Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust
...everyone in our Trust.

"Let Your Light Shine"

Matthew 5:16

Newsletter
Friday 25th November 2022

This week's attendance
98.8%

Dear parents/carers,

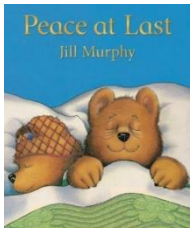
This week the children have continued to think about how they can support each other by using kind words and actions towards each other. Staff have noticed how the children have interacted with the friendship display they created last week during Anti-bullying week. It was lovely to see the children's reactions when they found someone had left them a kind message in their bucket, their thoughtful, kind words have supported some children who have been struggling this week. Just taking time to recognise our differences and support each other's when we have found things challenging has been wonderful to see.

'It was so nice to get a message in my bucket, it made me feel special'

'It was good to know that somebody was thinking about me even though I wasn't with them'.

'The messages that I had in my bucket cheered me up when I was feeling sad'.

'I like writing messages for other children to make them feel happy'.



Where do we find peace?

In our worship session this week, we shared the story 'Peace at Last' and discussed how we can find peace within ourselves, each other and with God. The children shared their ideas of having somewhere quiet or with calming music to help them find peace. They were able to talk about how our reflective areas in our classrooms help; through the range of activities and suggestion boxes, the children find these spaces so valuable.

Every Family: 12 Days of Christmas

Spurgeon's Christian charity has launched a new festive campaign to help support parents in navigating family life during the Christmas season. The Advent campaign *Every Family: 12 Days of Christmas* launches next Thursday 1st

December and includes daily expert advice from qualified counsellors and parent support workers, who understand the complexities of family life during Christmas. The resource includes free or low-cost activities for the family, along with advice on talking to children about uncertainty in the world and managing stress. Please click on the link below to find out more. There is also an opportunity to win Charlie the giant teddy bear!
https://everyfamily.spurgeons.org/

Christmas Jumper Day

We would like to support Save the Children this year with our Christmas jumper Day (suggested £1 donation). Although the official date this year is Thursday 8th December, we have chosen to have our school Christmas jumper day on **Wednesday 14th December** when we have our school Christmas dinner. We would greatly appreciate any donations of old Christmas jumpers that no longer fit, these can be left in the Christmas box that will be available in the front lobby from next week.

Christingle Service

We would like to warmly invite our parents and wider community of Northlew and Ashbury to our Christingle Service in the last week of term. The Christingle service will take place in **Northlew Church at 3pm on Wednesday 14th December**. Please do come and join us for a beautiful celebration.

Christmas Advent Calendar

As we begin our countdown to Christmas next week, the children will be exploring the Christmas Nativity story through our Christian Advent Calendar. We would like to create our own school advent calendar where we are asking parents to donate a food item into our Christmas box in the lobby. We will be collecting food items from next Thursday 1st to the last day of term on Friday 16th December. The box of food will then be left in the village shop for the community to share over the Christmas period.
A huge well done and thank you to our PTFA for organising a very successful Christmas Fayre in Northlew Village Hall last Friday evening. There was a wide variety of stalls selling lots of festive goodies. Some children from school even had their own stalls selling various handmade crafts. The PTFA raised over £400, so thank you so much to our families and community of Northlew and Ashbury for supporting the event.

Volunteers Wanted!

If you have any spare time available during the week we would really appreciate adult helpers to hear children read, support with their learning and get creative with displays. Please speak to a member of staff to get a volunteer application pack. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

As the weather continues to get colder, can we ask that children bring a warm coat with them to school each day. In between the downpours of rain, we try our best to get the children outside for some fresh air during break and lunch times. It is also important that the children bring their drinks bottles as we encourage regular drinking throughout the school day.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,
Mrs Cook

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

School Diary

November/ December

Monday – 28th	***OCRA Tag Rugby** after-school club, 3:30-4:30pm
Tuesday – 29th	Yr R-6 Flu Immunisations ***Cooking** after-school club, 3:30-4:30pm
Wednesday – 30th	Tuck Shop, 3:15-3:30pm
Thursday – 1st	PE lessons- PM, class 1 & 2 ***Board Game** Club, 3:30-4:30pm ***Martial Arts** club, 3:30-4:30pm (grading)
Friday – 2nd	Celebration Assembly, 9am Class 1 Swimming Lessons, 1:30pm @ Aqua Stars (5/7)

