



Dartmoor  
Multi Academy  
Trust

...everyone in our Trust.



# "LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE"

Matthew 5:16

## Newsletter Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2023

This week's  
attendance  
**91.18%**

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome to our second newsletter of the summer term. It has been lovely to spend time in both classrooms over the past few weeks and looking at the range of activities the children are exploring in the first half of the summer term. The children in class 2 have emerged themselves in their class text in English which supports their history topic of the Vikings. Their engagement with the text has provided opportunities for great discussion and the writing the children have been producing has been fantastic. We can't wait to share our quest stories with you in a few weeks' time when we produce our own narrative descriptive pieces.

The children in class 1 have been finding out about the local history of the school. They explored old photographs and some children were able to find their own parents in past whole school pictures. The children also found out about how the building has changed over the years from Hannah who was able to explain how the school used to look years ago. We finished off the day finding out that our old school bell still works and the children were excited to ring this at home time. They hope to visit several amenities over the coming week's to ask questions about what the village looked like years ago.

It has been wonderful to observe the children's attitude to their learning; their determination to complete tasks to the best of their ability, using the valuable learning environment to support them. We are all extremely proud of the continuous hard work and endurance the children of Northlew and Ashbury in everything they do, keep it up everyone!



### **Basketball Coaching**

We are pleased to share that David Roper, who coaches the North Devon Bucks Basketball teams, will be joining us this term to provide our children in key stage 2 some expertise in Basketball. David will be with us each Monday from 15<sup>th</sup> May to coach the children. Our sports

leaders are excited to see our newly purchased basketball hoops and balls being put to good use and hope that basketball will become a more popular sport at lunchtime when David begins his coaching sessions with us!

## **Sports Day**

With just a busy term ahead of us we thought that we would share our planned school sports day (weather permitting) for the second half of the summer term.

**Please save the date: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm.**

Everyone is welcome to join us on the school field to cheer on their children and support their child/ren's team.



## **Range of sporting events this term**

We are very fortunate to have OCRA offer a wide range of sporting events for our children to participate in. These events give the children an opportunity to demonstrate and apply their skills as well as meet other children from across our trust primary schools. Some of these events involve one year group, which maybe 4 or 5 children, therefore we maybe requesting that the parents drop their children off and collect from the event. We will notify parents in advance if that is the case. As usual we will be requesting consent on school gateway for your child to attend these events. A letter or information within the weekly newsletter will come home with your child outlining what they will need to bring nearer to the event. Please do speak to your child's class teacher if you have any questions regarding an event your child has been chosen to participate in.

Date	Time	Event	Transport
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	10am-2pm	Year 4 Hatherleigh Cricket Festival	Parents to drop off and pick up from event
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	9am-2pm	Year 6 girls Neon Run @ Okehampton	Parents to drop off and pick up from event
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup> June	tbc	Key stage 2 small schools cross county event @ tbc	School transport



### **Yr4 Hatherleigh Cricket Festival**

On **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**, the year 4 children have been invited to take part in a cricket festival in Hatherleigh. Thank you to the parents of our yr4 children who have offered to transport their children. The children will need a packed lunch, drink and to be wearing suitable PE kit and trainers for the weather.

Parents who are transporting the children will need to pick them up from school 9:30am and be ready to collect from Hatherleigh Cricket Ground just before 2pm.

*In order for your child to take part, please go to the 'payments' section of School Gateway to give consent.*

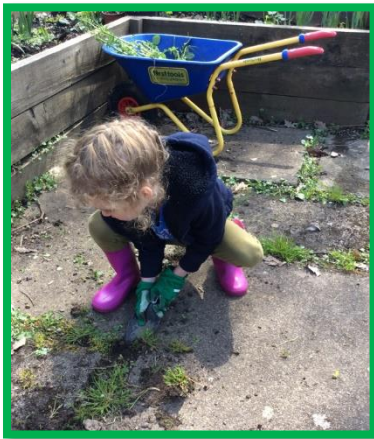
### **Knit & Natter**

Class 2 have continued to enjoy their weekly knit & Natter group sessions, a huge thank you to the volunteers from our community who give up their time each week to come in and teach our children lifelong skills. A massive well done to our KS2 children for their patience and perseverance to master the skill of knitting which we all know isn't easy.



*"It is fun to knit and it's a good skill to learn" -Darcie*

*"It's tricky but also really enjoyable. Once you get the hang of it, you can help other people" -Sienna*



### **Gardening Club**

This week while the sun was shining, a few children took part in our gardening club. They have begun working on preparing the planters for growing more vegetables and have also been busy weeding in between the patio slabs. If children would like to join our



lunchtime gardening club, please encourage them to go and speak to Mrs Johnstone.

Hope you have a lovely long bank holiday weekend.

