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

<u>Newsletter</u> Friday 7th January 2022



Last week of terms attendance: 89.2%

Dear parents/carers,

Happy New Year and welcome to the beginning of our Spring term 2022! I hope you all had a relaxing Christmas break and enjoyed some well-deserved family time together.

You would have received the school's updated risk assessment for this term, apologies for the continual updates, but as you can appreciate things are changing rapidly. I will continue to keep you updated as new information is received. The latest guidance states that from next Tuesday 11th January, anyone who tests positive on a lateral flow can self-isolate without needing to take a PCR test. Those who develop Covid symptoms are required to self-isolate and take a PCR test. Please see full government updates here: Confirmatory PCR tests to be temporarily suspended for positive lateral flow test results - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

We have a full range of after school clubs arranged for our children in years 1-6 this term, many of which will begin next week. Please see our weekly timetable to remind yourselves of the clubs available. If you would like to register your child/ren, please sign up through our school gateway system. Many of our clubs have a limited spaces available. If the club is already full, we will place your child/ren on the waiting list and will notify you if a space becomes available. Your child will not be able to stay for a club if they have not been registered.

Before the end of term, we sent out a letter to gauge interest in an after-school music club for years 1 and 2. Due to other commitments, we have had to reschedule the sessions to: Northlew – Tuesday, 3:30-4:30pm. There will be a cost for these lessons, and **we will only be able to run the**

sessions if we have enough interest. Please could you email the school on admin@northlewprimary.org.uk or return the slip (sent home on the last week of term), if you are interested in your child taking part in these sessions. We endeavour to get these lessons up and running within the next few weeks.

Unfortunately, due to the high levels of Covid we are unable to invite parents into school for our weekly Celebration Assemblies or Book & Biscuit sessions. We hope it won't be too long before things are safe enough to have our parents back into school.

Over this half term, staff will be reviewing the targets set for children and updating these to share with parents. Next week, alongside our newsletter parents will receive our termly curriculum newsletter including the knowledge organisers teachers will be sharing with the children for our wider curriculum subjects. We hope that you will be able to share this with your child/ren and support them with the curriculum at home.

If there is anything that you wish to discuss or clarify further with either myself or your child's class teacher, please do not hesitate to contact the school office and we would be more than happy to arrange an appointment.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend, Mrs Cook

| School Diary | |
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| January 2022 | |
| Monday – 10 th | OCRA Unihoc after-school club, 3:30-4:30pm |
| Tuesday - 11 th | Dance after-school club, 3:30-4:30pm |
| Wednesday - 12 th | Tuck Shop, 3:15-3:30pm Art after-school club, 3:30-4:30pm (1of 4) |
| Thursday - 13 th | Martial Arts club, 3:30-4:30pm |
| Friday - 14 th | Celebration Assembly, 9:15-9:30am 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 Clubs (Yrs 1-6)

Our after-school clubs begin from Monday 10th January. Currently there are still places available on all our clubs for children to sign up.

- Monday's- OCRA Unihoc club
- Tuesday's- Dance club
- Wednesday's- Art club
- Thursday's- Martial Arts club (All clubs run from 3:30-4:30pm)

If your child would like to take part please go to the 'clubs' section of School Gateway to book them on. There is a £2 per session fee required for Art club, so please go to the 'payments' section to book your child onto this club. All other clubs are free of charge.



Super Learners of the Week!

Class 1

Jacob has made an exceptional start to the new term. He has remembered lots of previous learning, including many of his phonics sounds and techniques. He has also been engaged with every area of learning this week and made brilliant contributions. Well done, Jacob!



Class 2

Suzi has been engaged with all lessons this week and is enthusiastically participating in class discussions. Suzi often asks a wide range of questions to deepen her understanding, particularly in Science. She has also shown this fantastic learning attitude at home with a beautiful poster and 2 models of some of the aspects she researched. Well done, Suzi!





Christian Ethos-Friendship

Class 1

Ronnie has been seen making lovely friendships this week, with many different members of the school community. He has played football with some children in Class 2 and been a caring friend to his peers in Class 1 when they have accidentally hurt themselves. Well done, Ronnie. A great example of this terms school value!

Class 2

Kieran has shown fantastic friendship skills at school this week. Kieran has been supportive of all children in class 1 to ensure they felt safe and included on the playground. This was particularly apparent when he took the time to explain the rules of football to another child in order for them to successfully participate. Well done Kieran!

