



Northlew & Ashbury C of E Primary School – Let Your Light Shine Matthew 5:16

01/12/2023

**Notes from Lead Teacher**

Happy Advent! How quickly the time has passed and it is almost the time of year for the school nativity and Christingle service. As well as thoroughly looking forward to these events, we will also be continuing with our usual learning up until the holidays. On the last day of term, we will use this opportunity for the whole school to watch a festive film and to do interventions with small groups or individuals. Please look carefully at the dates for your diary as there are many upcoming events in a small space of time!

**Super Learner**

**Isabel** - Isabel has worked incredibly hard in her assessments this week. She has made an effort to keep going even when she found some questions difficult and remembered to apply methods, we have learnt in our Maths lessons. Well done, Isabel!

**Zac D** - Zac has shown a tenacious attitude towards his learning recently. He has become more independent with getting manipulatives in maths and has increased his stamina for writing. Well done, Zac!



**School Value- Peace**

**Theo** - Theo has been spreading peace in the playground this week. He has been seen playing football with the older children and listening to their instructions closely, meaning they could play a game of football together peacefully. It is

lovely to see him mixing with the older children and for them to be happy to play with him. Well done, Theo!

**Freddie** - Freddie has shown his caring attitude and ability to notice the feelings of others to promote peace within school. It was lovely to see him looking after a younger child when they were hurt after falling over on the playground. Well done, Freddie!

**Attendance**

Well done to the children of Northlew Primary, through this half term the attendance has been highly maintained. So much so that we have the highest attendance within the Trust this half term. Well done and please keep it up!

**Whole School Attendance**

**97.88%**

**Reading Basket**

The winner of our reading basket this week is **Theo**. Well done for reading at home at least 5 times. Enjoy reading the books at home and coming in telling everyone about what you have read and whether you recommend it.

**Reading Raffle**

The PTFA have kindly continued to donate a book to each child in order for them to develop their love for reading and the choice of books within the library. The winner of the reading raffle on 1st December was **Amelia**. *If your child has already received one of these books, and has already read it, please can this be returned ASAP to school to be checked in to the school library for other children to read.*



### **School Uniform**

A reminder to parents that children should be coming to school in full uniform each day. This includes a red sweatshirt or cardigan and navy polo shirts with black shoes. Trousers or skirts should be navy or grey. Children with long hair should tie it back. As children are outdoors for periods throughout the day, please ensure that they have a warm coat and appropriate clothing for the weather. PE kits, including tracksuit bottoms and shorts should only be worn on PE days. If you have any questions about this, please refer to the school website or ask a member of staff.



### **Monday Music**

This week we welcomed Natalie into school to lead a music session for everyone. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and it was great to see everyone using the wide range of musical instruments we have in school. We will be working over the next few weeks on learning some Christmas songs! If anyone would like to share a musical talent they have with the rest of the school, please let us know and we can arrange for this to be part of a session.



### **Class 1 are learning to sew!**

We have been lucky to welcome parents Hayley and Natalie into school over the last two weeks to teach the children in Class 1 how to sew. They have thoroughly enjoyed learning the new skill and have shown brilliant listening throughout both sessions. Thank you both for giving up your time to teach the children.



### **School Council NYLG**

Last week we took part in the National Young Leaders meeting. We enjoyed meeting some of the many schools across the country in the breakout rooms. The School Council had a chance to reflect on how our school can be a better place and for our voices to be heard.

*"It was a fun experience to try something new that I had never done before"- Casper*

*"I really enjoyed it as the people in the meeting were very friendly"- Kenzie*

### **PTFA Christmas Hamper**

The PTFA Christmas Hamper raffle will be drawn on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December, after the nativity. Please bring in any sold tickets to school by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you.





## Disco

The PTFA will be holding a Christmas disco on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December from 4-5pm. The disco will be free of charge; however, they would like children to bring in some food to share. Please could children in Class 1 and Year 3 bring in sweet items and children in Class 2 from Year 4 bring in savoury items. Siblings and toddlers are also welcome to attend, however parents will be responsible for supervising.



## Stay and Play

Please see the poster of our next 'Stay and Play' session on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December. This session is free of charge and open to all parents and carers of children from birth to 4 years old.

