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

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Last week's
attendance
was:
100%

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have returned to school so well and worked extremely hard this half term, staff have been impressed with how quickly they have settled and how focused they have been with their learning. To reward them for all their efforts this half term, a big thank to our PTFA who have organised Halloween crafts and sweets for all the children.

Our school Leadership Team have been busy over the last few weeks organising the library, planning new games and activities for the playground and discussing new fund-raising ideas that we can become involved in this year. This year we would like to continue to support the Operation Christmas Child Appeal. More information on how you can support this appeal is included within this newsletter, as well as an update from our pupils' teams on what they have been up to.

The children in class 2 are enjoying the new reading books that we have purchased this term and it is lovely to see so many of the children fully engaged with reading at home as well as in school. A big thank you to our parents for supporting your child with their reading at home, please continue to share books over the half term holidays.

After the half term break, we hope to continue with our mosaic that we had started with Adele at the beginning of the year. Class 1 will continue with their project that they had started on our school Ethos of 'Let Your Light Shine'. We hope that Adele can also begin her outdoors project with class 2 to prepare a range of mosaics for our outdoor learning environment.

Just a reminder that after half term our class 2 children will begin their swimming lessons. Staff have received the full risk assessment from our coach company and the swimming centre. Unfortunately, due to the pools restrictions parents will not be able to watch their child swim. More details about payments and what the children need to bring can be found in this newsletter.

On behalf of all the staff, we would like to wish you and your family a great half term break.

Once again, many thanks for your continual support,

Mrs Cook



Contact Details

It's important that we have the correct information, should we need to get in touch. Therefore, please can we remind parents to contact the school either by phone or email if you need to make any changes to your contact & address details. This also applies to all family/friends contacts which we hold for your child.

Pick up outside school-cars

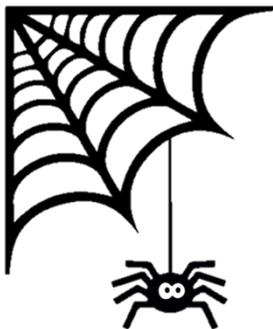
Just a reminder for all parents to use the parking available in the village square when dropping off and picking up your children at the end of the school day. Please avoid parking next to the wall facing the school as this is blocking the main road into the village.

Keep our children safe.

Swimming Payments

The second instalment of £15.62, is due by 2nd November. If your child is in class 2, please make sure the full payment has been made before they begin swimming on the first day back on Monday 2nd November.

Children will need to bring a towel, swimming costume/shorts and optional goggles. They may bring a snack with them for after swimming but they cannot bring money as the café is closed.



Halloween/Dress Up Day

A big thank you to our generous PTFA for organising our Halloween crafts & sweets this week. The children enjoyed painting their wooden pumpkins and bats, which they will bring home today and all of the children have been provided with a bag



of sweets courtesy of our PTFA.





Operation Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

Our school council would like to support Operation Christmas Child appeal again this year. We would like each class to create at least 2 shoe boxes to send off to the appeal. Children are more than welcome to create their own shoe box but will need to



pay the £5 postage fee (the school will cover this for our class shoe boxes). This will help to bring a little happiness to disadvantaged children around the world. If you would like to donate an item for the class boxes, please refer to the list below for gift suggestions. Can we ask that all donations are left in the front entrance of school by **6th November**, in order for us to meet the deadline. For more information visit:

www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child

Thank you!

Gift Suggestions

TOYS

Include items that children will immediately embrace such as dolls or cuddly toys, toy trucks, harmonica, yo-yo, skipping rope, ball, small puzzles etc.



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Pens, pencils & sharpeners, crayons or felt pens, stamps & ink pad sets, writing pads or notebooks & paper, solar calculators, colouring & picture books etc.



HYGIENE ITEMS

Toothbrush, bars of wrapped soap, comb or hairbrush, flannel.

Due to more stringent import regulations, toothpaste can no longer be included in shoeboxes.



OTHER ITEMS

Hat, cap, gloves or scarf, sunglasses, hair accessories, jewellery set, wind up torch, slinky spring, matchbox cars.

Due to more stringent import regulations, sweets can no longer be included in shoeboxes.



DO NOT INCLUDE

Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; seeds; sweets, chocolate or food items; toothpaste, lotions or liquids including bubbles; medicines; playing cards of the 4-suit variety; religious or political literature; sharp or fragile items; books with mainly words.

