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# "LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE"

Matthew 5:16

**Newsletter**  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022

This week's  
attendance  
**93.1%**

Dear parents/carers,

As we come to the end of the half term, I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge well done to all our children at Northlew. Our endurance value has been seen in abundance, through the children's learning across the curriculum, their behaviour and attitudes towards each other, their achievements in our trips and visitors to school and in their many leadership roles across the school. The staff and I are incredibly proud of every child and their achievements this half term!



Thank you to those parents to come along to our **SWAP SHOP** on Monday afternoon. It was great to see that clothes, shoes and books that were no longer needed in one home could be put to good use in another. The clothes left over will be collected after the half term from Bags4School with the money received being put in our PTFA funding, supporting the school with a wide variety of resources and transport.

## Tag Rugby after-school club

After half term, our OCRA after school club on Monday will change from football to tag rugby. If your child is interested in taking part in the tag rugby club, please sign them up through School Gateway.



## Cooking Club

After the half term holiday, Mrs Johnstone will be running an after-school cookery club on a Tuesday, 3:30-4:30pm. The club will begin on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November**, and we will be charging **£1 per session** to cover the cost of ingredients. Children are asked to bring a tub/container so that they can bring what



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

they have cooked during the session home to share with family and friends. Due to the restrictions of equipment, we have available, there will be a maximum of 10 children on this club. We are asking parents to sign up for the 5-week block and payment to be made in full before the club starts on the 8<sup>th</sup> November. This will allow Mrs Johnstone to purchase all the ingredients she will need for the sessions. [Booking for this club will open on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 9:30am through School Gateway.](#)

Thank to our families and community of Northlew for their generous donations for our **Harvest Festival** celebration in the church on Tuesday afternoon this week. Mrs Johnstone has very kindly offered to drop them to the food bank in Okehampton. A huge well done to Mrs Lee, Mrs Quick and the rest of the staff for the children's fantastic singing and Harvest prayers of thanks.



### **Open The Book**



We welcomed members of the community along with Rev Leigh to our first open the book session on Wednesday this week. The worship shared stories from the Bible and the children also took part in the retelling of the story. The children thoroughly enjoyed the sessions and are looking forward to welcoming the 'Open the Book' team back after the half term holidays.

We would like to thank our parents for all their support this half term. Wishing you all a wonderful week's break, looking forward to seeing you all when we return on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October.

*Mrs Cook*

### Question Of the Week

Was the experience of going to the Church for Harvest positive for you?

**YES: 96%      NO: 4%**

**Yes:** I enjoyed the singing - I liked seeing the Harvest artwork from the other children - Yes, it was nice to see people enjoying the songs and prayers - I felt proud of our school- The Harvest assembly gave us time to reflect on the things we should be grateful and thankful for.

**No:** I was off school unwell that day.

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

# School Diary

## October/November

Monday – 31 <sup>st</sup>	OCRA Tag Rugby after-school club, 3:30-4:30pm
Tuesday – 1 <sup>st</sup>	Ethos Singing Group visit Hatherleigh Church, 10am
Wednesday – 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tuck Shop, 3:15-3:30pm
Thursday – 3 <sup>rd</sup>	PE lessons- AM, class 1 & 2 Martial Arts club, 3:30-4:30pm
Friday – 4 <sup>th</sup>	Theatre Alibi in school performing 'The Parcel'. <del>Celebration Assembly, 9am</del> Class 1 Swimming Lessons, 1:30pm @ Aqua Stars (1/7)

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

Dates for  
your  
diary.....

- **Mon 24<sup>th</sup> – Fri 28<sup>th</sup> October- Half term holiday**
- **Mon 31<sup>st</sup> October- All children return**
- **Fri 4<sup>th</sup> November-** Theatre Alibi visit to perform 'The Parcel'
- **Mon 7<sup>th</sup> November-** Tempest Individual School Photo
- **Tues 29<sup>th</sup> November-** Whole School Flu Immunisation programme
- **Wed 7<sup>th</sup> December-** Christmas Performance
- **Tues 13<sup>th</sup> December-** Parents Forum 5pm
- **Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> December-** 'Robin Hood' Pantomime Northcott Theatre
- **Fri 16<sup>th</sup> December-** Last day of term



# Forest School News

This week the children took part in their first forest school session with our forest ranger Rob Taylor. The children in class 1 had a discussion around an animal linked to the initial of their first name. They then created a picture of their animal on natural resources to decorate our forest school

shelter. The children found out about the trees in the school grounds and finished the session toasting marshmallows around the campfire.

Our children in class 2 enjoyed creating geometric shapes using conkers and toothpicks, used tools carefully to create wooden knives and finished off their session toasting marshmallows around the campfire. The children look forward to their next session after the half term break!







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



**Bronze Award**  
(50 stars)

**Class 1**  
Zac  
Esmé

**Class 2**  
Ollie  
Arabella  
Sienna  
Thea





# Super Learners of the Week!

## Class 1

**Ellie** has produced a wonderful piece of writing in her English this week. She always strives to do her best in any independent work and is eager to discuss and take on board how she can improve her writing using her purple pen. Well done, Ellie!



## Class 2

**Marjorie** has created a beautiful book for her English based on the book 'The Day the Crayons Quit'. It is fantastic to see how she has included a wide range of grammar and how this has been influenced by her love of reading. Well done, Marjorie!



## Christian Ethos - Endurance

## Class 1

**Eli** has shown brilliant endurance this week. He has continued to make a huge effort with his letter writing and mark making and is getting better and better each day. Well done, Eli!



## Class 2

**Darcie** always shows amazing determination with her reading, she always ensures that she reads regularly and tries to challenge herself to use expression and gain a clear understanding of what she has read. Well done, Darcie





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Is your child starting primary school in  
September 2023?

# Open Afternoon

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2022

1:30 - 3:30pm

To book a visit, please call  
01409 221 420

Northlew Primary School warmly invites children, parents and  
carers for a tour of the school and our early years provision.



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](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?invite=dilgss&char=267200&referral-campaign=s2s&utm_campaign=refertowin_sept_22)