



Dartmoor
Multi Academy
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...everyone in our Trust.



"LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE"

Matthew 5:16

Newsletter
Friday 24th February 2023

This week's
attendance
97.7%

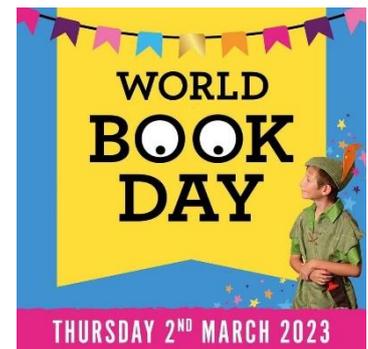
Dear Parent and Carers,

As you are aware next Thursday 2nd March is a scheduled NEU teachers strike day. We have assessed the number of staff available to support the children with their learning and are pleased to inform you that the school will be open to all children as normal next week.

World Book Day

The librarians have met this week to discuss what activities and events they would like to include in our World Book Day next Thursday. They have agreed on the following:

- Dress up as a character from your favourite book (bring the book into school or borrow one from the school library)
- Where's Wally treasure hunt during breaktime and lunchtime.
- Paired and group reading activities throughout the day.
- Book Swap Shop
- Design your own front cover competition (children will come home with their entry form today).



Remember to swap your book voucher for 1 of 12 free books between 16th Feb – 26th March 2023

Temporary Menu Change

On **Thursday 2nd March**, due to the strikes, the kitchen has altered the menu. This will be changed to

- **Main:** Jacket potato with chilli
- **Vegetarian:** Jacket potato with veg chilli
- **Jacket Potato:** with beans & cheese
- **Sandwiches:** all choices are still available.
- **Dessert:** Jelly

If your child is booked to have the main or veggie option on School Gateway, they will automatically be given the alternative. If your child would like to change to something different, please contact Hannah.



In our last session the children made cookie dough and while waiting for our cookies to bake we had hot chocolate with cream and marshmallows, which the children really enjoyed.

Our new group for the next 5 sessions will begin next week.

There are still places available so if your child would like to take part, please go to the 'payments' section of School Gateway by 9am on Monday.

In our first session we will be making... Coconut Cupcakes



Reminder: all children will need to bring a suitable container to every session in order to take their baking home.



Wildlife Champions Session

This week the woodland champions had a visit from Sarah from the Devon Wildlife Trust. The woodland champions were excited to build a bug hotel, which will help the beetles and other bugs to hide from predators. This links to the learning we have been doing about ecosystems in class. The bug hotel was built underground next to the fence as this was a safe place. We are really keen to continue this learning over the coming weeks with the rest of our class and Sarah. *Wildlife Champions*

EYFS Frog Spawn

Class 1 have been very excited this week as we have had the arrival of some frogspawn! We are going to observe the frogspawn as it goes through the lifecycle to become a frog. The children are already checking daily to see if there have been any changes. This links with our English book that we are currently looking at called 'Tadpoles Promise'. Thank you to Jo and Emma for providing the frogspawn and container!



Parents Evening

On Wednesday 15th March, we will be holding a parents afternoon/evening and providing a 10 minute slot for parents to come into school and discuss their child's progress and targets with their child's class teacher. The meetings will take place from 3pm -7pm. Booking will be available from Wednesday 1st March in Arbor.

Parents Forum



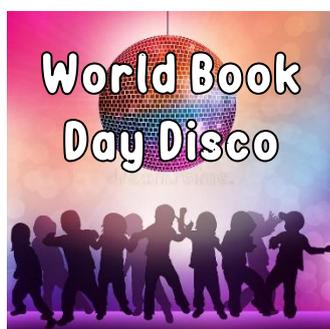
Just to remind parents that our Parents Forum will take place on **Tuesday 28th February from 3:30-**

4:30pm in the school hall.

We will be discussing the development of the curriculum, our plans to develop the library area and our EYFS outside provision through our Trust AWE project. We hope to see as many of our parents come along to the meeting as your contributions would be greatly appreciated.



