PE lessons- AM, class 1 & 2 Martial Arts club, 3:30-4:30pm
Friday - 21st	8:50am Book & Biscuit followed by Celebration Assembly Class 2 Swimming Lessons, 1:30pm (final session)

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

Dates for
your
diary.....

- **Monday 17th October** Swap Shop, 3 - 3:45pm
- **Tuesday 18th October** Harvest Festival in Church, 3pm
- **Tues 18th October** Parents Forum Meeting in school, 3:30pm
- **Fri 21st October** Half term
- **Mon 31st October** All children return
- **Fri 4th November** Theatre Alibi visit to perform 'The Parcel'
- **Mon 7th November** Tempest Individual School Photo
- **Tues 29th November** Whole School Flu Immunisation programme
- **Wed 7th December** Christmas Performance
- **Tues 13th December** Parents Forum 5pm
- **Thurs 15th December** 'Robin Hood' Pantomime Northcott Theatre
- **Fri 16th December** Last day of term



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



Class 1

Arietta
Albie
Rowan

Bronze Award
(50 stars)

Class 2

Darcie
Lily
Tiff
Laila
Izabella



Super Learners of the Week!

Class 1

Amelia has produced some lovely work this week during our English lessons. We have started to work on our independent writing and Amelia has used her plan and our shared write to help her start her story and has been using her Fred Talk to help spell any words she is unsure of. Well done, Amelia!



Class 2

Sienna always shows fantastic determination with her learning, listening to her targets she was eager to find out how she can be doing more. The presentation of her learning is always immaculate and she is showing a deeper understanding of her learning throughout the lessons. Well done, Sienna



Christian Ethos - Endurance

Class 1

Rowan has used his endurance this week during our Phonics sessions. He was struggling to form the letter 'e' and began to say "I can't do it, Miss" but he used his endurance to keep going and managed to form the letter. Well done, Rowan!



Class 2

It has been brilliant to see how **Laila** has shown her determination to overcome one of her fears. Laila is continuing to persevere and use her coping strategies and has shown amazing progress over the past couple of weeks. Well done, Laila!



Help make Devon the best place to grow up. . .

Share your thoughts and be part of our ambition for children, young people and families.

