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"Let Your  
Light Shine"  
Matthew 5:16



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

## **Newsletter** **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

Last week's  
attendance  
was:  
**84.5%**

Dear parents/carers,

This week we are pleased to report that we have had no further positive COVID cases confirmed across the school and all children affected have completed their 10 days of isolation and returned to school fit and well. We will however continue to keep in place our bubbled system for the next few weeks along with regular hand washing and ventilation throughout the school. We will revisit our risk assessment over the upcoming weeks and follow the guidance from Public Health England and hope to be able to invite parents back into school for our book and biscuit and celebration assemblies once again soon. We will continue to contact parents of children who are displaying COVID symptoms and ask that they carry out a PCR test before the children can return to school. We really appreciate your continual support.

This week our School Council/Ethos Group engaged in the first online session of their Young Leaders Award with other primary and secondary schools across the country. They were nervous and apprehensive about taking part in the session, but full of excitement and ideas about how they would like to action the points raised in the meeting. Please see their piece in this week's newsletter.

As the days are getting much colder, please can we ask that all children have a warm coat in school each day for active break and lunchtimes. We are also asking that children bring in track bottoms for PE sessions and we will be encouraging the children to wear their school jumpers during PE too, as many of our sessions are still outside unless it is raining!

The singing for our Christmas performance is already in full swing and the children in both classes have come home with the song words for all the songs. We plan to start formal rehearsals next week and will be sending home a letter with each child outlining the costume they will need to bring in. We ask that all costumes are brought into school by Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December in a named bag, so we can provide opportunities for the children to practice the performance with a dress rehearsal. If you need support with your child/ren's costume, please speak to your child's class teacher or myself and we will be happy to support.

A huge thank you to our fantastic PTFA who held the Christmas Fayre in the Village Hall last night. Unfortunately, I was unwell so couldn't attend myself but the positive feedback from the children and parents I heard this morning was that the evening was fantastic. Something to definitely get us all in the festive spirit!

We will be updating you with the range of activities staff and the school council have organised leading up to the end of term in next week's newsletter.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Mrs Cook

<i>School Diary</i>	
<b>November/December 2021</b>	
<b>Monday - 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>OCRA Multi-sports</b> after-school club, 3:30-4:30pm
<b>Tuesday - 30<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>Wednesday - 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Tuck Shop</b> , 3:15-3:30pm <b>Art</b> after-school club, 3:30-4:30pm (3 of 4) Author Visit- Julie Ann Keenor
<b>Thursday - 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Martial Arts</b> club ( <i>grading session</i> ), 3:30-4:30pm
<b>Friday - 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	PE lessons- Class 1 & 2 Music lessons- Class 1 & 2 <b>Swimming-Class 1, 1:30-2:30pm (5 of 7)</b>

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

### **Children in Need 2021**

This year the School Council chose to raise money for Children in Need by holding a non-uniform day and bake sale. Thank you to everyone who got baking to donate delicious cakes & biscuits.

Congratulations to Suzi who won the jar of sweets by guessing that it contained 72 sweets!



### **School Gateway- Payments**

Please can we ask that parents regularly check the 'payments' section of School Gateway to make sure that they are up-to-date with their payments. It is essential that we receive payments by the due date, to enable us to pay the service provider. Currently, we have outstanding payments which relate to **school dinners, swimming lessons, martial arts grading fees, Theatre Alibi & the KS2 Northcott Theatre visit**. If you would like to discuss payments, please book an appointment with Mrs Cook. Thank you.

## **Flu Vaccination**

Your child is in Year R to Year 6 from September 2021 and is therefore eligible for a Free Nasal Childhood Flu Vaccination. The immunisation team will be visiting Northlew Primary School on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

Flu vaccination is one of the most effective interventions we have to reduce pressure on the health and social care system, which is going to be more important than ever this year. For this reason, it is essential we deliver the vaccine to as many children as possible to protect them and prevent the spread of infection to those most at risk in society.

Considering the above, we are expecting demand to be high and therefore we urge you to follow the below link to consent to your child's vaccination asap. Even if you do not want your child to receive this vaccination, please complete the consent form stating "decline". On this link you will also find answers to your FAQ's and links to the current Public Health England and manufacturers leaflets. We recommend you discuss this vaccination with your child prior to the date of vaccination.

Prior to completion of the consent, we would like each individual child's unique NHS number – this can be found in their red book, or via this link:

Find your NHS number - NHS ([www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk))

Please note, this field is not mandatory so if you are experiencing problems finding/accessing your child's NHS number then you can leave this blank.

