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Northlew Primary School – Let Your Light Shine Matthew 5:16

15/09/2023

Dear Parents/Carers

The children throughout the school have been extremely focused with their learning this week, it has been wonderful to see how engaged they have been.

If children would like to apply for a school role, we are asking that letters of application are written and returned to school by Friday 22nd September. Available roles are: School council/ethos group, eco warriors, sports leaders, librarians. Please encourage your child to apply for the role that they are interested in to make a difference to the school in the way they want.

Below is an outline of important dates throughout the year. More dates will be added when different activities are arranged. In order to include the wide range of activities for children rather than having a weekly worship for parents, we will hold a community worship once a half term. We are also arranging sessions to invite the community into the school such as toddler stay and play; if you have any ideas which you would like to suggest, please speak to me or email admin@northlew.primary.org.uk.

It is with great sadness we have to inform you that Marilyn Livingstone has passed away. Marilyn had previously been a governor at Northlew and within the DMAT and had played a vital role in many of the children's lives in Northlew. Each time she visited the school she always had a cheery smile and would be keen to chat. Marilyn was eager to support the school and the community and will be sorely missed. Over the coming weeks, the children will have an opportunity to create something for the spiritual area in remembrance of Marilyn. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Marilyn's family.

Positive Praise

Each class has developed a new rewards system which is personal to the children in the class. Class 1 children are using a kindness jar and when an act of kindness is observed, a pom-pom is placed in the jar. When the jar is full, the children decide on a treat they would like. Class 2 are also using pom-poms and are working as year group teams to try to gain the most each day. They have decided that the group with the most pom poms will be able to use the reading area during STAR reading time at the end of the day.

Super Learners



Rowan – Rowan has shown a brilliant attitude to his learning since returning to school. He has worked hard to adjust to being in Year 1 and has been consistently producing great work. Well done, Rowan!

Darcie – Darcie has created a super report on stars as part of our English sequence. Darcie has focused on how to create more formal writing and has been eager to edit her writing when given feedback. Well done, Darcie.

School Value- Endurance

Kason – Kason has been a lovely addition to Class 1. He has taken everything in his stride over the past week and has begun learning the new routines and expectations in the class quickly. He has shown brilliant endurance in all areas of school life. Keep it up, Kason!

Charlotte– Charlotte has stayed extremely focused this week and has continued to smile throughout the day. You have really impressed us with your ability to keep on trying even when you are finding things difficult. Well done, Charlotte!

Whole School Attendance

96.62%

Activities/photos

We were happy to welcome back Rev Leigh to school this week, with his companion Oscar. Rev Leigh will be leading flourish fortnightly to continue our connection with the Church and community. This week's service focused on being kind to each other and caring for others.



A huge thank you to parents and carers who have embraced the new routine of dropping children off at the gate so that they are able to independently come in and join in with their first lesson straight away. We have already had lots of positive feedback about the children enjoying this session together and having an active start to the day.



Fruit for Sale

The children have been busy collecting the fruit that they have been growing over the year. This is now for sale at the front of the school, please place any donations in the pot. These donations will go towards the continuing development of our gardening area.



School Uniform

It has been fantastic to see how smartly dressed the children have been since returning to school. Please can we ask that ALL items of clothing and equipment that children bring to school are clearly labelled and regularly checked so that in the event that these are misplaced they can be returned to the correct owner. As the weather is becoming more unpredictable, please ensure that children are bringing appropriate outerwear such as raincoats or hats.

School Dinners

Please remember that the last orders for school dinners are by **Thursday at midnight** for the following week; any orders made after this time will not be processed.

School Timetable

You will have received an overview of the school timetable. This will enable you to discuss with your child what they have been doing throughout the day. To clarify, GPRS is a session which is dedicated to grammar, punctuation, reading and spelling. 'Cuku' is Catch up, keep up where we will be doing different interventions, time to develop individual targets and pre-teach sessions before upcoming sessions. If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Signposting

Help with bereavement or loss: [Get help with grief after bereavement or loss - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

Mrs Lee
Lead Teacher

Next Week

Monday	*Immersion Coding Club 3:30-4:30pm
Tuesday	Lunchtime Gardening Club *OCRA Club 3:30-4:30pm
Wednesday	*Lunchtime Yoga Club
Thursday	*Lunchtime Reading Club *Martial Arts 3:30-4:30pm
Friday	KS2 Swimming

*Your child must be booked onto clubs via School Gateway in order to take part

Diary Dates

September

Tuesday 26th	Year 6 Junior Life Skills 9:30-12 (parents to transport)
Friday 15th, 22nd, 29th	KS2 Every Friday Swimming
Wednesday 27th	Holsworthy College Open Evening 5-7pm

October

Friday 6th, 13th, 20th	KS2 Every Friday Swimming
Tuesday 3rd	Whole School Paignton Zoo Trip
Wednesday 4th	Year 6 Okehampton College Open Evening 4-6pm
Friday 6th	Year 5 Science Taster Day at Okehampton College
Wednesday 10th	World Mental Health Day
Tuesday 17th	Parents Evening 2-5pm

Monday 23rd - Friday 27th Half Term