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# "LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE"

Matthew 5:16

## Newsletter Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023

This week's  
attendance  
**88.62%**

Dear parents/carers,

As we come to the end of another fantastic year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff, parents and wider community for warmly welcoming me to the community of Northlew and Ashbury back in January of 2018 and for their continued support over the years. I have thoroughly enjoyed my experience as a class teacher and school leader and have embraced the journey and all that it has brought since joining the Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust. A special thanks to your wonderful children who inspire me to do the job every day. Watching them grow and flourish as individuals and supporting them along their own individual journeys has been a real privilege. I wish them the best for the next stages on their academic journey. Thank you all for your continued support in my time at Northlew and Ashbury Primary School. I know that the school will continue to 'Let Your Light Shine' under the leadership of Mr Hill and Mrs Lee, as we move forward into the new academic year.



### Goodbye and Good Luck

A massive thank you to Hannah, our amazing administrator who has been promoted to the lead administrator across the primary schools, starting in September. It has been an absolute pleasure to have worked alongside Hannah and I'm sure you will join me in wishing her the very best in her new role. A letter was shared with parents on Wednesday outlining the new structure to our administrators across the Hubs within our primary schools, which will begin in September.

### After School Clubs

The children have enjoyed the wide range of after school clubs which we will have up and running for the beginning of the new school year. It has been lovely to see the children enjoy a variety of sports such as tennis, badminton and martial arts as well as cooking, Lego and gardening clubs. Please do speak to your children over



the summer holidays and encourage them to share any ideas they have for new clubs they would like to see in the new academic year. Thank you for all your support.

### Our Year 6 Leavers

We shared our memories and said our goodbyes to our class of 2023, year 6 Leavers on Thursday this week. They have been a truly inspirational group of children who have given so much in their leadership roles to the rest of the children, staff and community of Northlew and Ashbury. We wish them the very best for their new chapter as they move onto college and hope they continue to 'Let Their Light Shine' brightly as they take their next steps in their own individual journeys.



### Educatering School Meals



Effective from September, we will be using catering

company Educatering. A letter from Educatering, along with the new menu was emailed out to parents on Thursday but this can also be found on the school website.

The Department for Education has increased the funding for Free School Meals by 7p to £2.53. This recognises the increase in the cost of ingredients nationally. In line with this from September a main meal and dessert will now be charged at **£2.53 per day**.

To help us manage food waste and costs more effectively, Educatering will also be introducing the requirement to book **meals a week ahead**. These orders will need to be placed by **midnight the Thursday preceding the following week**. For example, the meal choices for the week starting on the 11th of September will need to be made by Thursday 7th September. Any orders placed for the coming week after 9am each Thursday, will not be counted and you may still be charged.

In the first few weeks we will send text reminders to parents, while we adjust to this new way of booking school meals.

Once again, thank you all so much for your continual support in my time at Northlew and Ashbury. Wishing you and your families a restful and enjoyable summer break. The staff are looking forward to inviting the children back to school on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September at 8:45am.

*Mrs Cook*



## Wake Park

This week on Wednesday year 4,5 and 6 went to North Devon Wake Park. All of us enjoyed this as we got to go on an inflatable obstacle course on the water. It was a lot of fun jumping off obstacles and into the water even though it was very cold.



It was fun being able to float in the lake because of our life jackets- Marjorie



We were all struggling to get up onto the wheel together, but as soon as we had nearly done it we were told that only four were allowed on at a time. - Sienna



Going down the slide was exciting because you weren't sure where you were going to land. - Zac



Jumping off all the obstacles was really enjoyable because we were able to belly flop into the water. - Harry





# Yr6 Leavers Assembly 2023



WE WILL  
MISS YOU 

Goodbye  
Good Luck





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



Gold Award  
(250 stars)

Class 2  
Izabella





# Super Learners of the Week!

## Class 1

**Freddie, Dylan & Zac:** I am incredibly proud of how much I have seen these boys grow in confidence and blossom into the lovely young lads they are now. They have all shown a brilliant attitude to their learning this year and have become more independent and resilient. We are going to miss having them in our class very much as their characters shine brightly every day. Good luck in Class 2!



## Class 2

**Izabella** has shown such focus and determination throughout the year towards her learning. She has continued to keep her focus on her learning this week and has really developed her confidence with her maths skills. Well done, Bella!



## Christian Ethos Value

### **Class 1 - Endurance**

**Rowan** has had a brilliant first year at Northlew and has taken everything in his stride. He is always willing to give things a go and tries his best in all areas of his learning. He is more than ready to move on to Year 1 and I hope his endurance and resilience will continue. Well done, Rowan!



### **Class 2 - Peace**

**Charlotte** managed to remain calm and understanding when she realised she could not participate with the Wake Park trip. We were extremely proud as Charlotte had such a mature attitude when faced with disappointment. Well done, Charlotte!



# PTFA Book Winner **Darcie**



## **A Massive Thank You!**

A huge thank you goes to our PTFA for their continuous fundraising events and thoroughly enjoyable activities they have provided for the children this year. They have helped to support with transport and trips to enable our children to have a wide variety of experiences that have helped to support and enhance our curriculum this year.

Just to remind you, the PTFA Duck Race will take place on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August.



A BIG congratulations to Lily for being awarded with Northlew's sports trophy 2023!

## **Water Games**

To cool off after an extremely busy year, the children had the opportunity to celebrate all their successes with some water game son the playground. The staff ,managed to trick them to come together for one final picture to enable them to soak them all. Great fun was had by everyone!

