

Northlew & Ashbury C of E Primary School – Let Your Light Shine Matthew 5:16
01/03/2024

### **Notes from Lead Teacher**

We have been extremely proud of The School Council as they have been very proactive in the past couple of weeks arranging lots of different events. They have independently researched these and decided on a range of fundraising activities that they would like to hold. All of the details of these events are below in the newsletter. We are really looking forward to raising awareness and as much money as we can for these important charities.

This week we have had a visit from Hatherleigh school who came to look at our reading provision and book club. The children have also been excited due to the upcoming celebrations for World Book Day. This has intrigued the school council in wanting to find out more about the school's current perspective on reading. They have completed this week's question and these will be being published in the newsletter again.

### **Exciting stuff!**



Dear parents and carers

I am writing to you with the exciting news that we are extending our provision at Northlew to include **pre-school sessions**. This is in response to community needs and the scarcity of this provision in the area.

Please be aware that spaces are limited to 5 children; so please sign up to the waiting list following this link (or follow the QR code) to avoid disappointment.



We are also increasing wrap around care as a service to better able to accommodate children at **Breakfast Club** from 07:45 and **afterschool sessions** until 18:00. It would be really useful to hear your thoughts on this and whether these are services that you would find useful. Please follow this link (or follow the QR code) to a very short survey to provide your feedback.

#### **Attendance**

School attendance this week has been excellent, and really demonstrates the resilience of the children despite the time of year when there are coughs and colds about. Your continued support is appreciated and we hope that better weather will be here soon.....

**Whole School Attendance** 

99.44%

### **Super Learner**

**Theo -** Theo has had a great attitude to his Maths learning this week. He is always keen to get stuck into a task and has shown a great understanding of his number bonds to 5. Well done, Theo!

**Freddie** - Freddie has shown a good improvement with his Maths. He has been showing positive learning attitudes and is beginning to build more independence. He has used his prior knowledge in Maths to apply to make the connections to his current learning. He has also developed his confidence in identifying which manipulative would be best to use and using this accurately. Well done, Freddie!



### School Value- Forgiveness

**Amelia** - Amelia is a member of Class 1 and is always forgiving. She is someone who never holds a grudge and always accepts an apology that is given to her. This is a lovely trait to have. Well done, Amelia!

**Jack** – Jack is always forgiving of others. When another child was a little short with Jack, the other person realised and apologised. Jack forgave quickly and has ensured that this has not impacted their friendship. Well done. Jack!

### Question of the Week

## Do you feel reading is beneficial?

Yes 100%

No 0%

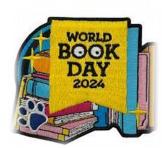
### Yes

- \* It helps you to learn new vocabulary
- \* You can find out more information from non-fiction books.
- \* It helps develop your imagination and helps you read in everyday life such as in restaurants, museums and historic landmarks

  As everyone already believes that reading is beneficial we will work with the Librarians to encourage more children to read in school as well as at home.

### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> World Book Day

This year, the children have decided that they would like to continue the tradition for World book Day by dressing up as a character from their favourite book or as their favourite author. We are asking for donations of £1. If your child has a copy of the book that they are dressed up as, we would really appreciate them bringing it in so that we can share extracts from the books to inspire each other to try something different!



The children have been sent home with a blank book cover. We are asking that all children participate in this free competition to design their own book cover for a book that they have read and enjoyed.

### **Bake Sale**

On the same day (Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March) we will be holding a bake sale. The money raised from this is to support toilet twinning. By raising £60 we will be able to sponsor a toilet in a country decided on by the children, giving local people the opportunity to use a facility that we often don't appreciate. Please can each child bring a donation of cake or biscuits, these can be shop bought or homemade.



### **Smoothies in Class 1**

Children in Class 1 have concluded their DT topic this week by creating their own smoothies! Everyone had to taste test different fruits and juices and then choose 3 favourite items they wanted to include in their own smoothie. The children then did a great job of chopping up all the fruit and squeezing the juice, then Miss Atkinson used the blender to whizz it all up into a smoothie. Everyone was impressed with their smoothies and lots of them wished they had made more!









### Tuesday 12th March Non-uniform day

On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March, the PTFA are kindly asking the children to come to school in non-uniform. This even will be to raise prizes for the raffle at the Easter Bingo. Please come to school in non-uniform and bring a donation for the raffle or a donation of £1.

#### **T-Shirt Decorating Competition.**

We will be holding a T-Shirt decorating competition for Easter, the PTFA have kindly agreed to donate prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place. The children can create any design to reflect their understanding of 'Why

Christians celebrate Easter'. We will be sending these t-Shirts home with the children and ask that they draw their designs on them and return them to school by 18<sup>th</sup> March. The children will then decorate their t-Shirts in school with fabric pens and fabric paint.





### **Clothes Swap**

Unfortunately, we didn't receive any clothing prior to the scheduled clothes swap on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February. If you still have any clothes that you are able to donate that are in good condition, please bring them into school as soon as possible and we will re-arrange a date for the clothes swap once we have a variety of donations.

### **Red Nose Day**

We will be raising money on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March for Red Nose Day. The School Council have decided that they would like to raise money by the children coming to school either wearing their PJs or something red. In addition to this, the children can also participate in a crazy hair day for a suggested donation of £1.



Week Beginning 04.03.24		
Monday	Lunchtime Sewing Club	
	Lunchtime Gardening Club	
	Music Session	
Tuesday	Year 6 Lunchtime SATs Club	
Wednesday		
Thursday	World Book Day - £1 donation and bake sale	
	KS1 & KS2 PE lesson- Please come to school in your PE kit.	
	Lunchtime Reading Club	
	*Martial Arts 3:30-4:30pm	
Friday	KS1 & KS2 PE lesson- Please come to school in your PE kit.	
Saturday	Year 6 Saturday Club at Okehampton Primary School 9:30-1pm	
	*please provide consent on School Gateway to attend	

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

Week Beginning 11.03.24		
Monday	Drum workshop morning with Boasley	
	Lunchtime Sewing Club	
	Lunchtime Gardening Club	
Tuesday	Non Uniform Day – Donation for Easter Raffle or £1 donation	
	Year 6 Lunchtime SATs Club	
Wednesday		
Thursday	KS1 & KS2 PE lesson- Please come to school in your PE kit.	
	Lunchtime Reading Club	
	*Martial Arts 3:30-4:30pm	
Friday	Cricket engagement day	
	KS1 & KS2 PE lesson- Please come to school in your PE kit.	
Saturday	Year 6 Saturday Club at Okehampton Primary School 9:30-1pm	
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# Dates for the Diary

March

Thursday 7th World Book Day

Monday 11th Drum workshop morning at Northlew with Boasley Cross

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Non-uniform day – donation for raffle or £1 donation

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March- Cricket Engagement Day and Red Nose Day

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> Activities to raise money for Red Nose Day – wear PJs to school, wacky hair

day £1

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Stay and Play 9-10:30

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Parent forum 3pm

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> Easter Service at Church 3pm

 $\textcolor{red}{\textbf{Thursday 28}^{\text{th}}\textbf{-Egg rolling competition}}\textbf{-Egg Rolling competition will be brought forward to}$ 

Monday 25th.

Thursday 28th Inset day!

Thursday 28th Easter Bingo Northlew Victory Hall 6:45

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