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



PTFA World Book Day

Disco

Children are welcome to come along to our PTFA World Book Day Disco next **Thursday 2nd March at 4:30-6pm**. The event will cost £3.50 per child, which includes disco entry, candyfloss & a drink. Tickets will be available to purchase from the school office on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday next week.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Cook

Remember to book your child's school dinners for the coming week

School Diary

February/ March

Monday - 27th	Yr6 SATs club, lunch break
Tuesday - 28th	Gardening club, lunch break *Cooking after-school club, 3:30-4:30pm (1/5) Parents Forum Meeting in school, 3:30pm
Wednesday - 1st	Tuck Shop , 3:15-3:30pm *OCRA Indoor Sports after-school club, 3:30-4:30pm
Thursday - 2nd	World Book Day - Come dressed as a book character PE lessons- AM *Martial Arts club, 3:30-4:30pm PTFA World Book Day DISCO, 4:30-6pm
Friday - 3rd	Music lesson with music specialist, Mrs Jolliffe- PM Book & Biscuit, 2:50pm followed by Celebration Assembly

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

Shrove Tuesday

As you already know on Tuesday the 21st it was Shrove Tuesday. The children got to go out in small groups and made some pancakes. We started off by weighing the ingredients and making the pancake batter, then we cooked them with the small ovens that the school bought last year. Then the children got to add their own toppings such as jam or sugar & lemon. All the children thoroughly enjoyed this!



We learnt about why Christians celebrate Shrove Tuesday and that it is an important start to Lent. We found out that the historical meaning of the name comes from Anglo-Saxon times and the word 'shriving' which means listening to someone's sins and forgiving them. Some children spoke about the beginning of Lent and trying to avoid temptation like Jesus did in the desert.

School Council



Super Learners of the Week!

Class 1

Ellie has shown a great understanding of money in Maths this week. She has been choosing to use her mental maths to work out the answers to questions instead of using resources. Well done, Ellie!



Class 2

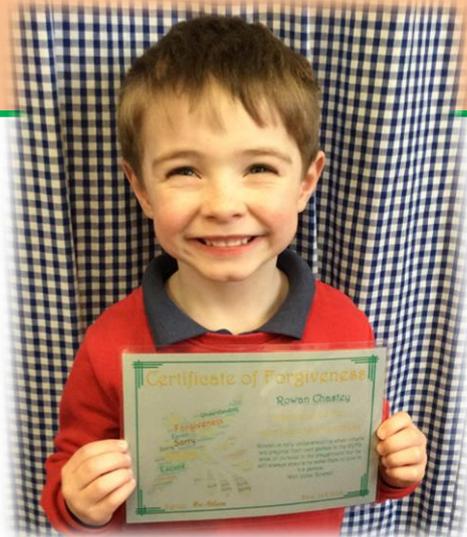
Zac has been much more vocal during discussions in class. He has been engaging in debates, using a wide range of sentence starters. It is fantastic to see how he has engaged more to start off this half term. Well done, Zac!



Christian Ethos - Forgiveness

Class 1

Rowan is very understanding when others are playing their own games in the EYFS area or outside in the playground but he will always ensure he asks them to join in his games. Well done, Rowan!



Class 2

Marjorie has shown that she understands how to seek forgiveness as when asked to be aware of her impact on others during lesson time due to her peers finding some of her and her friends behaviours distracting, she acted on this straight away and encouraged a peaceful and focussed learning environment. Well done!



Northlew and Ashbury Primary School PTFA



Friday 31st March

Being held in Northlew Victory Hall

Doors Open 6:45pm, Eyes Down 7:30pm

Easter Eggs, Chicken Dinners also a Goods Flyer &
Cash Flyer

We will also be holding a Small Raffle.

Question Of the Week

Do you think marking your learning objectives is useful to you?

YES: 58% NO: 42%

YES:

- Teachers can use our marking to support us with our learning.
- Teachers can see whether our learning was too challenging or not challenging enough.
- We can reflect on how we managed our learning within the session.

NO:

- Sometimes I forget to do it.
- Staff know how to support us within the lessons.



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Please help Northlew & Ashbury PTFA. It only takes a moment and it's completely free, so please get involved if you haven't already!

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