

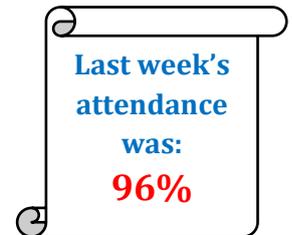


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Newsletter

Friday 8th November 2019



Dear parents/carers,

Both classes have taken part in a 'light' workshop run by Retreat which focused on the meaning of the word 'light' and how it links with our Christian values.

The children thoroughly enjoyed this workshop and the learning they produced is displayed in the lobby & library for you to have a look at.

On Monday the children will take part in a remembrance service at 9:30 in the church grounds. This will be led by our governor Marilyn Livingstone and everyone is welcome to join us.

Next week is Anti Bullying Week. We have already explored what bullying means to us and the Ethos group carried out a survey with the children and posted their results in last week's newsletter. The theme this year is: Small change. Big difference. Whether it is verbal, physical, online or in-person, bullying has a significant impact on a child's life well in to adulthood. By making small, simple changes, we can break this cycle and create a safe environment for everyone. Because together, we can challenge bullying. Change starts with a conversation. It starts with checking in. It starts with work together.

The children will be exploring 'Anti Bullying Week' through focusing on 'what makes a good friend'; learning about and learning to accept each other's differences. To celebrate what makes us all unique, this we are encouraging the children to wear odd socks to school on Tuesday 12th November. The Ethos and School council will be creating a display in the hall of the children's ideas and suggestions next week.

Mrs Cook

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

School Diary

November 2019

Monday - 11th 	Remembrance Service- 9:30am KS2 'Oliver' performance at Okehampton College, 10:45-3pm KS1 Swimming Sessions, 1:30-2:30 (2 of 7)
Tuesday - 12th	Hannah out of the office- all day Yoga after-school club, 3:30-4:30pm (yr1-6)
Wednesday - 13th	Theatre Alibi performance in the Village Hall, 10am OCRA Multi-skills after-school club, 3:30-4:30pm (yr1-6)
Thursday - 14th	Mr Wright teaching KS2- PM NSPCC 'Speak Out, Stay Safe' visit- am Forest School with Mr Thomas- KS2 am & KS1 pm NEW- Martial Arts Grading club, 3:30-4:30pm (yr1-6)
Friday - 15th 	Children In Need (wear something spotty £1) Mr Thomas teaching KS1- all day Phonics parent session (2), 2:30-3:00pm Celebration Assembly at 3.10pm

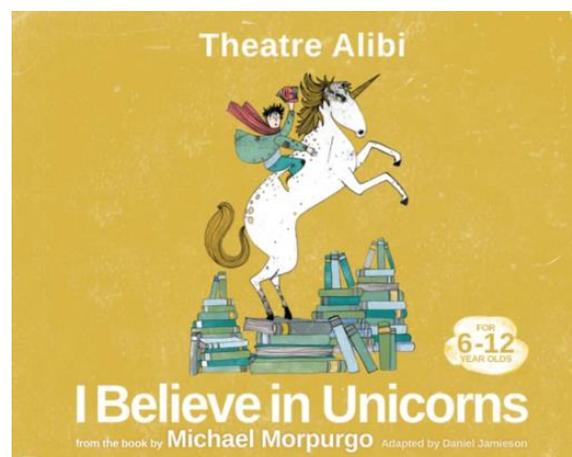


IMPORTANT: If your child was absent on Tuesday or you have decided you would like them to have their flu vaccine after all, here's what to do- Your GP can no longer offer the vaccine to school aged children. However, there are two clinics being held on **Wed 13th Nov & Wed 11th Dec** at **Holsworthy Hospital**. You cannot just turn up so will need to call [0300 247 0082](tel:03002470082) to book a 5min appointment slot. Slots are available after school between 3:40pm- 6:25pm.



Theatre Alibi

On **Wed 13th Nov**, Theatre Alibi will be visiting us to perform their play '**I Believe in Unicorns**' from the book by Michael Morpurgo. This will be held at 10am in Northlew village hall and we will be watching the play along with children from Boasley Cross Primary. We request a payment of **£4.20 per child**, which can be made using School Gateway. Please make payment by Friday 15th Nov. Many thanks





Class 2 Trip- Performance of 'Oliver'

On Monday 11th Nov the children in class 2 have been invited to attend a performance of 'Oliver' at Okehampton College. Your child will require a packed lunch as this will be eaten just before the performance begins at 12noon. The children will

return just before the end of the school day.

The school has covered the cost of this trip/coach so no payment is required. However, **please give your consent before Sunday 10th using School Gateway** (under the 'payments' section).



Children In Need 2019

On **Friday 15th November** it's 'Children in Need' day and this year's theme is spotty. The children can come dressed in their own spotty clothes, wear spots on their face or wear spotty socks.

We are asking for a **£1 donation**.



