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# "LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE"

Matthew 5:16

**Newsletter**  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023

**This week's  
attendance  
96.92%**

Dear parents/carers,

This week I have been in class talking to the children about their learning. It has been lovely to observe the independence shown by the children in their learning and the endurance with the challenges faced! The children are continuing to grow in confidence to be able to problem solve, using their 5 B's (Brain, Book, Buddy, Board and Boss) and use manipulatives to support them with their learning. The focus and concentration of all children across the school has been fantastic!

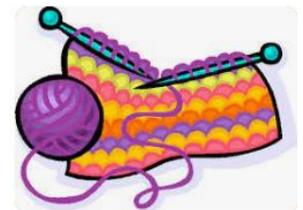
## **Parents' Evening**



Our parents' Evening for class 1 and 2 will take place on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March from 3-7pm**. A 10-minute slot in school will be available for parents to discuss their child/ren's spring targets and the progress your child/ren have made across the curriculum. Please sign up for a slot using Arbor. If you would like a telephone call or teams meeting, please speak to your child's class teacher. If you are unable to make an appointment on the day, we will be happy to arrange another appointment.

## **Knit and Natter Group**

We are excited to invite some members of our community who will be coming into school weekly to work with a group of children in class 2. The children will be learning how to knit, sew and crochet as well as finding out about the community of Northlew. The group will run from 2:45-3:30pm every Tuesday. A huge thank you to Mrs Canham for gathering community members to start the group. We are looking forward to seeing their creations!



## **Parent Maths Survey**

We are interested in how we can best support our parents to help their children at home with their maths challenges and home learning. We are asking parents to complete a quick survey so we can gauge what support our parents would like. Please click the link to complete the survey:

<https://forms.office.com/e/g8XTnmG6sG>

### **Residential Meetings held at Boasley**

We have written to the parents of children in years 3 and 4/5 to share our exciting news about our school residentials taking place in the summer term. A parent meeting for the Moorland Hub schools will be held at Boasley Cross on the following dates.

- **Year 3 Residential – Wednesday 19th April, 5pm**
- **Year 4/5 Residential – Thursday 4th May, 4pm**

The meeting will outline the range of activities, kit list and sleeping arrangements for the children. Staff will be available to ask any questions. Please pop the dates in your diary!



### **Northlew Football Club Donation!**

We have been kindly donated a sum of money to spend on the children at Northlew. After careful consideration, we have decided to action our enthusiastic librarians appeals and long wish lists to revamp the library. The money will be used to purchase new seating for the children to snuggle up in whilst reading their books during breaktime and lunchtime. We have also been able to purchase story sacks which will help our children to use props to retell stories; building vocabulary and creative ideas as well as story CD's so the children can listen to some audio stories during their breaktimes. The librarians and staff have been busy moving our existing library around to make way for our exciting new additions to the library. We hope to share pictures with you soon when the furniture arrives! A huge thank you to Libby Barrett and Northlew Football Club who we hope can visit the school to see how their kind donation has been spent over the coming weeks.

### **Early Years Donations**

We are in need of some items to enhance our EYFS home role play area that we are creating for the children to use during break and lunchtimes on the playground. We would appreciate any donations of old cushions, rugs, lamps or cookery to enhance the role play area for the children. As part of our AWE project we are hoping to develop a greater outdoor space on the playground for bigger creative play. If you have any old crates, tyres, planks of wood or cable reels that you would be happy to donate to school, please speak to Miss Atkinson.

### **Governors Visit**

Next Thursday morning, our chair of governors, Richard Hollingsworth and parent governor, Jo Dryden will be in school to meet with myself, teachers and groups of children. Our governors' visits provide an opportunity for our governors to gather all stakeholders voices, find out more about the children's learning in the classroom and the school's links with the wider community.



## **Silver Stories**

We are pleased to share with you that Northlew and Ashbury have signed up to become a 'Silver Stories' school. **Silver Stories is a charity based in Cornwall, which was created by retired police sergeant David Carney-Haworth OBE and retired primary school Head**

**Elisabeth Carney-Haworth OBE.**

Children, "Silver Readers", telephone older people, "Silver Listeners", to read to them once a week.

After every ten reading sessions, our Silver Readers can download a certificate which can be displayed in their schools. By linking readers to older people by telephone, we aim to combat the loneliness and isolation that can be felt by older people, to create intergenerational relationships and to offer children a richer reading experience. To find out more about the charity, please click on the link below:

[About - Silver Stories | A Charity Inspiring Readers & Listeners](#)

## **OCRA Cross Country Series**



Following on from the recent cross country race in Okehampton, KS2 children have been selected to compete in the following cross-country races, as part of the series of competitions.

- **Race 2- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March at Chagford Cricket Ground**
- **Race 3- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March at Sleekers Farm, Sourton**

On these dates your child will need to come to school in their PE kit with a packed lunch and drinks bottle (*any child receiving FSM will have a packed lunch provided*). Children will have an early lunch, which they will eat in school before getting on the coach.