Looking forward to seeing class 2 on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May and everyone returning to school on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

*Mrs Cook*



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

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

# School Diary

May

Monday – 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>
Tuesday – 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Teachers Strike-</b> School partially closed to class 1 children. PE lessons- AM ( <i>class 2 children to wear PE kit</i> ) Wildlife Forest School Sessions- <b>Class 2 only</b> ( <i>all children come in own clothes which are also appropriate for PE. Also bring in waterproofs &amp; wellies</i> ) <b>Gardening</b> club - lunchtime
Wednesday – 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Yr4 Hatherleigh Cricket Festival, 10am -2pm <b>Tuck Shop</b> , 3:15-3:30pm <b>*OCRA Badminton</b> after-school club, 3:30-4:30pm
Thursday – 4 <sup>th</sup>	Yr4&5 residential meeting at Boasley Cross, 4pm. <b>*Martial Arts</b> club, 3:30-4:30pm
Friday – 5 <sup>th</sup>	3:10pm Celebration Assembly <b>*Lego</b> after-school club, 3:30-4:30pm

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

## Dates For Your Diary

(Please note, dates may be subject to change)

### May

- **Mon 1<sup>st</sup>** – Bank holiday
- **Tues 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Strike – partial school closure to class 1 only
- **Wed 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Yr4 Cricket Festival in Hatherleigh, 10am -2pm
- **Thurs 4<sup>th</sup>** - Yr4&5 residential meeting, 4pm at Boasley Cross
- **Mon 8<sup>th</sup>** - Bank Holiday for the Kings Coronation
- **Tues 9<sup>th</sup> - Fri 12<sup>th</sup>** - Year 6 SATs week
- **Sun 14<sup>th</sup> – Fri 19<sup>th</sup>** – **Yr6 Residential Trip to Normandy, France**
- **Mon 15<sup>th</sup>** – Yr5 Bikeability Cycling Proficiency (*day 1*)
- **Tues 16<sup>th</sup>** - Yr5 Bikeability Cycling Proficiency (*day 2*)
- **Tues 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Yr6 Girls Neon Run in Okehampton

### June

- **Sat 3<sup>rd</sup>**- Northlew Fete & Dog Show, 2-6pm at Northlew School
- **Tues 8<sup>th</sup> & Fri 9<sup>th</sup>** – **Yr3 Residential Trip**
- **Thurs 15<sup>th</sup>** – KS2 Small Schools Cross Country
- **Mon 19<sup>th</sup>** – Sports Day, 2pm
- **Mon 26<sup>th</sup> - Wed 28<sup>th</sup>** - **Yr4&5 Residential Trip at Menadue Activity Centre, Tintagel**

### July

- **Wed 5<sup>th</sup>** - Quiz Nite, 4:30-6:30pm at Northlew School
- **Fri 21<sup>st</sup>** - Last day of term



# Forest School News

This week in Forest School Class 1 learnt all about habitats and microhabitats, which links brilliantly with our current Science topic! The children were then able to search for the different habitats and microhabitats within the school grounds. They concluded that our school was a great place for lots of different wildlife to thrive.





# Super Learners of the Week!

## Class 1

**Isabel** has been working consistently hard this week. It has been brilliant to see her confidence in writing grow and her spelling continuing to improve across all subjects. Well done, Isabel!



## Class 2

**Harry** had shown lots of confidence with his maths this week. He has clearly articulated his understanding of statistics and methodically calculated multi-step problems. Well done, Harry.



## Christian Ethos - Trust

## Class 1

**Ronnie** has shown great trust in his knowledge of his phonics this week, which has allowed him to become more confident in his writing. Well done, Ronnie!



## Class 2

Other children have shown that they feel confident putting their trust in **Sienna**. She always ensures that everyone is included and treats people with respect allowing people to confidently put their trust in her. Well done, Sienna.



# Bag2School



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Our next **Bag2School** collection has been arranged for

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May**

at 9am

Any questions - please ask your

school collection organiser

.....PTFA.....

**www.bag2school.com**

Bags2school is a free fundraising scheme, where they collect unwanted good quality items (see list below) and pay the PTFA depending on the weight of the bags. Now is the time to have a spring clean and clear out your wardrobes/draws and bring your donations to school on the morning of 19<sup>th</sup> May for collection. Every donated item helps to add more weight to the bag, so even if you can only spare a little, it all helps towards earning more for your school PTFA.

## WHAT WE COLLECT

We accept the following 'good quality' items for RE-USE\*:

- Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags
- Hats
- Bags
- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Lingerie
- Socks
- Belts
- Soft toys
- Household linen
- Household curtains
- Household towels
- Household bedding (bed sheet, pillow cases and duvet cover)



\* We reserve the right to refuse any unsuitable items

We **DO NOT** accept:

- Duvets and blankets
- Pillows and cushions
- Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)
- Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing
- School uniforms with and without logo
- Corporate clothing and workwear
- Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material

***In the event of inclement weather please protect your Bag2School investment by covering with a plastic sheet or storing bags undercover as wet items cannot be accepted.***



EVERYONE WELCOME TO JOIN IN & CELEBRATE



**TRADITIONAL  
BRING & SHARE TEA IN THE SQUARE**

**SUNDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MAY AT 2.00PM PROMPT**

Please bring all food contributions, sweet & savoury  
to the Church Rooms 11-12am Sunday morning

Entertainment by the Primary School &  
Northlew Silver Band

**Edible Crown competition:**  
**for all ages (4-7, 8-12, 13-18, & adults)**  
Please bring entries to Methodist Hall 10-12 - don't  
forget to add your name, age & phone no.

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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!

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## Question Of the Week

Do you feel there is anything you would like to add to your reflection corner?

**Yes: 67%      No: 33%**

**Yes:**

Colouring books, fluffy blanket, books about emotions, slime/stress balls, sensory toys, sensory stones, CD player for relaxing sounds.

**No:**

I already like the sand and paint brushes.

I think our reflection corners have a lot of resources for us to use.