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

Newsletter Friday 9th July 2021

Last week's
attendance
was:
96.3%

Dear parents/carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Thomas for covering my teaching role in Class 1 for the summer term whilst I started my new leadership role across Northlew and Boasley Cross. I am delighted to announce that Lee Billingham, an experienced teacher from one of our Trust schools, will be joining the team from September and will be teaching Class 1. There will be an opportunity to meet him when he comes for the transition afternoon on Wednesday 21st July.

Mr Billingham will be available after school to meet class 1 parents. He wanted to take this opportunity to introduce himself, please find his introduction within this newsletter.



Our year 5 and 6 children arrived at school yesterday for a fun filled two days at residential. After setting up camp they set off for the activity centre to participate in cycling, rock scrambling and river gorging. It was lovely to see the children relaxing with their friends and participating in activities outside the classroom. When I left them last night, they were toasting marshmallows over the fire pit and getting ready to snuggle down for a movie in their classroom before bed. Mrs Lee reported the children slept well and some even had to be woken up this morning! We will share more pictures of their adventures in next week's newsletter.

We would like to warmly welcome Mrs Canham to the Northlew team. Mrs Canham will be our new catering assistant and alongside Hannah will be serving the dinners for the children. She is with us for a few days a week until the end of term, but looking to join us full time from September.

Children will be given their reports to go home today, our year 5 and 6 children will be given their reports later when parents arrive to pick them up. Thank you to those parents who have already booked a parent consultation for next week. If you still need to book an appointment, please see your child's class teacher to arrange a time.

Due to the increasing rise of infections of COVID cases across Devon, we will be continuing to keep in place our health and safety measures until the end of term, please see attached letter for more details. Our sports day event will continue on Tuesday afternoon, with pictures and videos shared on the dojo website and newsletter next week. Mrs Lee will be contacting our year 6 parents with more details of our year 6 'virtual' leavers assembly at the beginning of next week.

Hope you all have a wonderful weekend,
Mrs Cook

Hello from Mr Billingham



I am really excited to be joining your fantastic school in September and getting to know all of your brilliant children. I've been teaching and living in Chagford, also a small rural school, for almost a decade and I absolutely adore storytelling, forest school and PE. I love getting children active and involved in sports, particularly running, and I suspect from the start of next year you'll see me running around the village often! My wife and I are in the process of buying our first home, a lovely little thatched cottage and I suspect we'll be spending our summer decorating and settling in with our two cats. I'll be visiting the school before the end of term, so if you see me, please come and say "Hello!" but if I don't get a chance to meet you, have a fantastic summer holiday, and I'll look forward to welcoming you all back in September!



Sports Day

Please can we ask that all children come to school on Tuesday (13th July) wearing their PE kit and trainers, ready to participate in Sports Day.

School Diary

July 2021

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| Monday - 12th | Forest School (Class 1) Yoga after-school club, 3:30-4:30pm |
| Tuesday - 13th | Ethos Singing Club (KS2), 3:30-4:30pm Sports Day- PM (children only!) |
| Wednesday - 14th | Supply teacher Mrs Hyde in KS1- all day Forest School (Class 2) ~Parent Consultation meetings - Class 1 parents Art after-school club, 3:30-4:30pm *finished for the term |
| Thursday - 15th | Yr 6 Taster Day at Okehampton College *Cancelled! Tuck Shop , 3:15-3:30pm Martial Arts after-school club, 3:30-4:30pm |
| Friday - 16th | ~Parent Consultation meetings - Class 2 parents PE (<i>kit + trainers worn to school</i>) |

Swimming- Autumn Term 2021



We are pleased to be able to offer the children swimming lessons during the Autumn term. Lessons will be taking place at Aqua Stars, Brandis Corner on Fridays 1:30-2:30pm, with class 2 swimming for the first 7 sessions and class 1 following after the half term break.

