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Newsletter

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This Weeks
Team Point
Winner...

**Dartmoor &
Bodmin**

Dear parents/carers,

This week our year six children shone demonstrating their perseverance and determination with their assessments. Despite not feeling well and full of cold, they completed every assessment to the best of their ability – well done! We must also say a huge well done to the rest of the school for their superb behaviour and attitude to learning; they were extra quiet during the assessments and coped really well working in different environments and with different teachers.

Next week the children will be going to Exmoor Zoo as part of our Science Curriculum. **Please make sure that all consent and payments are made by the end of the school day on Monday.** The children will need to come to school in full school uniform with a coat and sensible shoes, as we will be doing a lot of walking around the zoo. They will need to bring a packed lunch in a rucksack with plenty to drink. It would be sensible to pack a sunhat and sun cream (as the weather is so unpredictable) as we are outdoors for most of the day.

Please find information about this year's school performance as well as a link to a parents online safety toolkit – this has been designed to educate children, teachers and parents about the dangers online through game based learning.

Attached are the minutes from the Ethos Committee Meeting and the PTFA meeting that were both held last week at school.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Cook

Heatree Residential- Final Payment

A **final payment of £62** is due for the residential by Friday 24th May.

Please make payment by cash or cheque (*made payable to - Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust*). A kit list will be sent out shortly.



Gooseberry Planet- Online Safety

Gooseberry Planet is a Free software platform designed to educate parents & children about the dangers online through game based learning- <https://gooseberryplanet.com/parents/>

Diary For Week Beginning- 20th May

Last week's
attendance
was:
95.8%

Monday	Mrs Barnola teaching KS2- all day Mrs Cook teaching KS1- all day Parent/Career Toddler Stay & Play- 9.00-10.30am
Tuesday	 EXMOOR ZOO TRIP- 9:00-3:30 Gardening after-school club- 3.30-4.30pm
Wednesday	Mrs Cook teaching KS1- all day Mrs Clayburn teaching KS2- all day *Dartmoor Cup Cricket- Hatherleigh, 9:45-2:00 OCRA PE lessons KS1 & KS2- pm Mrs Cook visit Highampton pre-school- 2pm NEW! OCRA after-school (archery) club, 3.30- 4.30pm
Thursday	Mrs Lee teaching KS2- all day Mrs Cook teaching KS1- am KS1 & KS2 Forest School with Mr Thomas NEW! Yoga after-school club, 3:30-4:30pm
Friday	Mrs Lee teaching KS2- all day Mrs Barnola teaching KS1- all day Mrs Cook visit Hatherleigh pre-school- 12.45pm Celebration Assembly at 3.00pm

* You will have been notified by text if your child has been invited to take part in this event. Please confirm their attendance in School Gateway.

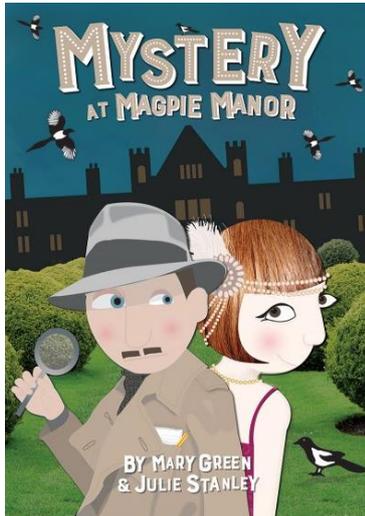
Teachers2parents

We are no longer using this provider to message parents and will keep you updated using the messaging service on School Gateway, Keeping everything in one place. Please check this regularly as this will be used to send reminders, club cancelations, notify you of new clubs and general school information.



Dartmoor Cup Cricket

We are entering a team (6 children) into this years Dartmoor Cup Cricket competition at Hatherleigh Cricket ground on **Wed 22nd May, 9:45-2:00**. Children will need their PE kit and a packed lunch+drink. You will have been notified by text if your child is taking part and will need to give your consent by booking them on through School Gateway.



KS2 Summer Play

This year the children in class 2 will be performing **'Mystery at Magpie Manor'** in the village hall on **Wed 17th July at 6:00pm**. For those parents **who are unable** to make the evening performance, you are more than welcome to come along to the final dress rehearsal at 2pm on Tue 16th July.

This term we are focusing on our Christian Ethos of 'forgiveness'



Class 1

Ben was very forgiving towards another child who was unkind to him.

Class 2

Oscar found it difficult to share football with a larger group and sadly ended up isolating himself. He had the courage to accept responsibility and apologise to a large group of children and enjoyed the rest of the day with them.



Attended by: Mrs Cook (HoS) Mrs M Livingstone (MAT chair of Ethos Committee) Ms Quick (TA and Pupil Ethos Leader) Mrs Cudmore (Parent) Miss Nash (parent).

- Welcome
- What is an Ethos Committee?

The Ethos Committee's role is to ensure that the Multi Academy Trust's (MAT) Values, Vision and Aims are embedded in the actions and activities of Northlew Primary School. This will include the Co-Operative Values set out in the MAT's statement of intent.

