



"Let Your
Light Shine"
Matthew 5:16



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Newsletter

Friday 4th October 2019

Dear parents/carers,

This week our school library opened during lunchtimes. Our librarians have been doing a fantastic job introducing the rest of the school to our 'Northlew Book Track' system. For every 10 books your child reads from the library, they will be awarded a certificate in our celebration assembly from the librarians. Each time they return a book, the librarians will ask them several questions about what they have read before signing it off on the child's book track. The two children reading the highest amount of books at the end of term will join the children with the highest amount of gold stars for a day out at the 'Clip and Climb' centre in Exeter. We are encouraging and developing the children's ability to read for pleasure and it has been lovely to see children curled up on the cushions in the library, losing themselves in a good book this week. Please continue to encourage your child to read at home. *"Exposure to reading is important in developing vocabulary for fluency and comprehension. ... Students who scored 90% better than their peers on reading tests, read for more than 20 minutes a day – exposing them to 1.8 million words a year."*

Everyday next week we will be running Scholastic Book fair at break times. On Thursday morning we shared the wide range of books available for the children to purchase and use as part of their book track system. The children were very excited and keen to use saved up pocket money to buy a new book. The Book fair will also be opened during our Macmillan Coffee Morning on Wednesday from 9:30-10:30 am, as well as Wednesday afternoon alongside our parent consultations. Please come along and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and cake whilst perusing the books on offer. We are running two competitions that the children can enter with a chance of winning themselves a £5 book voucher to spend at our book fair (details of the competitions were sent home with your child on Thursday).

Just a reminder that our parents consultation afternoon is this Wednesday 9th October from 3-5:30pm (for class 1) and 2-5:30pm (for class 2). A massive thank you to those parents who have already signed up for an appointment or made alternative arrangements to see their child's class teacher. If you haven't signed up yet, please look at the 10 minute slots available on the office door and sign up or speak to your child's class teacher to make an alternative appointment.

During our Parents Forum/Ethos Committee meeting, we talked about how parents can support their children at home. We are keen to support parents through running some workshops at school so Hannah has created a parents questionnaire which was emailed to parents this week. We encourage you to complete this questionnaire so that we can analyse parents' needs. We plan to put together the appropriate workshops to aid you in supporting your child with the demands of the National Curriculum. We hope to begin our Phonics Workshop after the half term break, which will be open to all our parents. A copy of the Parents Forum/Ethos Committee minutes from our meeting will be sent home on Monday.

Many thanks for your continual support,

Mrs Cook

Last week's
attendance
was:
96.1%

School Diary

October 2019

Monday - 7th	KS2 Swimming Sessions, 1:30-2:30 (5/7)
Tuesday - 8th	*Yr2 Multi-Skills at Okehampton Primary, 10:00-12:00 Yoga after-school club, 3:30-4:30pm (yr1-6)
Wednesday - 9th	MACMILLAN Coffee Morning, 9:30- 10:30 Scholastic Book Fair in school- all day Parents Evening, 2:00-5:30pm OCRA multi-skills after-school club, 3:30-4:30pm (yr1-6)
Thursday - 10th	Forest School with Mr Thomas- KS2 am & KS1 pm Martial Arts after-school club, 3:30-4:30pm (yr1-6)
Friday - 11th	Mr Thomas teaching KS1- all day HARVEST Assembly in church at 2:30pm

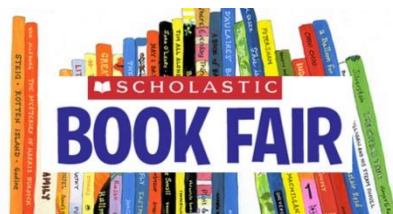
* You will have been notified in previous newsletters if your child has been invited to take part in this event. Please confirm their attendance in School Gateway.

Northcott Theatre Trip

The pantomime in Plymouth does not begin until we break up for the Christmas holidays, so this year we will instead be going to Exeter Northcott

Theatre on **Wednesday 11th December** to see '**Beauty and the Beast**'.

Timings are different as the performance will commence at 10:30am. This does mean the children will return before the end of the school day, so no late return this year! **Tickets are £8.39 per child** and can be booked on School Gateway from today. **Please make payment by 13th Oct** as we need to give final numbers to the theatre in order for us to secure their reduced price early bird offer.



On **Wednesday 9th October** we will have a book fair in school where you have the opportunity to purchase books for your children from many fantastic authors at competitive prices. This will be available to browse throughout the day including during our Macmillan Coffee Morning and in-between parents evening sessions. The book fair will also be open to children during break times from Monday. Every book you purchase helps fill our library and classrooms with free books!



Book Fair Competitions

Your child will have come home yesterday with 2 competition sheets, where they have the opportunity to win a **£5 voucher** to spend at our book fair. All entries must be handed into the office by Tuesday morning (8th) and winners will be announced during our Macmillan Coffee Morning.

Tempest Photography

Tempest will be in school on **Mon 14th October** to take the children's individual school photos. If you have younger children and would like them to be in a photo with their sibling, please bring them in for 9am. Tempest will always take a photo of the individual children and also a separate photo of siblings in school. If you would like your child not to have their photo taken, please let Hannah know.

Okehampton College- Yr 6 Pupils

Please add the following dates to your diary.

- **Parents Transition Meeting** – 4th June 2020, 6.30pm at Okehampton College (for Federation Primary Schools: Boasley Cross, Bridestowe, Exbourne, Highampton, Lydford, Northlew).
- **Welcome Week** is 22nd – 26th June 2020. A week of timetabled lessons for Year 6 students from our Federation Primary Schools. On the Thursday and Friday of this week they will be joined by Year 6 students from other primary schools.
- **Meet the Tutor Evening** – Monday 13th July 2020, 4.00 – 6.00pm at Okehampton College.