To keep the costs as low as possible for parents, the school will be covering the cost of the swimming lessons. We are asking for a parental contribution, which will cover the cost of transport over the 7 sessions. More information about costs will follow shortly with a payment request being opened in School Gateway over the coming weeks. If you have any questions, please get in touch.

| Session Dates | |
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| Class 2 | Class 1 |
| September 10 th , 17 th , 24 th | November 5 th , 12 th , 19 th , 26 th |
| October 1 st , 8 th , 15 th , 22 nd | December 3 rd , 10 th , 17 th |

Clubs

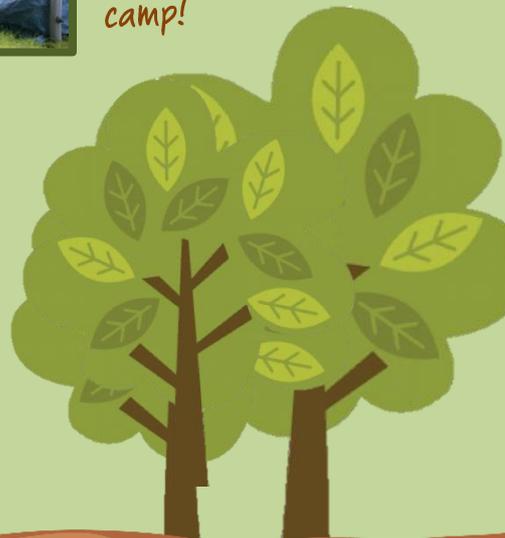
Reminder: Next week will be our final week of clubs this term. We hope to be able to offer the children some new and exciting clubs throughout the next academic year, so look out for more information in up-and-coming newsletters.

Forest School News

Class 1 created their own obstacle course this week. They included a "river" with a bridge, a tunnel section, some tyres to hop over, a windy rainbow, a house and a tricky stick slalom! It was great to see the children thinking carefully about obstacles which would be challenging but safe for everybody to complete.



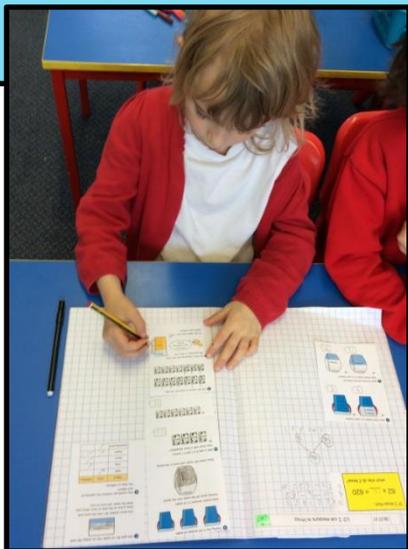
The older children in Class 2 put up tents to prepare for their residential stay-cation! They worked well as a team and listened carefully to instructions to complete the task. Hopefully, they will enjoy sleeping in them as much as they enjoyed setting up camp!



Super Learners of the Week!

Class 1

Laila has been working hard this week to share her great ideas with the class. She always likes to help other children learn by explaining how she arrives at her answers in maths.



Class 2

Charlie is our class 2 learner of the week for excellent effort and commitment to learning. Well done Charlie!



Christian Ethos - 'Friendship'

Class 1

Dylan always shows everyone in school amazing kindness and friendship. He always runs to the rescue when his friends have hurt themselves and is keen to look after them if they are upset. You are a fabulous friend Dylan, Well done!



Class 2

Darcie has shown kindness and consideration towards fellow pupils, in and out of class. Well done Darcie!



SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITY DAYS

BOOK A PLACE NOW - FIRST COME FIRST SERVED - LIMITED SPACES - FUN THEME DAYS

Summer Holiday Performing Arts Activity Days: EVERY Tuesday and Wednesday in August

Times: 9:00am - 3:00pm

Run by *Jessica Squire Dance* - for ALL primary school aged children

Location: Hatherleigh Primary School, EX20 3JB

- Themed performing arts days filled with dance, drama, arts & crafts.
- Expect dance routines, dance & drama games, art & craft activities.
- PLUS: C-19 Gov reg. depending, show to parents/carers @ 2:45pm daily.



Dates and themes: Make sure you bring your fancy dress outfits too!

3/8 - **Pirate Day!** Join us on a swashbuckling adventure!

4/8 - **Under the Sea Day!** Let's dive in and dance and act like sea creatures!

10/8 - **Superhero Day!** Get set to soar like your favourite superheroes!

11/8 - **Jungle Day!** It's time for a party in the jungle - rrrrrrrroar!

17/8 - **Disney Day!** A day filled with your top Disney characters and songs!

18/8 - **Pure Dance Day!** Try loads of fun dance styles like street dance!

24/8 - **Musicals Day!** Expect songs from The Greatest Showman & all your favs

25/8 - **Bees, Butterflies & Bugs Day!** ...We're buzzing for this one!

BOOK NOW TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT! **Cost:** £25 if you book one date

Discount: £20 per day if you book more than one day/brother/sister discount

ADVANCE BOOKING ESSENTIAL: Book your child's place NOW! Contact Jessica Squire
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