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

Dates for your Diary

November

- **Tues 29th -** Whole School Flu Immunisation Programme

December

- **Wed 7th -** Christmas Performance 'Fireside Nativity', 2pm
- **Tues 13th -** Parents Forum, 5pm
- **Wed 14th -** Christmas Dinner
- **Wed 14th -** Christmas Jumper Day (£1 donation to Save the Children)
- **Wed 14th -** Christmas Carols & Prayers in Church, 3-3:30pm
- **Thurs 15th -** 'Robin Hood' Pantomime Northcott Theatre
- **Fri 16th -** Last day of term

The children had another fun packed session of cooking this week. They learnt how to mix a range of ingredients together to make shortbread and then used cutting tools to create different designs.

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

Next week we will be: Decorating fairy cakes

PTFA Grand Christmas Hamper

A big thank you to Tarpaflex who kindly donated this year's mouth-watering hamper!

Tickets are available to purchase for **£1** from Northlew school office or the village shop.

The draw will take place at our school Nativity play on Wed 7th December.

Please return <u>whole tickets</u> along with cash to the school office by Tues 6th Dec.

Northlew Primary School PTFA

merlin cinemas

SILENT AUCTION

THE WAIE 2 PLAY
EX17 6DF

We have had the following amazing prizes kindly promised by local businesses:

- 2 x Guest Passes at Merlin Cinema
- Family 'Waie 2 Play' Admission ticket at the Waie Inn
- 2 x Climbing Sessions at Clip 'n' Climb
- Family Ticket Admission to Castle Drogo
- Family Ticket Admission to Rosemoor Gardens

RHS

National Trust

clip 'n climb

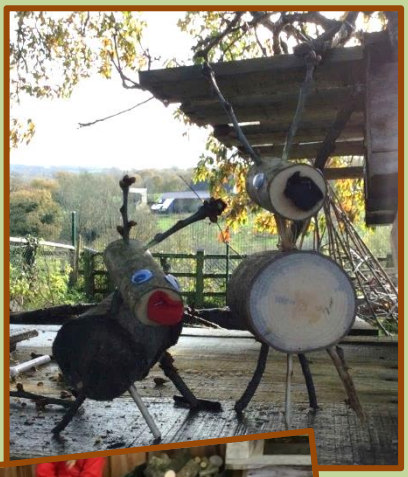
Bids can be placed online via the Northlew PTFA Facebook page

Paper bids can be submitted in a sealed envelope either at the school office or at the PTFA Xmas Fayre - Friday 18th November. Please include your full name and a contact phone number.

Closing date for bids – Midday Tuesday 6th December. The winners will be announced at the Northlew Primary School Nativity Play.

Forest School News

This week the children used a range of skills to create their own Christmas Reindeer using lots of natural materials. They finished off their session enjoying delicious smores around our campfire and had a look at everyone's finished creations.



GOLD STAR award

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

Bronze Award
(50 stars)

Class 2
Charlotte

Silver Award
(150 stars)

Class 1
Amelia

Super Learners of the Week!

Class 1

Freddie has been working incredibly hard this week. It has been lovely to see him developing his independence in his writing and using our 'Brain, Book, Buddy, Board, Boss' strategy when he is unsure of what to do next. Well done, Freddie!

Class 2

Thea is showing brilliant determination throughout her learning and is questioning her understanding of concepts to create a deeper understanding, particularly in maths. She has also shown this perseverance in RE where she has created a very clear poster to explain some challenging concepts which she initially found very challenging. Well done, Thea!

Christian Ethos – Peace

Class 1

It has been great to see **Ellie** promoting peace in our classroom this week. She is always encouraging other children to show yes please behaviours and will help her friends if they need it. Well done, Ellie!

Class 2

Arabella has helped spread her peaceful attitude throughout the school by supporting other children when they are finding things tricky. She has used her calming voice to read stories to younger children and is always checking in with others to see if they are ok. Well done, Arabella.

easyfundraising
feel good shopping

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

Question Of the Week

Do you feel supported with your reading both in and out of school?

Yes- 87% **No- 13%**

Yes

*I really enjoy reading with adults in school.
*Adults take time to explain the words and their meanings.
*We use a wide range of books in school.
*Our library has lots of great books to choose from.

No

*I don't have enough opportunity to read with an adult at home.

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

UK Health Security Agency

NHS

Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

	Until...
Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek

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Advice and guidance

To find out more, **search for health protection in schools** or scan the QR code or visit https://qrco.de/minfec.

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