# Northleaze C of E Primary School

'Let your light shine.' (Matthew 5:16)

Newsletter 11 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023



# **Upcoming events**

Please find a list of diary dates:

**27**<sup>th</sup> **Nov** – STEM Workshop for Y5&6

27th Nov - Parents' Evening

30th Nov – Parents' Evening

1st Dec – Choir to sing at Long Ashton Community Centre, 11.00am

1st Dec – Open Afternoon, 1.30pm

**7<sup>th</sup> Dec –** Nursery & Reception

Nativity, 9.30am

7<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Lunch

9th Dec – PSA Christmas Fair

12<sup>th</sup> Dec – Year 1 & Year 2 Nativity performance, 9.30am

13<sup>th</sup> Dec – Nine Lessons and Carols

Service for KS2 pupils, 6.30pm **20**<sup>th</sup> **Dec** – Last day of term

20 Dec – Last day of term

**2<sup>nd</sup>3<sup>rd</sup> Jan** – Bristol Sport Holiday Camp

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4th Jan - Children return to school

#### **Christmas Lunch bookings**

We will be having festive fun with our Christmas lunch on Thursday 7th December. The menu is now live on Aspens Select so you can book for your child, up until 8.30am on that day. We know the children, some who don't normally have school lunches, all look forward to this and many of the staff eat with their classes too.

As has become tradition, and ties in with Save The Children's National Christmas Jumper day, the children may wear a Christmas jumper or something festive over their normal school uniform this day if they wish. They don't need to bring anything else with them – if you wish to make a donation to Save The Children you can do online.

#### A prayer for you

May the Lord bless you,
May the Lord take care of you;
May the Lord be kind to you,
May the Lord be gracious to you;
May the Lord look on you with
favour,

May the Lord give you peace.

# Year 5 Residential fun

Our Year 5 children had an amazing few days on their first primary school residential at the start of this week. They stayed at The Charterhouse Centre in the heart of the Mendips and took part in an array of exciting activities and spent lots of fun social time together. Over the two days, all the children went on a long Gorge walk, which included scaling a small waterfall and enjoying the 'Charterhouse Hot tub'!



They also built bug hotels, learnt some Bushcraft, tested their hand and eye coordination with Archery skills and worked as teams in an orienteering challenge. In the evenings, they enjoyed watching Aladdin and then a campfire, with musical accompaniment from Mr Jones and yummy S'mores!

Mr Thompson, Year 5 teacher said "It was an amazing experience for all the children where the majority of them were put out of their comfort zone at some point. The behaviour was exemplary throughout and it was a pleasure to spend some time away from the classroom with them all." A lovely compilation of photos/details of the trip will be emailed to Year 5 parents.

## Parents' Evening next week

We are looking forward to welcoming you all to school next week for Parents' Evening appointments. These will be a good opportunity to find out how your child is getting on in their learning and to hear what their next steps are. Please do come to school slightly ahead of your allotted time, if possible, as your child's work will be available for you to look at outside the classroom.

To ensure the appointments run smoothly and each family's time slot is respected, teachers will set a 10 minute timer at the start of the appointment and will keep to this. You are very welcome to bring your children with you, if needed; there will be seats outside each classroom where they can wait safely.

## **Northleaze in Long Ashton Voice**

Did you know that we contribute an editorial piece to the monthly Long Ashton Voice which is circulated to all homes in the village? We use it to showcase some of the great things our children are involved in and the work they do here as well as some extra curricular activities. As well as it dropping through your doors, you can read it online. Here is a link to the December issue. We're featured on page 14 this month.

## **PSA Christmas Auction is live!**

The PSA have worked hard to bring us another amazing Christmas Auction which is now live and can be accessed at

www.jumblebee.co.uk/northleazechristmasau ction2023

With some fabulous lots from local businesses including vouchers for meals in restaurants and hampers to jewellery and children's toys, there is lots of choice and perhaps a chance to grab for a few early Christmas presents! The auction ends on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

# **Celebration Assembly**

Congratulations to Tom and Wren (Year 2), Henry and Margot (Year 3), Harry and Hugo (Year 4), and Edison and Ruby (Year 6) who were all awarded certificates for fantastic learning this week!

Our Reception class attended their first Friday Celebration Assembly today and the class received a joint certificate - awarded for the brilliant way they have all settled into Northleaze!

Congratulations also to Ada (Year 2), Laila (Year 3), Elodie (Year 4) and Teddy (Year 6) who were the recipients of this week's 'creativity' leaves. Well done everyone, another brilliant week!

Year 5 all jointly received the Headteacher's award for their fantastic behaviour and respect on their Residential trip. I was so pleased to receive such glowing feedback from the Charterhouse Centre that I wanted to recognise everyone in that class.

#### **House Points and Birthdays**

Congratulations to Yanley who were this week's house point winners! Doodle Maths winners this week were Year 1 and Year 6 scooped Doodle English!



Happy birthday to Olive (Y3) and Tom (Year 2) who celebrated birthdays this week. We hope you all had a lovely day!

#### **Goodbye and good luck Giorgia**

We said goodbye to Giorgia (Y5) today in assembly where she received a Northleaze teddy. Everyone wishes you all the best in your new school.

#### **North Somerset SEND newsletter**

Please find a link to the <u>latest newsletter</u> from the SEND team in North Somerset council which some of you may find useful.

I hope you all have a good weekend.

Victoria Reyes, Headteacher