



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

**09/02/2024**

**Notes from Lead Teacher**

The children have persevered throughout this half term and have shone their lights brightly, both within the school and in the community. It was a pleasure to listen to Class 2 children playing the recorders and xylophones in Celebration worship this morning, we are looking forward to developing this further to include a dance and more musical components.

We have had a fantastic morning learning about why Christians celebrate Shrove Tuesday and the whole school has carefully made their own pancakes. Whilst some children were making pancakes, the other groups were finding out about Chinese New Year and a Shrove Tuesday session which was organised by the School Council and Miss Spooncer. The children seem to have a good understanding of these topics now, so please do discuss it with them and if they are planning on giving anything up or doing something to celebrate Lent.

Thank you to all parents and carers for your support over this half term, it has been fantastic to have another parent consultation with 100% attendance. We really appreciate the support that you are providing you children with their home learning and reading. We have noticed a great improvement with children reading and recording in their reading diaries 5 times a week over the past couple of weeks, this is having a positive impact on children's confidence in reading aloud in class.

We would like to wish everyone a fantastic half term next week hope you enjoy a well-deserved rest.

**Super Learner**

**Isabel-** Isabel has been working hard on her maths this week. She has been using her knowledge of our money topic outside of the classroom and has been actively practicing counting and making amounts with real money at home. Well done, Isabel!

**Zac UT–** Zac has really improved his presentation of his writing recently. He has been focussing at maintaining his legibility when writing at length. He has used his imagination to develop his own character and clearly thought about the features using ideas from the character in our book. Well done, Zac!



**School Value- Friendship**

**Theo–** Theo interacts well with everyone across the school. He has made lots of friendships and is regularly seen joining in with the older children out on the playground. It is lovely to see his confidence growing. Well done, Theo!

**Jack–** During our coffee morning it was lovely to have feedback from the community about how supportive Jack is with other younger children. He is demonstrating his friendship skills not just in school but away from school also. Well done, Jack!

## Attendance

Thank you for your support in our fantastic attendance this week!

**Whole School**

**Attendance: 100%**

## Football Design Competition

Please don't forget about the Panini competition to design a football. Each child has been sent home with a sheet that they can use to enter this competition. Please return to your child's teacher by Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February so that your entry can be sent off.

## Coffee Morning to support North Devon Hospice



It was wonderful to have so many people attend the Coffee morning which was organised by the School Council to raise money for North Devon Hospice. Well done for raising £226.34. Thank you for the kind donations of cakes and for the purchases made. The KS2 children thoroughly enjoyed serving the drinks and it was lovely to see how the community engaged in conversations, games and colouring with the children.



## Wildlife Champions Visit

This week the y5/6s went outside for a wildlife session with a member of the Devon wildlife trust. We learnt different hedgehog facts and even built a hedgehog home!

We first started with the base, laying logs down for a structure. Then using smaller sticks, for support, we added a roof making sure it wouldn't collapse.

Using one of the facts that we learnt, we made a tunnel for the hedgehog/s

facing south as the heaviest winds come from the north and east. There were still gaps in the roof so to make sure any rain wouldn't get through we patched it with moss as an insulator. After that we spread sticks and different types of leaves over it to make sure it was camouflage from any predators like foxes, badgers, buzzards and cats. Close to the little lodge we needed to make sure there was an entrance and exit. By the fence there was a small gap and to make sure it was big enough we had a sheet measuring 13cm by 13cm (This is the average size of a hedgehog). Making this hole in fences, barriers etc can make sure hedgehogs don't decrease in numbers rapidly as they travel up to 1km to mainly search for food.

Thank you, Devon Wildlife Trust!

## Halwill Manor Nursing Home Visit



The Year 5 / 6 went to Halwill Manor Nursing Home, they got to participate in activities they could do with the residents. They took activities to the manor. They were making mosaics using glue and tiles, which for some of the residents was quite tricky.

People that didn't want to participate in the mosaics could draw with the felt tips they brought with them. We were paired up with one member of the care home and could talk to them and keep them company.

We experienced dementia first hand and hope to find out more about this condition.



The residents of the care home enjoyed our visit and we hope to have the opportunity to visit them again in the future. We will also be looking to do some fundraising to support the care home and the residents.



### Clothes Swap

On Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February we will be holding a Clothes Swap at school from 3pm. Please bring your donations to school before hand, anyone is welcome to come and get items which may support them during this cost-of-living crisis. Any items that you are able to donate that are in good condition are appreciated.

### Toothbrushing in School

The whole school has started the toothbrushing scheme this half term. The children have taken to the routine seamlessly. We hope that this supports your children in developing their independence with brushing. Please remember that this is an extra brushing session and will not replace their twice a day at home.

**Half Term 12.02.2024-16.02.2024**

*Week Beginning 19.02 .24*

Monday	Lunchtime Sewing Club Music Session
Tuesday	Year 6 Lunchtime SATs Club
Wednesday	Lunchtime Gardening Club
Thursday	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.

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

*Week Beginning 26.02 .24*

Monday	Lunchtime Sewing Club Music Session
Tuesday	Year 6 Lunchtime SATs Club
Wednesday	Lunchtime Gardening Club
Thursday	KS1 & KS2 PE lesson- Please come to school in your PE kit. Lunchtime Reading Club 3:30-4pm Phonics workshop for parents *Martial Arts 3:30-4:30pm
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## Dates for the Diary

February	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> KS2 Cross Country Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb at 6-7.30pm parents meeting for the French trip at Okehampton College Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> Clothes Swap- Please bring in donations prior to the day Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> Phonics workshop
March	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> World Book Day Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> Drum workshop morning at Northlew with Boasley Cross Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March- Cricket Engagement Day and Red Nose Day Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> Parent forum 3pm Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> Easter Service at Church 3pm <del>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> Egg rolling competition- Egg Rolling competition will be brought forward to</del> Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> . <b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> Inset day!</b>



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DAY**  
7 MARCH 2024

# Save the Date!

World Book Day is Thursday 7 March.

Discover our packs and exciting  
resources for your World Book Day  
2024 celebrations

The poster features a blue background with a yellow banner at the top left containing the World Book Day logo and date. Below the banner, the text 'Save the Date!' is written in large white letters, followed by 'World Book Day is Thursday 7 March.' and 'Discover our packs and exciting resources for your World Book Day 2024 celebrations'. On the right side, there is a colorful illustration of three children: a girl in a blue dress pushing a book cart, a boy in a yellow shirt holding a book, and a girl in a blue shirt and white pants holding a book. The background of the illustration has a green circular pattern with yellow stars.

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