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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 4<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Last week's  
attendance  
was:  
**81.5%**

Dear parents/carers,

We are pleased to see Mrs Lee and Mrs Quick return to school this week. The children were so pleased to see them and share the learning they have been busy completing whilst they have been self-isolating. Currently we have one case in class 1 which was confirmed today, I will continue to review our risk assessment and update it if necessary. Until then, staff will continue to wear masks in school, the school will be well ventilated and regular handwashing will continue as it always has done. Please do continue to test your child if they develop any covid symptoms (high temperature, sore throat or continuous cough) and inform us of any positive cases within your household.

Over the next couple of weeks, staff will be reviewing and updating the individual targets that were set for the children in the Autumn term. The updated targets will be shared with parents on the last week of this half term (Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February). We plan to hold a parent's consultation after the half term holidays on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March** to discuss your child/ren's progress and the targets that have been set for this term. Appointments will open next Wednesday through school gateway, and parents can book a 10-minute consultation through a Teams meeting or telephone call if they prefer.



Mrs Lee has prepared a range of activities that the children will be participating in to raise awareness of mental health. Throughout the week the children will explore how they can look after each other and develop strategies for managing their own 'big emotions'. The children will bring together their thoughts and ideas in a final assembly towards the end of the week. To find out more,

please click on the link: [Parents and Carers - Children's Mental Health Week \(childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk\)](http://Parents and Carers - Children's Mental Health Week (childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk))

After the half term holidays, and depending on covid cases within the community, we hope to reopen the school for parents to join us for celebration assembly and 'Book and Biscuit' mornings. As part of our reopening, each class will be hosting an assembly which will replace our school Christmas Performance we were unable to film at the beginning of this term due to the increase in covid cases within the school and children's absence. Our class assemblies/performances will highlight the children's learning in the wider curriculum looking at topics covered in history, geography and science. More information will be shared in next week's newsletter.

Our next parents' forum meeting will take place over teams on **Thursday 3rd March at 5pm**. The forum will discuss developments of the curriculum, key stage 2 residentials and upcoming events for the rest of the academic year. If you have anything you would like to add to the agenda, please email these into school: [admin@northlewprimary.org.uk](mailto:admin@northlewprimary.org.uk) before Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February. If you wish you attend the meeting, please let us know and we can email you a teams link.

Wishing you all a great weekend,  
Mrs Cook

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<i>School Diary</i>	
<i>February</i>	
<b>Monday – 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>OCRA Unihoc</b> after-school club, 3:30-4:30pm
<b>Tuesday – 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Dance</b> after-school club, 3:30-4:30pm
<b>Wednesday – 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Tuck Shop</b> , 3:15-3:30pm <b>Art</b> after-school club, 3:30-4:30pm (4 of 4)
<b>Thursday – 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Martial Arts</b> club, 3:30-4:30pm
<b>Friday – 11<sup>th</sup></b>	Celebration Assembly, 9:15-9:30am- <i>pupils only</i> PE lessons- Class 1 & 2

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



### **After-School Art Club**

An extra date for our current art club group has been added to replace the session cancelled during the partial school closure. Session 4 will be held next Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> Feb, 3:30-4:30pm.

Booking will open at 10am on Monday for the next group of children to take part in 4 sessions of art & craft-based activities. The club will begin after half term on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

There is a cost of £2 per session with the full amount of £8 being required upon booking. This covers the cost of materials/resources, which your child will need for each session.

**To book go to the 'payments' section of School Gateway. Please note, there is a limit on how many children can attend this club, so booking will be on a first come first serve basis.**

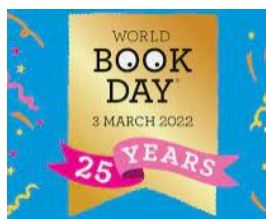
### **RESIDENTIAL QUESTIONNAIRE**



Thank you to those parents who have already completed the parents' questionnaire on residential for our key stage 2 children. We really do appreciate your views, as they help to support the plans we will make for the children. Please click on the link below if you haven't completed the questionnaire. The Moorland

Principals will be discussing residential in our principals meeting next week.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=kG0HO7J4vUqeBcIPJiicRozbU84L-MhNsIeCTqPb67JUN0NBSTYxS1hXQVg2MFM3Vk1ETVZIWFQ1Qi4u>



### **WORLD BOOK DAY 2022**

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March is World Book Day. To celebrate a love of reading, our librarians will be organising a range

of activities for everyone to participate in. Children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character and there will be prizes awarded for the best dressed and creative costumes! The children will also be given their book token which can be exchanged in several bookstores for their free £1 book. The books will be on display in the library after the half term holidays for the children to read.

### **Multi-Academy Trust** **Job Vacancies**

Current vacancies include:

- Early Years Foundation Stage TA at Chagford Primary (closing 9<sup>th</sup> Feb)
- Trust Governance Clerk (closing 20<sup>th</sup> Feb)
- Premises Manager Tavistock College (closing 16<sup>th</sup> Feb)
- Cleaners across the Trust

For more information visit  
[Vacancies - Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust](https://www.dartmoormat.org.uk)  
([dartmoormat.org.uk](https://www.dartmoormat.org.uk))



**FREE LEVEL TWO TRAINING COURSES FROM THE AIM GROUP ALONGSIDE  
THE DARTMOOR MULTI ACADEMY TRUST  
THE DOMINO EFFECT | ANTICIPATE THE SIGNS, BEFORE THE DECLINE**

We are excited to include Northlew and Ashbury Primary School (Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust) on our brand-new **FREE** campaign **#TheDominoEffect**

It is aimed to raise awareness of the impact mental health problems are having on today's generation and provide support around neurodiversity, all without cost.