**Please give consent for your child to take part in both events by going to the 'payments' section of School Gateway.** Without consent your child will not be able to take part in this event. More information including timings was emailed out to parents of KS2 children on Wednesday.

## **Parents Forum - Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February**

A huge thank you to the parents who came along to the parents' forum on Tuesday afternoon. We discussed running maths parent workshops to support parents with the maths strategies the children are using in school (very different to when we were at school!), the development of the outside learning environment including a new EYFS AWE project which will be supported by the trust in the summer term. We are pleased to be working closely with the Devon Wildlife team this term who we explore our science curriculum using our great outdoor space and forest school shelter. Minutes of the meeting will be included in next week's newsletter.

## Welcome Mr Sutherland



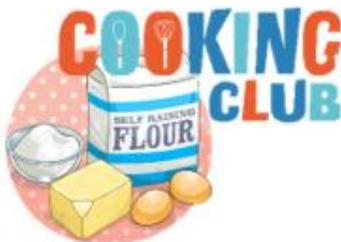
We are pleased to announce the appointment of a teaching assistant who will work across Northlew and Boasley Cross throughout the week. Mr Sutherland will be working 1:1 with children to develop confidence and enable them to access the curriculum. Please see the piece below from Mr Sutherland.

*Hi Everyone, my name is Tyler Sutherland and I want to thank everyone for the lovely welcoming I have received. A little bit about myself; I love playing with Lego (yes a little secret of mine) it has been a nice little passion of mine since I was young. I also used to practice karate for about 12 years until I moved down south. I would just like to say that I've been absolutely loving my time at the school so far. It's been lovely helping to teach the kind and endearing children of the school.*

## PTFA Events

Please see below a list of dates for PTFA events arranged over the next few months, more information to follow in the upcoming newsletters:

- **Friday 31st March** (last day of the Spring term)- Easter Cake Competition
- **Saturday 27th May**- Northlew Fete and dog show 2-6pm@ Northlew School
- **Wednesday 7th July** -Quiz Nite 4:30-6:30pm @ Northlew School



In this week's session the children made coconut muffins. They had to work in pairs to weigh the ingredients, mix together and it included the tricky task of cracking eggs without getting

shell in the mix. It was great collaboration between the children and the delicious smell of cupcakes lingered around the school long after the children had gone home.

Next week we will be making... **Chocolate brownies**

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



Thank you for all of your support this week, including our World Book Day events, parents forum and PTFA disco.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

*Mrs Cook*

# WORLD BOOK DAY

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A huge well done to everyone for their fantastic costumes today, everyone looked fabulous! A big well done to our librarians who organised a 'Where's Wally' treasure hunt at breaktime as well as book sharing throughout the day with their peers.



Our Librarians had a tough challenge judging this year's 'design a book cover' competition and the winners are...

Class 1 - Isabel



Class 2 - Sienna



## PTFA World Book Day Disco

A huge thank you to our PFTA who ran a disco for the children at Northlew following a busy day of World Book Day events. The children thoroughly enjoyed meeting up with their friends, the delicious candy floss and drinks and the atmosphere created by the disco lights and smoke machine. The event raised £87.50 for the PFTA funds which will go towards support with school trips, resources and other necessary materials that all the children at Northlew and Ashbury will benefit from. Thank you to our children for displaying great behaviour as always and looking after each other throughout the event.



"I found the disco really exciting" Esme



"It was very energetic and lively" Arabella

"Everyone had a sugar rush because of the candy floss" Izabella



"It was so much fun and I enjoyed the disco" Jack



"I could have stayed all day and I liked the lights" Jasmine



"I thought it was epic" Thea

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

# School Diary

## March

<b>Monday - 6<sup>th</sup></b>	Yr6 SATs club, lunch break
<b>Tuesday - 7<sup>th</sup></b>	Wildlife Forest School Sessions- AM ( <i>all children come in own clothes. Bring in waterproofs &amp; wellies</i> ) Gardening club at lunch break <b>*Cooking</b> after-school club, 3:30-4:30pm (2/5)
<b>Wednesday - 8<sup>th</sup></b>	KS2 Cross Country Race- Chagford Cricket Ground, 1:15pm <b>Tuck Shop</b> , 3:15-3:30pm <b>*OCRA Indoor Sports</b> after-school club, 3:30-4:30pm
<b>Thursday - 9<sup>th</sup></b>	PE lessons- AM <b>*Martial Arts</b> club, 3:30-4:30pm
<b>Friday - 10<sup>th</sup></b>	Music lesson with music specialist, Mrs Jolliffe- PM Celebration Assembly, 3:10pm

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

## Dates For Your Diary

### March

- **6<sup>th</sup> -31<sup>st</sup>** - Festival of Hope
- **Wed 8<sup>th</sup>** – Cross Country competition at Chagford Cricket Ground (*race 2/3*)
- **Wed 15<sup>th</sup>** – Parents Evening, 3-7pm
- **Fri 17<sup>th</sup>** – Red Nose Day (*more information coming soon*)
- **Mon 27<sup>th</sup>** – Cross Country competition at Sleekers Farm, Sourton (*race 3/3*)
- **Wed 29<sup>th</sup>** – Tempest (*whole school photo*)
- **Fri 31<sup>st</sup>**- PTFA Easter Bingo, 6:45pm doors open