Parent Questionnaire

Please take the time to complete our very short (3 question) survey, which was emailed to parents/carers on Wednesday. This will help us understand how we can help parents support their child with learning at home.

Donations

REMINDER: In order to make our Macmillan coffee morning successful, we would appreciate **donations of cakes and biscuits** which the children can sell on the day.

Please leave your donations in the school kitchen on the afternoon of Tuesday 8th October. The school council would also like to hold a teddy sale on the same morning. Any **unwanted teddies** would be warmly welcomed and the children will ensure they find a new home.



QUESTION OF THE WEEK



Do you think behaviour at Northlew is good?

56% (23/41) of our children said YES they do feel behaviour at Northlew is always good

29% (12/41) of our children felt that the behaviour could be better

15% (6/41) of our children disagreed and said behaviour had to improve

When the Ethos group spoke to the children who felt the behaviour could be better or had to improve, they spoke about disagreements over playground equipment, children spoiling others games at break time and the younger children lining up when the whistle blew. Where behaviour could improve in classrooms, children reflected on the fact that they didn't want valuable learning time lost when children sometimes disrupted the teaching and learning. Our Ethos group will spend sometime next week developing this further with all the children.

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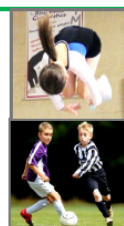
OCTOBER HALF TERM ACTIVITIES

Sport & Art Days (6-14 yrs)

Fun multi-activity days. Choose from:

FOOTBALL, TRAMPOLINING, BASKETBALL, GYM, SWIMMING (8yrs+), DODGEBALL, FREE-G (PARKOUR), TENNIS, ARCHERY, FENCING, UNIHOC, CRICKET, SQUASH, ROUNDERS, ART AND MORE!

Tuesday 22 and Thursday 24 October, 10am-3pm (register at 9.45am)
£14 per child, £12 per second child (£2 discount per child if paying online) £2 extra per person for swimming. Bring a drink and a packed lunch. Meet at Parklands Leisure sports hall.



Breakfast and Afternoon Clubs (6-14 yrs)

Tuesday 22 and Thursday 24 October

Breakfast Club - 8.15-9.45am, £5 incl. breakfast. Have cereal, toast and a drink and play fun games! Meet at the Pavilion.

Afternoon Club - 3-5.30pm, £6.50. Try new, fun games and activities! Meet at Parklands Leisure Centre sports hall, pick up from the Pavilion.



Gymnastics and Tumbling Camp (6-16 yrs)



Wednesday 23 October, 10am-1pm, £10

Learn new skills on bar, beam, vault, floor, trampette and track, and improve your tumbling skills. Meet at the Pavilion in the Park.

Mini Gym Camp (3-5 yrs)

Wednesday 23 October, 2-4pm, £8

Learn new skills on beam, vault, bar, floor, air track and more and play fun games! Meet at Okehampton College Gym.



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Stay active this

OCTOBER HALF TERM

Fun multi-activity days and sports camps for 3-16 yrs

Sport & Art Days (6-14 yrs)

Choose from a range of fun activities throughout the day, including trampolining, football, parkour, ball games, unihoc, archery, fencing, art and much more! With optional breakfast and afternoon clubs.

Gymnastics & Tumbling Camp (6-16 yrs)

Learn new gym skills on floor, beam, bar, vault and improve your tumbling skills!

Mini Gymnastics Camp (3-5 yrs)

Have fun learning skills on bar, vault, beam, floor and air track!

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LEARNER OF THE WEEK



Rosie and Amir are comparing numbers they have made.

Rosie's number: 36
Amir's number: 40

My number is greater because I have more objects.

Is Rosie correct? NO!

Explain your answer.

Rosie
is wrong
because
Amir's number
is greater
and Rosie's
is fewer.

Class 1

Izabella has made a great effort and gained lots of confidence with her reading and learning all of her tricky words. It is lovely to see her using and applying these words in her independent writing. Well done Izabella, keep it up!

Class 2

Sienna is always prepared to begin her learning and follows the instructions first time. She quietly starts her learning and supports other children when she can.

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1. United and City are both football teams from Manchester. ✓
2. A day is fantastic at catching balls. ✓
3. Are you coming to the cinema tonight. ✓
4. Spain our people from the country of Spain. ✓
5. Are we allowed to eat our Easter eggs. ✓
6. Our pet mice are called Mickey and Minnie. ✓
7. During the winter month the trees in our garden are bare. ✓

Christian Ethos- 'Endurance'

Class 1

Thea has developed her ability to complete maths challenges independently even though she has found some of her tasks challenging. She now needs to believe in herself and ask questions or use equipment when those challenges become tricky.

1. explanation ✓
2. competition ✓
3. signature ✓
4. excellent ✓
5. queue ✓

Step Three
explanation ✓
competition ✓
signature ✓
excellent ✓
queue ✓

1.10.19 I can write the first section of our innovated story 'Joe, fetch the pencils'

Joe fetch the pencils
Can you fetch the pencils
Joe? said Mrs Cook.
Today we will be doing
some stretching.
Joe opened the door and
walked to the air cupboard.
Joe got some Haanah.
Joe got some Mrs Lee
writing books. Whiteboard
photocopying Registers
can you take those
photocopying to Mrs Cook
and a folder for the
Registers. Joe got

Class 2

Fred has shown a great attitude towards his learning, especially in spelling. He has displayed a mature attitude in his ability to persevere with his learning whilst there are distractions around him. He is really trying to succeed and attempting to use a variety of techniques to develop this.