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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 3rd December 2021

Last week's
attendance
was:
94.9%

Dear parents/carers,

Following the letter that was sent out earlier this week, I just wanted to reassure parents and carers that we have made the necessary decisions following the latest government guidance from Public Health England and who are continuing to track the rising covid cases across Devon and across our schools.

Our School Christmas Nativity will go ahead, and the children have been enjoying practising their songs and parts over the past few weeks both in school and at home. We plan to record the children's performance in the last week of term and share the link with parents so that they can enjoy the performance in the safety of their homes with their family. The children will be able to watch the performance in its entirety, something they would not normally be able to do. We know it is disappointing not to see the 'live performance', but it is our intention that we keep our children, communities and staff safe so that everyone has an enjoyable Christmas without having to isolate over the holidays. The decision to postpone the visit to Northcott Theatre was for the same reasons, as we want to reduce the contact our children have with members of the public. As an alternative, the staff are planning to watch a version of 'A Christmas Carol' with the children in class 2 before the end of term, along with some treats to make it a cinema experience for everyone.

Next week, the children will be completing end of term assessments in small groups. The assessments will focus on the learning that the children have covered this term in maths along with reading, phonics and grammar for particular year groups. Staff will use these assessments to inform their planning and provide some small group intervention activities before the end of term.

Please can we ask that all costumes for the performance are sent into school at the beginning of next week in a named bag. We have several costumes in school, so if you need support with a costume, please speak to a member of staff and we will be happy to support.

A huge thank you to our PFTA for organising a delivery of the school Christmas Tree. I know the children have enjoyed decorating it, and it definitely has brought the buzz of Christmas into the school. The children in class 1 are currently planning and designing their own Christmas/winter decorations and as part of their English sequence they will be writing the instructions about how they made their own decorations which they will be bringing home at the end of term.



Our school council will be meeting next week with Mrs Quick to organise a range of festive activities for all the children for the last week of term. This will include a pyjama non-uniform day to raise money for 'Crisis' along with crafts, games and team building activities. The children will also be celebrating all their hard work and efforts with their well-deserved class rewards too!

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Cook

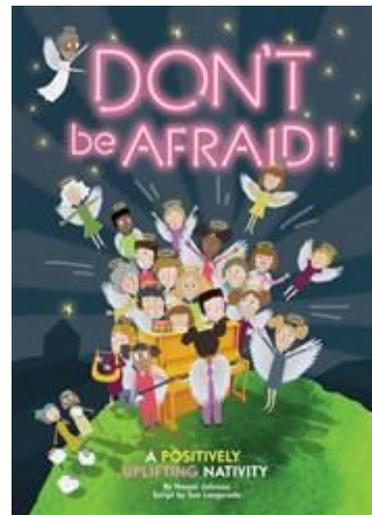
<i>School Diary</i>	
December 2021	
Monday - 6th	OCRA Multi-sports after-school club, 3:30-4:30pm
Tuesday - 7th	Yr R-6 Flu Vaccinations
Wednesday - 8th	TUCK SHOP , 3:15-3:30pm Art after-school club, 3:30-4:30pm (4 of 4)
Thursday - 9th	Martial Arts club, 3:30-4:30pm
Friday - 10th	Christmas Jumper Day (£1 donation) PE lessons- Class 1 & 2 Music lessons- Class 1 & 2 Swimming-Class 1, 1:30-2:30pm (6/7)

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

Christmas Nativity Play 'Don't be Afraid'

On the last week of term we will be recording the children's performance of 'Don't be Afraid' to be shared with parents before we break up for the holidays.

Please can all parents/carers login to their child's 'Arbor' account to check that they have given consent for 'video & digital recordings' as without this, your child *will not* be able to take part in the filming of our Nativity. If you would prefer your child not to take part, please email admin@northlewprimary.org.uk by **Friday 10th December.**



Please can we ask that all costumes are brought into school in a labelled bag on Monday 6th December, so that the children can get into character during their dress rehearsals.



Save the Children
**CHRISTMAS
JUMPER DAY**

Christmas Jumper Day 2021

On Friday 10th December we will be raising money for 'Save the Children' by wearing our festive Christmas jumpers (along with school uniform) to school for a £1 donation. For more information on the charity or to make a donation, please visit www.savethechildren.org.uk/christmas-jumper-day

What does the money go towards?

Here are some examples of what Save the Children will be putting the money raised on Christmas Jumper Day towards this year:

- £5 could help a child in Rwanda see the wonder in the world – providing them with a book written in their own language.
- £18 could help a child sparkle in the classroom – paying for a back-to-school kit in Indonesia.
- £50 could protect a child from the shadow cast by hunger – providing a family who've fled violence in Yemen with enough food for a month.
- £66 could feed children's imaginations– buying two weeks' worth of food for a family of five in Syria.
- £70 could light up a child's sense of wonder – providing an LED lamp for them to study by in Gaza, where there's just four hours of electricity a day.
- £130 could help a child make a miraculous recovery – providing a malnourished child in Ethiopia with medicine and therapeutic food.