NEW- Martial Arts Grading Club

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, we are making some changes to our after-school Martial Arts Club held on Thursday's, 3:30-4:30pm. Parents and children requested the opportunity to work towards achieving belts during sessions so the instructor took this on board and put together a grading syllabus. Therefore, **yesterday (7th) was the final club which children can attend free of charge**. If your child would like to attend the new martial arts grading club, you're required to pay a **one off £20 membership fee**. Once this has been received, your child will be added to the club booking page, where you will book them onto individual sessions as before (this helps us keep a register of attendance for each week). When the instructor feels your child is ready for a grading, we will let you know and apply a £15 grading fee to your account (£15 fee is required per grading). As always payments are made within your child's School Gateway account under 'payments'. **The club will run at least until the end of this academic year (July 2020) with the possibility of it continuing into the following year, if successful**. If you have any questions, please just ask.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK



Do you feel you have friends that you can talk to about problems in school?

There were 37 who took part in this survey.

89% (33/37) of our children at Northlew said YES they do feel they have a friend that they can talk to when they have a problem.

When they were asked the other 4 children said they prefer to talk to an adult at school that will have time to listen and talk through their problems with them. They worried that if they told a friend something in confidence that they might share that with someone else. The Ethos group plan to create a worry box to be placed in the library for children to share their worries. These will then be discussed during lessons and in collective worship next week.



Big Soup Share

Northlew Church Rooms

2:30-3:30pm

Tuesday 19th November

£1 soup & bread

Everyone from the community welcome!

Come and enjoy a bowl of delicious homemade soup courtesy of Northlew Primary School.

Creative Christmas Decoration Evening

In aid of Northlew Primary School PTFA

Join us to create your own decoration in time for Christmas. The event will take place at The Northlew Village Hall on Monday 9th December 2019.

Doors at 6.30pm for 7pm start, the session will take approximately 3 hours. Our resident Florist Tutor will give ideas and awaken your creativity and you will walk away with a Christmassy masterpiece all of your own.

This year you will be creating your own willow bases to ensure that all materials are sourced locally and sustainably. The finished decoration will be eco friendly and completely biodegradable.

The cost is £20 per person which includes all needed materials and a warming drink on arrival.

Contact Mai Cudmore to book your space on 221490 or through Facebook.

Please bring secateurs, a smile, garden gloves and a mug.



Girlguiding

Okehampton now provides Girl Guiding.

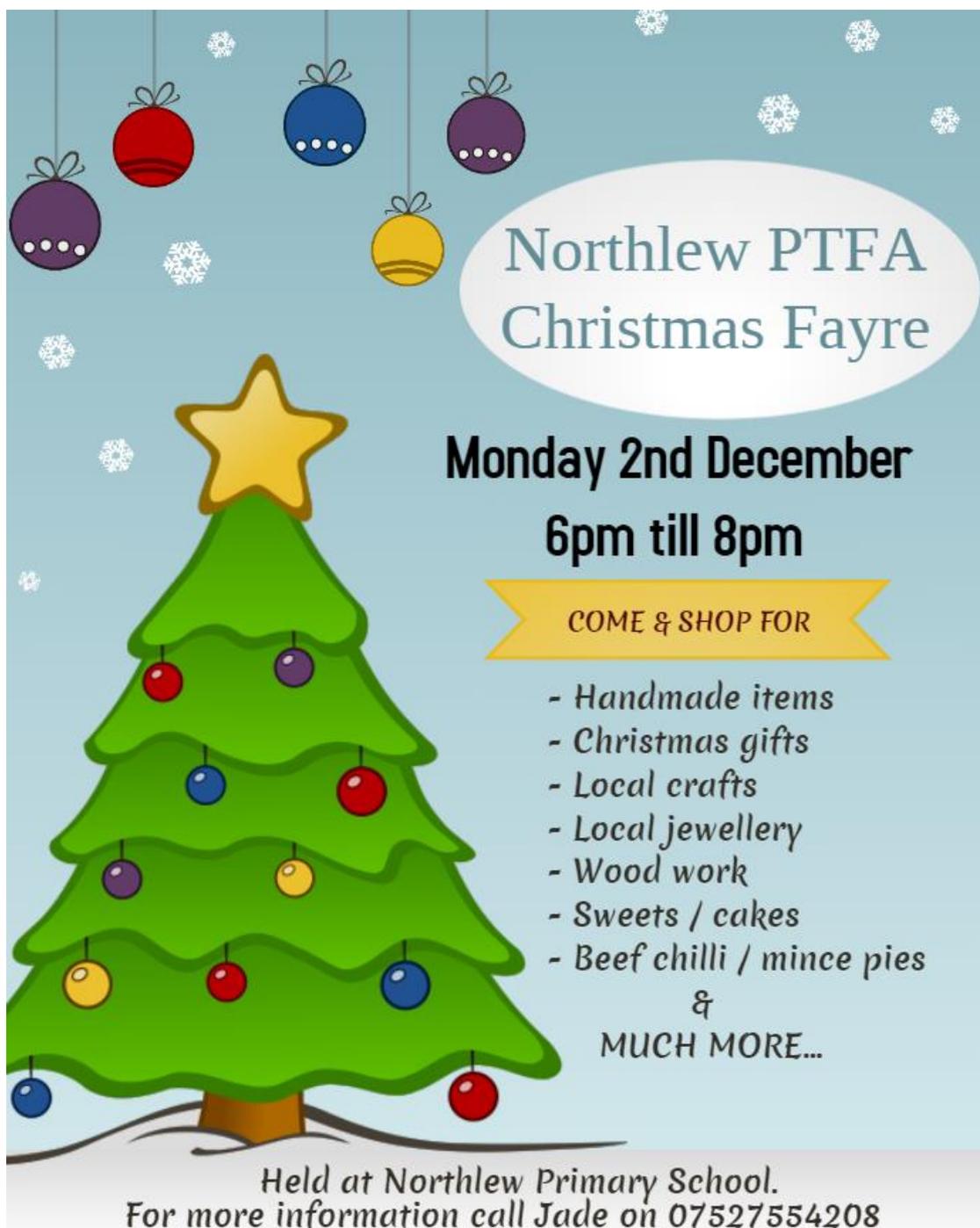
 **Rainbows** (aged 5-7)- Tuesdays, 5:15-6:15pm
Brownies* (aged 7-10)