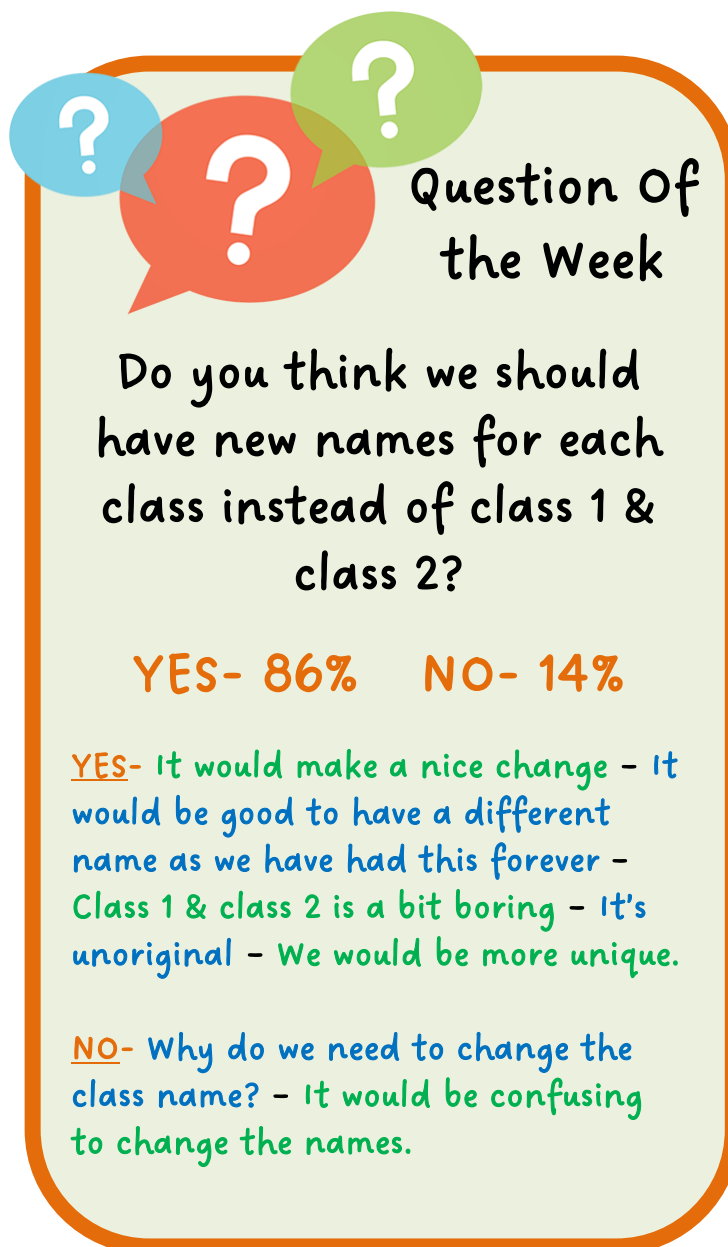
devon.cc/wish-for-devon



Help make Devon the best place to grow up
Devon County Council's ambition is to be the best place to grow up and they want to encourage everyone across the county to help them and actively play their part. To help promote this, Devon is creating a new visual identity for people to unite and rally around. They've engaged with a range of people (children, young people, families, delivery partners) to help shape this.

From the feedback received so far, they've created three ideas for names, straplines and the visual identity. Devon now wants to hear your opinions on which parts of these ideas will help achieve the ambition, particularly thoughts from parents, carers and guardians. If you'd like to help shape the outcome of this important and exciting piece of work and make Devon an even better place for children, young people and families to grow up in, please complete the short survey before Friday 21 October.

Survey link - <https://form.typeform.com/to/S9pXBQjy>



Question Of the Week

Do you think we should have new names for each class instead of class 1 & class 2?

YES- 86% NO- 14%

YES- It would make a nice change - It would be good to have a different name as we have had this forever - Class 1 & class 2 is a bit boring - It's unoriginal - We would be more unique.

NO- Why do we need to change the class name? - It would be confusing to change the names.



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

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

Higher Gorhuish, Northlew, EX20 3BT



Managing your Money

Our **Managing Your Money** webinar session is designed to help with information, tips and strategies to help you to take control of your finances.

In our webinar, which will last around 1-2 hours, we'll go through the following with you:

- How to check if you are entitled to receive any benefits or if you are receiving the correct amount.
- What grants and further support is out there to help with the Cost of Living crisis.
- How to prepare a budget that gives an overview of what comes in against what goes out and how to try and set a little aside.
- Money saving tips, how to make sure you're not paying too much and are on the best tariffs/deals.
- How to get further help if you're struggling.



citizens
advice

Torridge, North,
Mid & West Devon

Please visit our **Eventbrite** page to book onto our webinar.

More information can be found on our website <https://ruraldevoncab.org.uk/managingyourmoney> or by finding the pinned post on our facebook page, facebook.com/TorridgeNorthMidWestCA (or search TorridgeNorthMidWestCA on facebook).



Monday 10th October at 11am

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/403343680807>

Friday 14th October at 11am

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/403367030647>

Tuesday 18th October at 1pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/403386709507>

Thursday 20th October at 1pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/403386839897>

Friday 28th October at 1pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/403387271187>

Monday 31st October at 11am

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/403387431667>

www.ruraldevoncab.org.uk



© Citizens Advice Torridge, North, Mid and West Devon

Registered charity number 1068496.

Ofsted
Good School

2022

Northlew & Ashbury Parochial C of E Primary School Telephone: **01409 221 420**
E-mail: admin@northlewprimary.org.uk Website: www.northlew.devon.sch.uk

DIOCESE
OF EXETER
THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND
IN DEVON