Christingle Service

We will be holding our Christingle Service in school with the children and Rev Leigh on Wednesday 15th December, rather than the planned service in Church. The children will be bringing their Christingles home on the afternoon of the service.



KS2 Northcott Theatre

Our trip to the Northcott Theatre will not go ahead. Instead, we will look at a similar enrichment activity when restrictions ease. We are awaiting information from the Trust regarding refunds to those parents who have already paid. We will have more information on this shortly.

PTFA Christmas Hamper

The children will be coming home this afternoon with a white envelope containing hamper tickets. Please use the envelope to return all sold/unsold tickets to school, along with cash by Monday 13th December.

A **big** thank you to Tarpaflex who kindly donated this year's hamper, it looks fantastic!



Author Visit

At the beginning of the week, we had a visit from local Author Julie Ann Keenor who came into school to share her book 'fairies of the Night' and talk about what life is like as an Author. WE hope the children were inspired by her assembly and used some of the writing ideas in their English lessons.



Question of the Week

Is pollution and climate change something we should focus on changing?

99% Yes

Nearly all the children thought that pollution and climate change is destroying our planet and we need to do something about it to change our future.

1% No

The child who said no thought there were more important things that needed changing in the world.



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

Super Learners of the Week!

Class 1

We have been really impressed with the progress **Zac** has been making in his reading recently. He is continually showing a great attitude to reading at home, always completing his 5 reads a week, and is eager to read in class whenever there is the opportunity to. He is always engaged in phonics lessons and is keen to help other children when they might be struggling. Well done Zac, keep it up!



Class 2

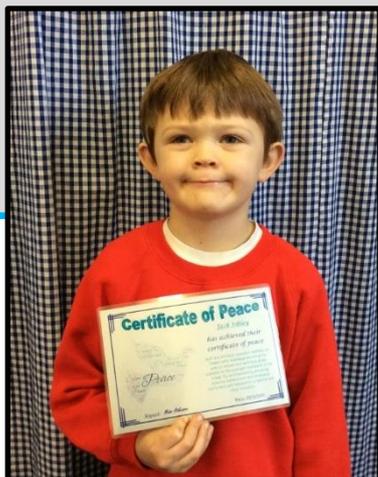
It has been fantastic to see how **Lily** has been engrossed with her learning and was eager to stay in at breaktime in order to ensure that she has the best examples in her writing. Lily has been using some brilliant relative clauses and speech within her writing. Well done, Lily!



Christian Ethos - 'Peace'

Class 1

Jack is a brilliant, peaceful member of Class 1 who is always showing the school values and setting a great example to the younger members of the class. He is consistently showing positive behaviours and is always polite and well mannered to adults and other children.



Class 2

Noah has shown a great attitude and demeanour around school in his transition to Northlew this week. He has taken all of the learning in his stride even with concepts that he has not visited before. Noah has seamlessly settled in and made lots of new friends already. Well done, Noah!





DECEMBER
17
5:30-7:30pm

THE POLAR EXPRESS

Please join us to get into the festive spirit

Northlew & Ashbury Primary PTFA present

CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT

£3.50 per Child to include Popcorn & a mug of Hot Chocolate. Pj's, Dressing Gown & a warm blanket recommended.

Must be accompanied by an adult. Siblings welcome. Additional drinks, popcorn & biscuits will be available to purchase

To be held at Little Springs, Higher Gourish, Northlew

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Christmas Lunch

Sunday 12th December 2021

At Northlew Victory Hall

Doors open at 12.30 for 1pm

Bookings must be in by Thursday 9th December

Adults: £11 Children (11 & under): £8.50

Roast Turkey and all the trimmings

Vegetarian option and delivery available,

please state when booking



Bar

Raffle

For bookings call: Jayne on 01409 221225

SATURDAY 11TH DECEMBER

CAROLS IN THE BARN

Little Spring, Higher Gorhuish

Join us for a Cracking Christmas Celebration

Entertainment from The Hummingbirds
and Northlew Silver Band

ending the evening with a super-sing-along

Doors open 6pm – wrap up warm

Seasonal food and drinks available

Advance tickets £2.50 or £3.50 on the door

All proceeds going to local charities

Contact Celia Miners 07432 512499 or
Marj Rundle 01837 53314 for tickets / details

Limited parking so please car share where possible

Northlew & Ashbury Primary PTFA

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

1st Prize

Devon Christmas Hamper

With huge thanks to Tarpaflex for their very generous donation.

Tickets £1 - Available from Northlew & Ashbury Primary, The Square Shop & The Green Dragon.
Winner to be drawn 16/12/21