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Newsletter

Friday 18th October 2019

Dear parents/carers,

What a busy half term we have had at Northlew, the children and staff have worked extremely hard and the children have produced some fantastic pieces of learning in their books as well as some beautiful art and DT pieces linked with their topic learning this half term. Topic learning will continue after the half term holidays with some visitors to the school on Tuesday 29th who will be exploring why Diwali is important to the Hindu culture and the children will have the opportunity to participate in some traditional dance.

As you are aware we had Penny Burnside our SIAMS inspector in school all day with us on Tuesday. A huge thank you to those parents who took the time to speak to her. I was extremely proud of how the children conducted themselves throughout the day and the inspector commented on how the children were thoughtful and considerate when responding to questions she asked them, a big well done to all our children. The school will receive a full report from the inspection in a few weeks.

After a great response from parents in our parent's workshop questionnaire, I am pleased to inform you that we will start our 4 week phonic course after half term. The sessions will begin on **Friday 8th November from 2:30 - 3pm** and will explore all the phonics sounds your child will learn at school and how you can use these to help support your child with reading at home. Each session will provide opportunities for you to interact with your child, engaging in some reading games and activities. This is open to everyone; please let Hannah know if you would like to attend so that I can prepare resources.

Home learning is one of the many ways that staff assess the learning that your child has explored throughout the week at school. We take time during teaching sessions to mark the home learning alongside the children so that we can discuss any misconceptions that may arise. Please help us to support your child by ensuring that home learning is completed and returned to school on time (Tuesdays for both classes). Your child also

has the opportunity to complete their home learning during break times on Monday and Tuesday in our 'Home Learning session', organised by Mrs Quick.

Even though it is only October, we have a date for our school Christmas performance. This year we plan to have a whole school Nativity performance "Children of the World" on **Wednesday 18th December at 2pm** in the village hall. The children will be auditioning for parts after the holidays and staff will be busy preparing scenery and props. We will send out more information after the holidays regarding costumes once we have allocated the parts.


Please can I ask for any outstanding parent questionnaires given out at parent consultations to be returned to school ASAP, we do value your feedback and believe working in partnership with our parents is extremely important.

Once again, many thanks for your continual support. Have a fantastic half term and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 28th October.

Mrs Cook

Last week's
attendance
was:
96.8%

*** Remember to book your child's school dinners for after half term! ***

<i>School Diary</i>	
October/November 2019	
Monday - 28th	KS2 Swimming Sessions, 1:30-2:30 (final session)
Tuesday - 29th	Supply teaching KS1- am Diwali dance workshop in school- pm Yoga after-school club, 3:30-4:30pm (yr1-6)
Wednesday - 30th	Supply teaching KS1- all day OCRA Multi-skills after-school club, 3:30-4:30pm (yr1-6)
Thursday - 31st 	Supply teaching KS1- am Forest School with Mr Thomas- KS2 am & KS1 pm Martial Arts after-school club, 3:30-4:30pm (yr1-6)
Friday - 1st	Mr Thomas teaching KS1- all day Celebration Assembly at 3.10pm Northlew Carnival- 6.45pm

Devon Norse- New Autumn/Winter Menu

Your child will have come home yesterday with a new dinner menu (this can also be found on our school website). **Week 1 meals are now available to book in 'School Gateway'**. Please discuss meal choices with your child and try to choose options they'd normally like to eat. As you're aware, our dinners are cooked to order from Hatherleigh. Therefore, we have no spare meals available so it's important that children enjoy their lunch as we have no alternatives to offer them.

After-School Clubs

We are finding that many children are attending clubs which they have not been booked onto. Following the half term break, if your child is not booked on a club (through School Gateway), we will have to contact you to come and collect them as they are not covered by our insurance to be on site.

On the other hand, we have also not been notified when some children cannot attend sessions which they are booked on. It is important that we know, with as much notice as possible, if your child can't attend a session, so we can offer it to a child on the waiting list.

Here is some statistics from this term:

- **13 children did not attend sessions** they were booked onto.
- **13 sessions** where children on the waiting list **could have taken part in clubs**, had we known.
- **12 children** attended sessions which they **were not booked onto**.

Unlike some other schools, we offer the children 3 after-school clubs a week, free of charge to parents. In order for this to continue we would really appreciate your cooperation with this. Many thanks

SUPER LEARNERS OF THE ★ WEEK ★



Class 2

Rose always does her best, listens to instructions and always tries to include grammatical features when she has been asked to. She can always be relied on to independently upskill her writing. Well done Rose!

I can write my recount about what happens inside the ancient Egyptian tomb using the grammatical features I have learnt in this sequence.

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On a sunny hot day, the man (who was very old and slow) walk through the door it immediately slammed shut, it was so dark but the archaeologist had a torch with him and suddenly he realised that he had been in a ancient pyramid all this time.

As he walked into the next room he found some leavers and hieroglyphics so he got out his notepad his bottle leaked he carried on trying to read the hieroglyphics but he read it wrong, he thought it said pull left leaver but it said pull right leaver.

So as he pulled the wrong leaver he started to sink into the sand he tried reaching up for the vines that

Class 1

Alfie has shown great independence with his own creative story of 'Roxy Fetch the Monster Trucks' using his knowledge of tricky words to create his own sentences.

Christian Ethos- 'Endurance'

Class 1

Jack has shown fantastic endurance both inside and outside the class room; learning how to hula hoop and really developing his understanding of the phonics sounds he has been taught this half term.



Class 2

Scarlett and Nelle demonstrated great endurance on Tuesday when they confidently showed our inspector around the school despite feeling very nervous.