### April

- **Wed 19<sup>th</sup>**- Yr3 residential meeting, 5pm at Boasley Cross

### May

- **Thurs 4<sup>th</sup>**- Yr4&5 residential meeting, 4pm at Boasley Cross
- **Mon 8<sup>th</sup>** - Bank Holiday for 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 French Residential Trip
- **Mon 15<sup>th</sup>** – Yr5 Bikeability Cycling Proficiency (*day 1*)
- **Tues 16<sup>th</sup>** - Yr5 Bikeability Cycling Proficiency (*day 2*)

### June

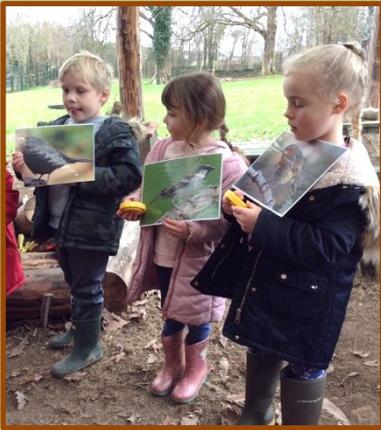
- **Tues 8<sup>th</sup> & Fri 9<sup>th</sup>** – Yr3 Residential Trip
- **Mon 26<sup>th</sup> - Wed 28<sup>th</sup>** - Yr4&5 Residential Trip at Menadue Activity Centre, Tintagel

### July

- **Fri 21<sup>st</sup>** - Last day of term

# Forest School News

**Class 1** enjoyed a brilliant session on Tuesday with Sarah from the Wildlife Trust, focusing on birds. The children spent time listening to the different birdsongs in the playground and were even quizzed on which birdsong they thought was sung by each bird, we were super impressed they got 3 out of 5 correct!



**Class 2:** This week we did forest school with Sarah from the woodland trust. We enjoyed this session because we got to make bird feeders which will encourage more of a variety of birds during the Spring. Following our focus on birds we used pinecones and covered them in bird seeds and vegetable fat. We also learnt the calls of different birds that are in the UK so that we can try to identify some of the birds we see and try to encourage others into our environment.





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



Silver Award  
(150 stars)

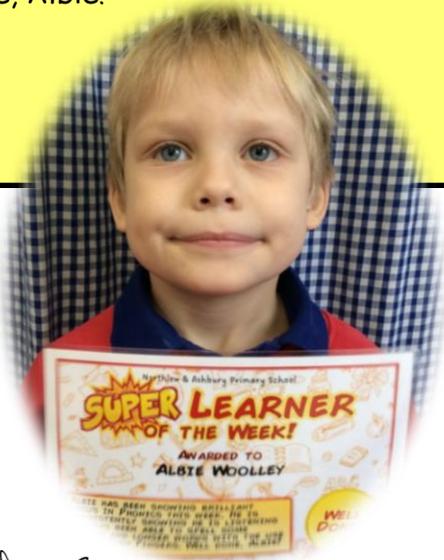
Class 2  
Charlotte  
Casper



# Super Learners of the Week!

## Class 1

**Albie** has been showing brilliant focus in Phonics this week. He is consistently showing he is listening and has been able to spell some harder and longer words with the use of his Fred Fingers. Well done, Albie!



## Class 2

**Lily** had been showing a deep understanding during RE lessons. She always takes the time to consider why she thinks something and she articulates this really well and presents her ideas beautifully in her book. Well done Lily!



## Christian Ethos - Forgiveness

### Class 1

**Zac** has been fantastic at listening to adult guidance in order to develop his behaviours, when accepting different children into his friendship group and considering their needs. Well done, Zac!



### Class 2

**Harry and Alfie** have both shown great forgiveness this week. Following advice from adults they have acted on this and engaged really well in team activities together it is wonderful to see how their communication has improved.



## PTFA Weekly Book Draw

Our PTFA have kindly offered to fund our weekly book draw to promote the love of reading and reading for pleasure.

Each week a child's name will be drawn from the school reading raffle. The child whose name has been drawn will get to choose a book that they would like to see in our library which will then be purchased by our PTFA. Once the child has finished reading the book, they can recommend the book to others which will continue to grow our reading for pleasure culture in the school.



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



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## Question Of the Week

Do you feel that reading has an impact on your learning?

**YES: 78%**      **NO: 22%**

### Yes

- Reading helps to develop vocabulary and ideas for when we come to create our own writing.
- I love getting lost in a good book.
- I love getting inspiration from authors and using their ideas in my story writing.

### No

- Sometimes I find reading tricky and I need adults to help me.



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/sup-port-a-good-cause/step-1/?invite=dilgss&char=267200&referral\\_campaign=s2s&utm\\_campaign=referto\\_win\\_sept\\_22](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/sup-port-a-good-cause/step-1/?invite=dilgss&char=267200&referral_campaign=s2s&utm_campaign=referto_win_sept_22)