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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 5th November 2021

Last week's
attendance
was:
95.5%

Dear parents/carers,

A warm welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term, I hope you all had a lovely half term break.

A huge thank you to all our parents who were able to make their child/ren's parent consultation meeting this week. We feel as a staff group that working in partnership with our parents is crucial in the development of your child, we really do appreciate your support with the targets that we have set for the children. If you require any further support or were unable to make any of the dates set this week, please do speak to your child's class teacher at home time and we will arrange a time that is convenient for you.

This term we have organised a trip for each class. Our EYFS and key stage 1 children will be visiting RHS Rosemoor Gardens on Tuesday 16th November. Our visit will link our science topic on materials this half term whilst exploring our learning on seasonal change from last half term. The children will be creating their own natural art master pieces at the centre from the materials they find on their walk around the grounds. We will be sharing photographs of their artwork with you after the visit. More information about what the children need to bring on the day will go home in a letter next week. A huge thank you to our PTFA who have funded the cost of the coach for this trip, so this visit will be free for all our children.

On Wednesday 15th December our key stage 2 children will be visiting Northcott Theatre to watch the performance of A Christmas Carol. The children will be sharing the story as part of our whole class daily read over the next few weeks, where they will be making careful predictions, discussing characters and events in the story. Once again, a huge thank you to our PTFA

for funding the cost of the coach. Please see the section within this newsletter regarding a £7.21 parent contribution.

On Tuesday next week, we will have a visit from Theatre Alibi who are performing 'Stand Up (And Boogie!)'. Thank you to all those parents who have already paid for this performance through School Gateway. Please can we ask that any outstanding payments are made by the beginning of next week.

Sincere apologies for the late notice of the changes to school dinners at the beginning of the week. Please do make sure that you discuss the dinner choices with your child to ensure that they know what they are having as we have seen lots of food going to waste over the week.

Please find included within this newsletter the minutes from our Parent Forum Meeting, which was held on Wednesday 20th October. If there is anything you would like to discuss regarding the minutes, please make an appointment to speak with Mrs Cook.

As the weather is getting colder, please can we ask that children have a coat in school every day as well as their book bags/rucksacks so that they take home their reading books and reading record books daily.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Cook

<i>School Diary</i>	
Nov 2021	
Monday – 8th	Theatre Alibi perform ' <i>Stand Up (And Boogie!)</i> ' OCRA Multi-sports after-school club, 3:30-4:30pm
Tuesday – 9th	
Wednesday – 10th	Tuck Shop , 3:15-3:30pm Art after-school club, 3:30-4:30pm (4 of 4)
Thursday – 11th	TEMPEST Photography in school- 9am Remembrance Service at the Church, 11am Martial Arts club, 3:30-4:30pm
Friday – 12th	Celebration Assembly, 9:15-9:30am- <i>parents welcome</i> PE lessons- Class 1 & 2 Music lessons- Class 1 & 2 Swimming-Class 1, 1:30-2:30pm (2/7)

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



Children In Need 2021

On **Friday 19th November** the School Council have chosen to support this year's Children in Need by doing the following to raise funds...

- **Non-uniform day** (£1 donation)
- **Bake sale** (please get baking with your child and leave your bakes at reception on the morning).
- **Guess the number of sweets in the jar** (20p a guess)
- **Other fun games throughout the day.**

Tempest- Rescheduled Date

Unfortunately Tempest Photography were unable to attend on Monday due to unforeseen circumstances. Instead, they will be visiting at 9am on **Thursday 11th Nov.** If you would like to bring a younger child into school for a sibling photo, please arrive at 9am as these photos will be taken first.

Northcott Theatre Trip- Class 2

On Wednesday 15th December, class 2 children will be visiting the Northcott Theatre to watch a performance of 'A Christmas Carol'. We are requesting that parents contribute **£7.21 per child** towards this visit. To make payment, please go to the payments section of School Gateway by 10th December. The coach will be leaving school at 10:30am and returning at approx. 5pm.



Art Club



This week the children had fun using polymer clay to create a colourful door plaque for their bedrooms.

Next week is the final Art Club session for the current group. Booking for the next 4 sessions is now open in School Gateway. This club costs **£2** per session with the total payment of £8 being made upon booking.

To book your child onto this club, please go to the 'payment' section of School Gateway.



RHS Rosemoor Trip- Class 1

Children in Class 1 will have the opportunity to visit RHS Rosemoor on **Tuesday 16th Nov**, along with Class 1 children from Boasley Cross Primary. While there, the children will take part in an 'Inspirational Nature' workshop, which will support their learning in the curriculum.

We would like to thank the PTFA who have kindly offered to cover the cost of this visit.

Please go to the 'payments' section of School Gateway to give consent for your child to attend the trip.



Reading Basket

Next week we will be selecting a child to take home our reading basket. The basket will contain a range of books, snugly blanket and hot chocolate with marshmallows. In order to take home the basket your child needs to read 5 times over a week and a parent/carers comment must be recorded in their reading record book. Once they have done this the librarians will randomly select a name from the hat. The reading basket will go home with the child on a Friday and we ask that it is returned on Monday so that it can be replenished for the following week.