**To complete the consent/decline please click on the link below:**

**<https://schoolimms.virgincare.co.uk/flu/2021/devon>**

We will be operating a strict policy of closing the consent links and your **school's link will close at midnight on the 1st December 2021**. If you miss this deadline, your child(ren) will not be vaccinated at school and you will be offered the opportunity to book them into a community catch up clinic. This also applies if your child is absent or refuses the vaccination at school.

If you have any difficulties with completing the consent form, please contact the Immunisation Team on our Single Point of Access (SPA).

**Tel: 0300 247 0082 (lines are open 9.00 to 11:00 am and then 14:00 until 16.30)**

**Email: [vcl.immunisations@nhs.net](mailto:vcl.immunisations@nhs.net)**

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## **Christmas Fair**

On behalf of the PTFA we would just like to say a huge thank you to all the people who came and supported the Christmas Fair. It was lovely to see everybody together and to have received lots of positive feedback. We look forward to doing it all again next year.





Northlew & Ashbury

PTFA

Christmas wreath  
workshop is back!



Monday December 13th @ the church rooms  
Northlew

19.00 - 21.00 £20 pp, all materials are supplied  
with 1 free hot drink included in your ticket price.  
After, tea & coffee £1 mulled wine £2.50

Limited spaces available. Please  
call or text Louise on  
07507 301589 to book.

It's a prickly business so bring some gloves and secateurs.  
Looking forward to seeing everyone and getting the festivities  
started!

## *Question of the Week*

**Do you think the  
classroom is a nice  
environment?**

### **92% Yes**

**The children who said yes  
thought that the environment  
in the classroom was nice  
because it is calm and quiet,  
so they are able to focus. The  
children thought that they  
have a comfortable area for  
reading and reflecting.**

### **8% No**

**The children who said no  
thought that the classroom  
can sometimes be too loud  
during discussions.**

### **National Young Leaders Group**

Our School Council and Ethos Committee attended a National Young Leaders Group to discuss their vision of the future of the Church (a body of people). The children were nominated due to their potential and vision as active leaders. The session was attended by primary and secondary schools from all over the country. The focus of the session was 'What kind of Church would you like to see?'. Through the discussions Northlew decided they would like to create a church which is respectful, forgiving and just, and one which cares for everyone regardless of their backgrounds or opinions.



In order to create this vision, the group will initially be focussing on pollution and climate change as they believe that the world is God's creation and should be respected and nurtured. In order to do this the school council are keen to introduce regular litter picks around our community. To reduce plastic waste we are introducing crisp packet bins so that they can be recycled. The school council are leading assemblies on ways in which we can encourage others to recycle. As well as this we are promoting the idea of reusing rather than recycling by incorporating the yoghurt pots as plant pots for seeds in our spiritual area. These ideas will be shared with Stephen Cotrell, the Archbishop of York. The group have been inspired by this meeting and are looking forward to promoting their vision within the school and the community in the upcoming year.

**Congratulations to Tenzo who read 5 times this week and won the chance to take home the reading basket.**







# GOLD STAR award

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



## BRONZE AWARD 50 STARS

*Class 2*  
*Casper*  
*Zac*

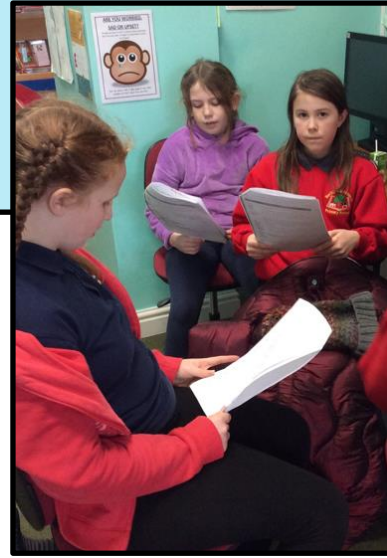


## Super Learners of the Week!

**Dylan** has shown a great attitude towards his reading this week. He is consistently using his phonics knowledge to help segment and blend words. Well done Dylan!



We are extremely proud of how **Suzi** has been promoting peace through her role as librarian. It is lovely to see the calm and nurturing environment that she is creating in the library. Well done, Suzi!



## Christian Ethos- 'Peace'

**Esmé** used peace to overcome a friendship issue on the playground and chose to make friends with someone even though it was difficult.



We are really proud of the learning and the presentation of **Izabella's** learning. She is setting a fantastic example to other children and inspiring them to focus on their presentation. Keep up your super attitude, Izabella.