1st Okehampton- Tuesdays, 6:30-7:45pm

2nd Okehampton- Mondays, 5:30-7:00pm

Guides* (aged 10-14)- Thursdays, 7:00-9:00pm

If you would like to find out more visit girlguiding.org.uk/joinus or call **0800 169 5901**



**Northlew PTFA
Christmas Fayre**

**Monday 2nd December
6pm till 8pm**

COME & SHOP FOR

- Handmade items
- Christmas gifts
- Local crafts
- Local jewellery
- Wood work
- Sweets / cakes
- Beef chilli / mince pies

**&
MUCH MORE...**

*Held at Northlew Primary School.
For more information call Jade on 07527554208*

SUPER LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Class 1

Casper has continued to develop his fluency in his writing and has produced a lovely character description using expanded noun phrases.

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The badger has a long nose and sharp teeth. The badger has a red spotted scarf. The badger has white sharp teeth. He has white and grey fur and it is soft. He has his long nose and sniff bugs. At the end of his nose he has sharp claws. He has a short fluffy tail and he wags it when he is happy.

fantastic learning Casper well done great noun phrases!

Class 2

Hayden used his knowledge of parenthesis and independently used this in his phonics learning.

went to, pete, shopping, a train, ash, for
 balled, park, they, (9/10) golden, brightly
 smile, smile
 The haunted house was empty,
 there was a ghost inside
 so big than and 25 miles?

Christian Ethos- 'Peace'

Class 1

Thea was very reflective and discussed her ideas and thoughts about what Remembrance Day means to her.



Class 2

Sienna recognised a child in year 1 was upset during playtime and independently went to support them.



Dear parent/carer,

The NSPCC's *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme is visiting our school on Thursday 14th November to make sure our pupils have the knowledge and understanding they need to stay safe from abuse.

I'm pleased to tell you that we will be working with the NSPCC, the UK's leading children's charity, who'll be delivering their ***Speak out. Stay safe.*** programme. This is a nationwide programme for every primary-school-aged child in the UK and Channel Islands. With the help of their friendly mascot Buddy, they'll be presenting an assembly to the children in our school as well as a workshop for years 5 and 6.

"NSPCC has helped me to build the confidence to tell people about my worries and problems." Child's feedback

What is the *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme?

Through child-friendly, interactive assemblies and workshops their specially trained staff and volunteers will give our children information about how to keep themselves safe from harm and how to get help if they have any worries, sensitively discussing issues like bullying and sexual abuse, without using scary words or adult language.

We have studied the content of the materials and heard from other schools who have participated and are extremely confident that they are appropriate for primary-school-aged children. By the end of their visit, we're convinced children will feel empowered – knowing how they can speak out and stay safe.

"This service provides important information in a child-friendly way – it should be made mandatory in all schools. A brilliant service!" *Teacher, Wistaston Primary, Crewe*

If you would like any more information about the NSPCC ***Speak out. Stay safe.*** programme, including frequently asked questions, you can find it on the NSPCC website nspcc.org.uk/schools or please come into speak to me and I can provide more information.

Talking about the Underwear Rule with your children

The NSPCC's work in schools will help encourage conversations about staying safe – and they have a number of child-friendly materials to help you carry on the conversation afterwards. That includes 'The Underwear Rule', a simple way for parents to help keep children safe from sexual abuse – without using scary words or even mentioning sex.

The guide uses the rules of PANTS to teach children that their body belongs to them and them alone. You can find out more and download the free resources at nspcc.org.uk/pants

If you'd like to know more about the NSPCC's work, or take a look at the wide range of information and advice which is available for parents and carers, please visit their website nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Cook