Remembrance Day

On Thursday 11th Nov, Rev Leigh, Marylin Livingstone and the children will be reading some of their own prayers in the Church grounds at 11am.

If you would like to support The British Poppy Legion's Poppy Appeal, we have poppies, snap bands, silicone wristbands, zip pulls & reflective poppies available from the school entrance.



Book Track

Starting from Monday, the library will be open break times and lunch times where the children can choose a book to take home. The librarians will help them to complete their book track and when they have read 10 books, they will be awarded with a certificate in our Celebration Assembly.



PTFA Christmas Mug Designs

The children have been busy this week designing a festive mug, which will be printed and made available to purchase at a cost of £5 per mug. A copy of your child's design, along with an order form has been sent home with your child today. If you would like to place an order, please return the form and cash to the school office by Friday 15th November.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH
Monday 13th December

 **Roast Turkey**
Chipolata Sausages
Roast Potatoes
Cabbage & Carrots
or
Vegetarian Roast
~
Christmas Pudding
or a choice from
an assortment of puddings



 **£2.30**

Happy Christmas to Everyone!

  **Dartmoor**
MULTI ACADEMY TRUST

Please book through School Gateway by 26th Nov,
if your child would like a Christmas dinner.

Question of the Week

Is there a place in school where you can find peace?

92% Yes

I can find peace inside of school using the reading area and reflection areas in the classroom. Outside we can find peace on the benches.

8% No

I don't feel like I need to find peace in school because at playtime I want to play with my friends and during lesson time I don't want to miss out on learning.



GOLD STAR award

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



BRONZE AWARD 50 STARS

Class 2

Willow

Alfie

Lily

Marjorie

Winnie

Darcie



Super Learners of the Week!

Class 1

Tenzo has been working hard in maths this week using resources to help with his learning. Well done Tenzo!



Class 2

Marjorie has shown great determination in her maths learning and embedded her understanding of using the grid method in maths.



Christian Ethos - 'Peace'

Class 1

Laila has found peace when she has been feeling frustrated by using our reflection area to reflect and take time to herself.



Class 2

Ethan showed his ability to maintain peace & composure on the playground after a misunderstanding during football. Well done Ethan!





Northlew & Ashbury Primary PTFA

Christmas Fair

November 25th
6-8pm
at

Northlew & Ashbury Primary
School

Come & join us for an evening shopping
Jewellery- Painted Glass- Hand made Soaps-
Refreshments -Kids Christmas Crafts
& Much More

For more information call Jade on
07527554208



Parents Forum Meeting - Minutes
Wednesday 20th October

- Covid - rising cases

With cases continuing to rise, Mrs Cook discussed the possibility of extra precautionary measures that maybe needed - possibly of returning to bubbles, facemasks and shields being used by all staff. Mrs Cook will inform parents if these changes are necessary.

- New base curriculum development

Staff have been teaching from our new base curriculum in science, history, geography, art. These subjects develop language development and use knowledge organisers to support learning. They have clear progression of skills and provide opportunities for over learning throughout the year.

- Working in partnership with other DMAT schools

Staff work closely as a pairing of schools alongside staff at Boasley Cross as well as working across the Moorland Hub group of schools (Northlew, Boasley Cross, Bridestowe, Lydford, Exbourne and Highampton). After half term we will be looking at working closely with schools across the trust that follow the two-class structure. This will allow staff to share best practice for teaching and learning across the curriculum in mixed aged classroom.

- School Council - young leaders

Our school council are actively involved in all areas of development within the school. They run weekly worships, lead whole school discussions which feed into the teaching and learning within school. Mrs Cook will be putting the group forward to further develop their skills in the young leaders' award.

- Librarians - Book track club and story time club

The library will be open at break and lunchtimes for all children. The librarians will be launching the book track system after half term in assembly. Every 10 books a child reads they get a certificate. At the end of every half term names put in a draw for book token. We will also be looking at the development of reading corners within each classroom after the half term - using children's ideas from our question of the week.

- Sports Leaders - reorganising equipment and looking at a range of equipment available for the playground

Next half term the sports leaders will be carrying out an audit of sports equipment we have available and looking at ordering new equipment for the playground and our PE lessons. We are currently trying to organise gymnastic after school club to begin in the spring term.

- Trips and visits

Several events after half term :

- Theatre Albi for whole school - Monday 8th November
- KS1 trip to Rosemoor Gardens - Tuesday 16th November
- KS2 trip to Northcott Theatre - 'A Christmas Carol' performance Wednesday 15th December
- Whole School Christmas Performance - Tuesday 14th December @ 2pm

- Woodland Trust Champions

Met with leader from Woodland trust. Project work will begin next half term on creating some bug houses alongside the support of Mrs Johnstone. The group will have regular slots in the weekly newsletter for updates.

- PTFA events

Discussed Christmas Fayre taking place in school. PTFA members present said they would be holding a meeting over the half term so would discuss this further. Mrs Cook discussed how the school really appreciate the support they receive from PTFA, in particular