Items packed from this list will be removed from shoeboxes. [Read more about this process.](#)

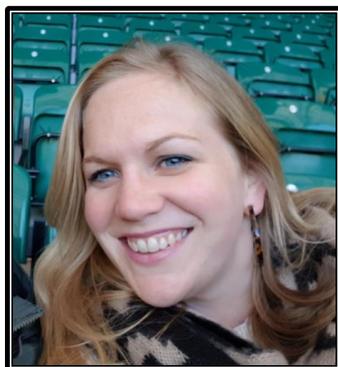


Last weekend, I made my fire pit with a piece of 10cm stainless steel box cut into three pieces. One piece was 30cm long with a 45 degree angle at one end. The other piece was 30cm long with a 10cm long tongue at one end. The final piece was 40cm long with a hole which was 23cm long at one end on one side. I also made a shovel that you light the firelighter on then once you have lit the fire you can cook on the tin. It took a lot of hard work and perseverance to create it. I have enjoyed cooking with it. Charlie



Weekly Forest School Sessions

The children have been enjoying the outdoors and taking part in various forest school activities organised by Mr Thomas. Children are provided with waterproof clothing to allow themselves to become fully emerged in the activities. Thank you to everyone for providing your child with wellies for the sessions. We will keep these in school in our Forest school hut so the children have access to them weekly. After half term we hope to get started on our permanent structure using willow kindly donated by a parent.



Hello,

My name is Louise Fewings and I have been chair of the Northlew & Ashbury PTFA for 3 years.

My role as chair is to lead meetings and the AGM, liase with the school and parents about ideas that we think would benefit the children the most and delegate jobs to other committee members for our events. I also help out at our fundraising days.

I started off as vice chair after another parent and I attended a meeting and were voted to be chair and vice chair.

Before going to this meeting, I had no clue what a PTFA really did or how it worked.

But a few years on and I'm so proud to have been apart of it. Not only does the PTFA do vital fundraising for the school, but our events bring the village together to join in too. So it's something for everyone. On top of that, I have made some great friends and it's a great way to be sociable and have fun.

I feel now it's time for me to step down as chair in January 2021 as my daughter only has 2 years left at the school and I would like someone else to have a go at this rewarding role, and to bring some fresh ideas. The PTFA committee are a great bunch and everyone helps each other out, as we say 'many hands make light work'.

I will still be on the committee but wish to step down as chair.

If you have any questions, or for more info please have a chat with me at school or email me.

We need this position to be filled as the PTFA cannot run without all officers. It would be awful to see it close after the many years of wonderful, vital work it has done and needs to continue to do.

Look forward to hearing/speaking to you.

Louise x
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GOLD STAR

*Congratulations to the following children for being awarded with their **BRONZE** certificate for achieving 50 gold stars.*

Class 2

Isobella

Marjorie

Charlie G

Willow



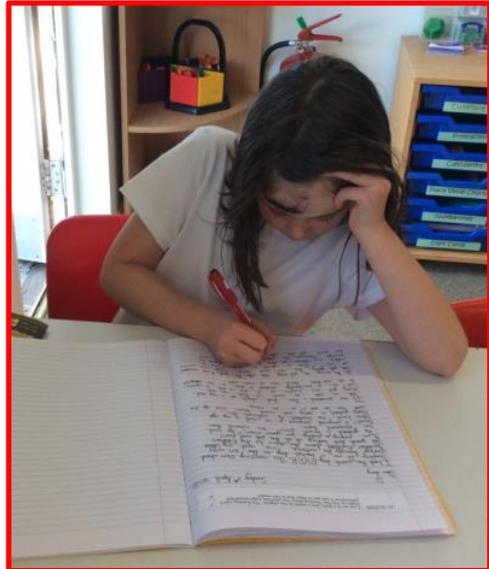
SUPER LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

20.10.20 I can write a sorry letter in the first person portraying a character within the story



Dear mummy cat
I'm really sorry I
slipped on a squished tomato
and then it fell on the floor.
then it smashed.
From Splat

Class 1
Laila has been really focusing on improving her handwriting; thinking of the size of the letters on the line. Well done Laila, keep it up!



Class 2
Since the start of term we have been really impressed with Suzi's attitude to her learning across the board. She always tries her best and has been showing great progress because of this. Well done Suzi!

Christian Ethos- 'Endurance'

Class 1
Freddie has shown great endurance skills this week, developing his ability to follow repeating patterns which enabled him to complete his own bracelet independently. Well done Freddie!