By gaining an essential understanding of these issues, we can all become better equipped to support individuals and prevent the problem from spiralling out of control.

Here's some of our most popular subjects available:

- **Adverse Childhood Experiences** (tailored to understand how separation, divorce, death, or violence in a family can influence a child's mental health)
- **Understanding Specific Learning Difficulties** (understand characteristics of ADHD, ADD, Dyslexia & Dyscalculia, importance of early diagnosis, assessment methods available to diagnose learning difficulties)
- **Understanding Autism** (learn how individuals process sensory information, understand characteristics, understand conditions, learn how speech, language and communication differ in people with Autism)
- **Understanding Behaviour That Challenges in Children** (supporting positive behaviour, effective communication & how to manage challenging behaviour)
- **Understanding Children and Young Peoples Mental Health** (Understand factors which may affect Young Peoples mental health, the impact that they have and how to support them with these issues)

We also offer some other fantastic courses around areas such as **Safeguarding and Prevent, Equality and Diversity, Business Admin, Customer Service, plus many more..**

All courses are accessed online within a **6-week window** and are completed on a laptop or computer at the learner's home. No Exams are involved, and the courses are following an online platform which you read through and answer questions with a few paragraphs per answer - **No essays**. All the information needed is provided, and available to you 24/7. Once finished **You can do as many as you like**, however you can just do one course at a time.

The only criteria the learner must meet to be eligible, is the following.

- Aged 19 or over on or before 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021
- Have lived in the UK/EU for 3+ years
- Not already on a Government funded course (Apprenticeship for example)

Each course is completely free, but the learning provider reserves the right to charge a drop out fee in the event a learner enrolls but then drops out without providing a reason.

**That said, the college will grant extensions if the learner has a reason as to why they won't be able to complete it within the allocated time.**

Please note: under the college request you may need to attend a short webinar that will need to be attended to ensure we get you successfully enrolled onto the correct course. **If you are interested in undertaking one of these Free Online courses, then please complete the following link asap.**

This will then allow Chris to contact you and send over the relevant Enrolment details and of course, answer any questions you have.

[Northlew & Ashbury Primary School Link](#)

Any questions you may have **Chris Greenfield** will be in touch on **0203 900 3091** once you are registered to walk you through everything and make sure you are happy.





## What Makes a Good Friend?

In our PSHE lessons the children have been looking at the qualities within themselves and how they use this to develop friendships with others. Our leadership teams have been exploring ways to develop friendships in their focused areas.

The **Sports Leaders** have devised a new timetable that will develop skills in a wide range of sports and also encourage the children to turn take, co-operate and problem solve together.

Our **School Council** have led an assembly this week and using their question of the week, which focused on friendships, will discuss strategies to support children who have difficulties making new friends.

The **Librarians** helped to create a lovely Friendship display in our lobby including brainstorming words that describe the qualities of a good friend.

Question of the Week

## Do you find it hard to make new friends?

39% Yes

**~ Sometimes I find it hard because people have different interests and they might not accept me or I might not like what I am interested in.**

**~ I don't feel I can join in if a game has already started.**

61% No

**~ It's not hard because I feel comfortable being myself.**  
**~ My friends wanted to be friends with me.**  
**~ Children at Northlew are friendly and play with me.**



# GOLD STAR award

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



## SILVER AWARD

150 stars

Class 1  
*Ellie*



Class 2  
*Harry*  
*Sienna*

Class 1

*Amelia*

*Jacob*



## GOLD AWARD

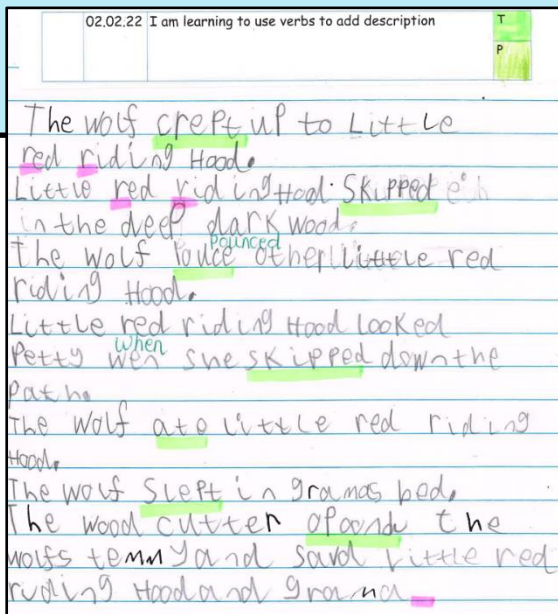
350 stars



# Super Learners of the Week!

## Class 1

**Ellie** has produced some impressive work in English this week. She has been using all the key criteria to create an effective sentence using verbs to add description for our Little Red Riding Hood story. Well done, Ellie!



## Class 2

**Amelie** has shown great dedication to her learning this week. She has focussed on her writing to create a beautiful story with a range of grammatical features in it. Amelie has also been eager in French to share her knowledge and create some fantastic writing. Well done Amelie!



## Christian Ethos - 'Friendship'

## Class 1

**Zac** is always a brilliant friend to everyone in Class 1 and is regularly seen helping others in the classroom and playing with lots of his peers on the playground. Well done, Zac!



## Class 2

**Will** has shown an amazing attitude towards all children since joining Northlew. It has been lovely to see how his friendships have developed and he has formed friendships which seem as though they have always been friends. Keep up your lovely nature towards people.