**Northlew and Ashbury Primary School**

**Stay And Play**

**Thursday 7th December 9-10:30am**

Join us for:

- ✓ Art and crafts,
- ✓ Messy play,
- ✓ Role play

For Children from birth -4 years

To book a space please message: [batkinson@northlewprimary.org.uk](mailto:batkinson@northlewprimary.org.uk)

## Nativity

Our whole school Nativity will be taking



place in school on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm. Family and members of the community are welcome to join us. Children have taken home leaflets to distribute to friends and neighbours and there are posters around the village.

## Pantomime

On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December we will be going on our school trip to Exeter to see the pantomime. This is a reminder that children need to be dropped off AND collected from Boasley Cross Primary School.

## KS1 Children

Children in KS1 will need to bring a snack and packed lunch as they will be returning later than our usual lunchtime and therefore will not be able to order school dinner on that day. A school packed lunch can be provided by emailing [admin@northlewprimary.org.uk](mailto:admin@northlewprimary.org.uk) by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December. KS1 will be watching the Pantomime 'Dear Santa' and need to be collected at 3:30pm from Boasley Cross Primary School upon return.



## KS2 Children

Before the pantomime, KS2 children will have a PE lesson with Mr Pugh, together with the KS2 children from Boasley Cross. KS2 are able to order school dinners which will be delivered to Boasley Cross Primary school. KS2 will be watching the Pantomime 'Dick Whittington'. Due to the later start to the pantomime, KS2 children will need collecting at 5:30pm from Boasley Cross Primary School.



## Week Beginning 4.12.23

Monday	Lunchtime Gardening Club *Immersion Coding Club 3:30-4:30pm
Tuesday	*OCRA Club 3:30-4:30pm 11-12 Carols outside Waitrose Okehampton
Wednesday	KS2 PE lesson- Please come to school in your PE kit. Christingle at the Church followed by Mince pies at school. From 2pm.
Thursday	Baby and Toddler Stay and Play 9-10:30am Lunchtime Reading Club *Martial Arts 3:30-4:30pm
Friday	KS1 Swimming – <b>Final session</b> PTFA Christmas Disco 4-5pm <i>Siblings and toddlers also welcome</i>

## Week Beginning 11.12.23

NO CLUBS DURING THE LAST WEEK OF TERM

Monday	<del>Lunchtime Gardening Club</del> <del>*Immersion Coding Club 3:30-4:30pm</del>
Tuesday	<del>*OCRA Club 3:30-4:30pm</del> Christmas Nativity from 2:30pm
Wednesday	KS2 PE lesson- Please come to BOASLEY school in your PE kit with a school jumper. Pantomime trips- <b>Please drop off and collect your children from BOASLEY CROSS PRIMARY SCHOOL</b> KS1- 8:40am drop off. 3:30pm Collection. – Pcked lunches required KS2- 8:40 drop off. 5:30pm collection
Thursday	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Dinner Carols at Lakeside Residential Care Home from 2:30. <del>*Martial Arts 3:30-4:30pm</del>
Friday	Celebration Assembly- parents welcome. Last day of term

## Diary Dates

### December

<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup>, 8th</b>	KS1 Swimming
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December</b>	Book and Biscuit Morning
<b>Saturday 2nd</b>	Carols in the Barn
<b>Tuesday 5th</b>	Carols @ Waitrose with Moorland Hub schools 11-12 (Participating children will be sent a letter)
<b>Wednesday 6th</b>	Christingle Service at Church followed by mince pies at school. From 2pm
<b>Thursday 7th</b>	Stay and Play 9-10:30am
<b>Tuesday 12th</b>	Nativity Performance 2:30pm
<b>Wednesday 13th</b>	Please <b>drop off AND collect</b> your child/ren from Boasley Cross Primary School. KS1 Pantomime Dear Santa 3:30pm finish collect from Boasley Cross Primary School. Please order or bring <b>packed lunch</b> . KS2 Pantomime Dick Whittington- 5:30pm finish collect from Boasley Cross Primary School. School lunches can still be ordered for KS2.
<b>Thursday 14th</b>	Christmas Dinner Christmas Jumper Day Carols at Lakeside Residential Home 2:30pm (Participating children will be sent a letter)
<b>Friday 15th</b>	Celebration Assembly <i>parents welcome</i> Last Day of Term

\*Your child must be booked into after-school clubs via School Gateway in order to take part.

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