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## Newsletter

### Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Last week's  
attendance  
was:  
**98.3%**

Dear parents/carers,

This week in our PHSE (physical, health and social education) lessons, the children have been exploring the range of emotions that we can express to each other and how this makes us feel inside. In our worship this week I shared various posters that we will be displaying around the school as reminders for the children. These posters offer strategies for the children to use when they are feeling angry or frustrated by a situation at school. We hope by talking through this with the children that they will recognise how they are feeling and find a strategy that helps to support them with managing their emotions. Please take time to have a read of these around the school.

Mrs Johnstone and the librarians have been busy this week rearranging the library area as we are having our new cabling in the library to enable us to install four new computers for the children to access during break and lunch times. The children have all received their login details for our new maths times tables program 'Times Tables Rock Stars'. We would encourage the children to work on this at home as knowing their times tables will support their maths learning within the classroom

Following a parent's questionnaire regarding supportive workshops for parents at the beginning of the year, we will be running our second workshop on mathematics – a practical approach to supporting your children at home. This will begin after the half term break starting on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February. This workshop will run for 4 weeks each Friday afternoon from 2:30pm and last for 30minutes** (to prepare for Celebration assembly). The first two weeks will look at supporting children with understanding and recording in calculations in reception, year 1 and 2. Week 3 and 4 will focus on key stage 2 and the use of various equipment to support; calculations, fractions, decimals and percentages. A

sign-up sheet will be available from next week on the school office; if you are interested please sign up for the workshops. If you want to find out more about the weekly sessions, please come and have a chat with me.

Finally, we have had a further outbreak of head lice in school. I have spoken to the children about having their hair checked regularly and they came home with a useful information leaflet for parents this week. If staff do spot head lice on a child, we will contact the parent who will be asked to collect their child and treat their hair before returning them to school. We ask that all long hair is tied up or plaited to prevent close contact. If we are all regularly checking and treating our children's hair then we hope that this will solve the problem. For more information/guidance follow this link:- <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

Hope you all have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Cook

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

<i>School Diary</i>	
January 2020	
<b>Monday - 27th</b>	Mr McCaffley teaching KS2- all day
<b>Tuesday - 28th</b>	Mr Thomas teaching KS2- am & KS1- pm Pupil Progress meetings- all day Yoga after-school club, 3:30-4:30pm (yr1-6)
<b>Wednesday - 29th</b>	Mr Thomas teaching KS1- pm Arts & Crafts after-school club, 3:30-4:30pm (yr1-6)
<b>Thursday - 30th</b>	Forest School with Mr Thomas- KS2 am & KS1 pm Martial Arts Grading club, 3:30-4:30pm (yr1-6)
<b>Friday - 31st</b>	Mr Thomas teaching KS1- all day Celebration Assembly at 3.10pm

\* You will have been notified by text if your child has been invited to take part in this event. Please confirm their attendance in School Gateway.



### **KS2- Running Club**

Mags & Mai have kindly offered to start up our spring term running club again this year, with the aim to prepare the children for Federation cross country races this term. The first session will begin on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb, 3:30-4:30pm**. If your child would like to take part, please book them onto the club using School Gateway. Children will need old clothing & trainers suitable for running in all weather conditions & terrains.

### **Payment Reminders**

**Dinners:** Please make sure your payments are up-to-date and are not in excess of £11.50 (1 week's dinners). School Gateway allows accounts to be in credit, so you may find it easier to pay in advance or at the end of each week to avoid costs escalating.

**Clive Pig visit (class 1):** A payment of £5 per child is due by Fri 31<sup>st</sup> Jan. Thanks to the PTFA for contributing £100 towards this visit to help reduce the cost to parents from £12 to only £5 per child.

**Fleet Air Arm Museum trip (Class 2):** Payments for this trip are due by Fri 31<sup>st</sup> Jan. Again, thanks to our PTFA who've contributed £150 towards this trip, reducing the cost to parents from £21 to £12 per child.

**If you have any issues with making payments, please contact the school office. Many thanks!**

### **Parking/dropping off**

Staff have noticed over the last few weeks that some parents are parking/pulling up outside of the school to drop children off in the morning and afternoon pick ups. Can we ask that parents do not drop off or park outside the school as a matter of safety for both children and parents entering and leaving the building during these busy times. If you are parking your car in the square, we ask that you escort your children across the road for their own safety.

### **Reading Record Books**

We are still finding that children are completing their reading record books themselves and getting parents to sign it off; particularly in class 2. To be entered into our weekly prize draw, we are asking that children read with their parents/carers 4 or more times a week (Thursday- Thursday), with parents completing the comment section of their child's reading record book. Any reading record book which has entries written by the child will unfortunately not count.

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK



### **Do you find your maths learning challenging?**

**85% (35/41) of our children at Northlew said YES they do feel that their maths learning is challenging and commented that 'I feel confident in my maths lessons'**

**15% (6/41) of our children at Northlew said NO they do not feel that their maths learning is challenging and suggested that they had further problem solving activities and opportunities to demonstrate their learning to the rest of the class.**

#### **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February 16:00-17:00 *Harry Potter Night***

Join the Triwizard Tournament! Wizards, Witches and muggles from around the world are invited to take part in a tournament of their own, testing their skills with an array of magical activities.

Optional dress code of best wizarding robes or fancy dress.

Wands at the ready....let the magic begin!

£2.50 per child, bookings in advance, spaces limited.

Recommended for ages 7+

#### **Friday 21st February 14:30-15:30 *Lego Lego Lego!***

Lego fun for families. Recommended for ages 5+.

Lego Builders, Lego Speed Building and a Lego Animation demonstration.

£1 per person, no booking required.

#### **Donate Your Nearly New Books**

All donated books will be sold to support Libraries Unlimited – your local reading charity. Nearly new condition only please

# SUPER LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

## Class 1

Laila has shown great independence in her reading and writing this week, using and applying her phonics knowledge and understanding.



## Class 2

Willow is always ready for learning and ensures that she asks questions to help her develop. She has been really trying to improve her quick recall of multiplication facts and develop her writing with interesting noun phrases.

## Christian Ethos- 'Friendship'

## Class 1

Ollie always has a cheery personality and often creates his own games encouraging others to join in.



## Class 2

Hayden is a very supportive friend who always looks out for others ensuring that they have someone to play with and takes the time during lessons to explain and support his peers with their learning.