The Committee's role is also to ensure that the voice of its local community in connection with the school is being fed back to the MAT Trustees.

Co-operative schools promote democratic participation groups made up of parent, student and staff constituencies.

- Our school Christian Values - how they are being used and developed within our school

School has developed our 5 Christian values which underpin everything that we do at Northlew. These are shared with parents in our celebration assemblies at the end of every week - we feel these values (endurance, friendship, forgiveness, peace and trust) are the foundations for lifelong learning. As well as developing these values in our daily worships the children have opportunities to explore these in all areas of the curriculum.

- Our school Vision - 'Let Your Light Shine'

It was agreed that we needed a vision statement which encompasses all of our Christian values. After collaboration with all stakeholders we agreed that 'Let Your Light Shine' *Matthew 5:16* embodies everything that we are at Northlew. We strive to ensure that children who attend Northlew CofE Primary reach their full potential and 'shine' in all areas of the curriculum.

- Celebrating a range of cultures around the world - enhancing the development of the wider curriculum

As well as developing our Christian distinctiveness through our weekly RE lessons and daily worships, we feel it is vital that the children learn, experience, embrace and understand religious festivals and ceremonies celebrated around the world. A display of the children's learning will be displayed in the front lobby for parents and visitors to the school and the children also hope to put on

a celebration assembly to share what they have learnt with the parents and the community. This term the children will be looking at 'Ramadan'.

- Big Questions - philosophy for children - child led learning

The children in class 2 have already begun looking at big questions that allow them to think for themselves, debate their own thoughts and opinions and respect the thoughts and opinions of others. This term we will look at developing the big questions with the children in class 1. We will also be sharing our views through a display in each classroom.

- Development of our Ethos Group with the children

As well as our School Council Members, we have been developing an Ethos Committee group with the children. Ms Quick will be the lead member of staff for this group. The children will be responsible for sharing and developing our Christian distinctiveness throughout the school as well as working alongside staff to explore and create our own outside spiritual area.

- Community links - next steps

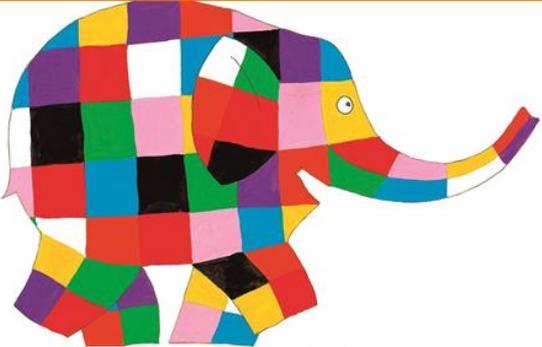
We feel at Northlew it is extremely important that the school is the heart of the community. We have been discussing the introduction of a tea and games morning for the residents of the village, invitations to celebration assemblies and our end of term production. This will be led by the Ethos group.

- Prayer Group

As from September we hope to have a prayer group that meets fortnightly. This will be open to children, parents, staff and the wider community. More information about this will be shared in the Autumn term.

 **Devon Libraries**

Elmer's Fun and Games!



Okehampton Library
Friday 24th May
9:45 – 10:30

To celebrate **Elmer Day**, join us for **elephant-themed songs, games and activities.**

Free! Donations welcome **For under 5's and their carers**

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PTFA Minutes - Friday 10th May 5:30pm

Present: Mr Whittley (Executive Head), Mrs Cook (HoS), PTFA members - Mrs Hatt, Mrs Fewings, Mrs Hughes & Miss Nash

- Celebrate success of the PTFA over the last year - What has this meant for the children of Northlew?

A massive thank you to all the parents who have played a part in fund raising for the children of Northlew Primary over the last year. Without them the following would not have been achievable.....

The PTFA have been responsible for the purchase of two interactive flat screen computers for both classes, this ensures that the children have access to interactive lessons and an engaging curriculum. They have covered the costs of several coaches for schools trips which support the development of the curriculum, purchased year 6 leavers hoodies, the end of term production script and performance licence as well as the Christmas tree and other essential items for school. It is vital that we strive to sign up more parents, as most of the members are parents of class 2 children, it would be lovely to see some class 1 parents sign up to help support the school.

- Roles and responsibilities

It was agreed that the PTFA need to be identified to the school and community so a dedicated area on the parent/community noticeboard will be given to the PTFA to allow better communication for everyone. Up and coming events will be advertised, dates for the next meeting as well as pictures of the current PTFA members with their roles and responsibilities. A suggestion box will also be available for ideas for further events. This will only be successful if we all play a part and get involved! Remember all the money that is raised helps support your children's education!

- Up and coming events for the Summer term

The PTFA have several events organised for the Summer term including a curry night in the pub on Saturday 8th June, The Duck Race Event on Friday 5th July and a School Dayz Gig on the evening of Friday 19th July. More information on these events including tickets will be available after the half term break.

The next meeting will be held at the beginning of the Autumn term.