19.10.2020 I can solve multi-step addition and subtraction problems carefully reading the question and checking my answers using the inverse method.

$7,923$	$+ 1,286$	$= 9,209$	$9,209 - 1,286 = 7,923$
$7,923$	$- 1,286$	$= 6,637$	$6,637 + 1,286 = 7,923$
$9,209$	$- 7,923$	$= 1,286$	$1,286 + 7,923 = 9,209$

Superb endurance Winnie well done

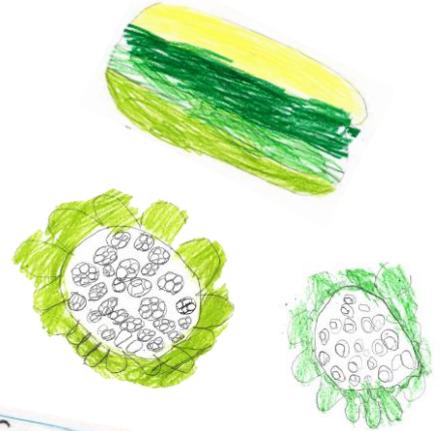
$9,325$	$+ 1,605$	$= 10,930$	$10,930 - 1,605 = 9,325$
$9,325$	$- 1,605$	$= 7,720$	$7,720 + 1,605 = 9,325$
$10,930$	$- 7,720$	$= 3,210$	$3,210 + 7,720 = 10,930$

Class 2
Winnie has shown great determination in her learning this week whilst using the inverse method. It was lovely to see her realise that her calculations didn't match so she independently and tried again. Well done for not giving up and working it out Winnie.

Harvest Celebrations

This year we have carried out our harvest celebrations at school. A huge thank you for all the kind food donations we have received this week, we will be donating these to the food bank in Okehampton. Please see a sample of the children's prayers and artwork that we have completed this week.

Dear God,
Thank you for the special things that
money just can't buy: the people that
we love, warm sun, the mountains and the
sky. We thank you for our beautiful
world, for our ~~cott~~ colours of the sky
and sounds of the sea, for the smell
of flowers and the taste of fruit, for
trees and birds and the animals.
Amen



Dear God
Harvest time is a time to think of those people in the world
who don't have as much money and food as us; we pray that
things will change in the world for those people.
We pray that the people on our earth will keep our beautiful
world safe and fresh fruit and vegetables too, we also pray that every
year more and more the farmers will be able to grow more crops
to feed the famine so we also thank you for being you and thank you
for all the food our omnipotent God.

Thank you
God

Amen.



Dear God

Thank you for all the wonderful things you provide,
Thank you for loving us and always caring for us,
Thank you for the sky, clouds and heaven being near by,
Thank you for harvest, more importantly thank you for you.

Amen

Thank you God for the harvest and all the
food we eat. We thank you for our wonderful planet
and everything that you've made for us to eat
and drink for us to live our lives. We pray
that you'll keep us safe and provide us food
and we'll make your world as beautiful
neat, tidy and not destroyed. We thank you for everything
our omni benevolent God.

AMEN



Sports Leaders.

This week, Miss Scullion came to our school to teach the new sports leaders how to be a sports leader and have a responsibility and be able to keep the playground safe and tidy.



When Miss Scullion had gone through how to be a sports leader, we went outside to measure the size of the playground and how to split it up into different groups to keep safe in times such as these. This was to prevent incidents such as children getting knocked in the head because another child is running in the same space. So, that is why we all came up with the idea to split the playground up to stop that happening again.

The day after our training, we were trying out different types of class games and different ways to set up the playground so that we can use other children's ideas because only they know what they want so we are discussing with other children how they want the playground and what they want to do with it.

We hope all the children at Northlew are enjoying the new setup.

Yours sincerely, Hayden Cork, Harry Dufty, Thea Page and Rose Doran.

Librarians

This term we have been sorting out the library books so that children will be able to find them easier. We have begun to create 'Story Sack's' based on KS1 picture books. These will include puppets and activity sheets for the younger children to enjoy.

We have created a 'Halloween' book display with books based around creepy stories with witches and zombies. We have also created posters on how to be a good reader. After half term, we hope to be able to run story times for the younger children at break time and lunchtimes so that they can listen to stories being read to them.

By Sienna, Isabella, Jake, Suzi, Lily and Kieran.

