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Remember to book your child's school dinners for the coming week

Newsletter

Friday 11th December 2020

Last week's
attendance
was:
98.5%

Dear Parents/Carers,

The children have been practising their class Christmas songs this week and staff will be recording these to share with you on our Class Dojo sites. We are hoping to have everything uploaded by Monday so you can see your child/ren's performances.

A big thank you to all our parents for signing up for a telephone meeting with Mrs Lee and I on Monday and Tuesday next week. Your child/ren will come home today with a copy of the targets we set for them back in October with an update from their class teacher. Our year 2 children will also have a copy of their phonics screen results which we have completed over the last week. Their phonics screen was due to be completed in June this year but was postponed. There is a chart which shows the schools results compared to national. We are extremely pleased with the progress the children have made despite having to learn remotely for several months of the year. We have also included a slip with the time of your appointment. Please be aware that we have a 10-minute slot for each appointment and will need to stick to these timings to ensure we get to speak to all of our parents.

The funds raised from our Christmas card event will be split between the school and Crisis at Christmas. Thanks to your generosity, we have been able to purchase equipment for our DT curriculum and donated money to Crisis which will provide a warm bed and cooked meal for two people this Christmas. Well done to our School Council/Ethos team who helped to organise this fund raiser. Just to remind you that our school Christmas dinner is next Wednesday 16th December. If you would like your child/ren to have a dinner, please ensure that you have placed an order. Our dinners come prepared in

containers and there are no extra servings delivered. Can we ask that parents settle any outstanding dinner accounts by Wednesday 16th December.

Once again, many thanks for your continual support.

Have a great weekend,

Mrs Cook



Guess the name of the Teddy

Choose a name from the list provided at Northlew Square Shop.

50p a turn - the bear will find a new home for Christmas, complete with a little backpack and travel journal.

Remember to try your luck before Thursday 17th December and raise money for the PTFA.

Save the Children- Christmas Jumper Day

The children came to school today looking very festive in their Christmas clothing. Their £1 donations raised **£43.80** for the Save the Children appeal this Christmas.



Crisis at Christmas

Thank you to everyone who purchased their Children's Christmas card designs, which turned out to be hugely popular. So much so, that we raised enough to provide a warm bed & Christmas dinner to two people this Christmas as well as purchasing equipment for our DT area in school.

The total raised for Crisis was... £56.44.

Covid-19

If your child tests positive for COVID-19 in the first 6 days of the Christmas Holidays, you must let us know by emailing pwhittley@dartmoormat.org.uk. We will need to seek advice from Public Health and we may need to ask children within the bubble to isolate, even though it is school holidays.

If you need advice or help urgently over the Christmas period, you can also contact Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust [Complaints Form - Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust \(dartmoormat.org.uk\)](#)



Tuck Shop

Our Tuck Shop is now CLOSED for the year and will re-open on **Wednesday 6th January**.

PTFA Christmas Hampers

Thank you to everyone who has donated food and gifts for both hampers. Tickets are still available, please visit the village shop or see Hannah in the office. The final date to get your tickets is **Wed 16th Dec**. Tickets are £1 each for the Grand Christmas Hamper & 50p each for the Children's Hamper. We will draw the winner

next week so they can come and collect their goodies before we break up on Friday afternoon.

Good luck!

Grand Christmas Hamper



Children's Christmas Hamper





*Congratulations to the following children for achieving their
gold star certificates!*



SILVER AWARD

Class 1

Zac D

Freddie

Dylan

Class 2

Suzi

Kieran

Willow

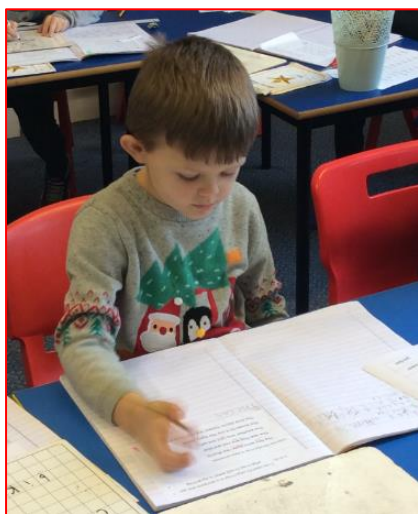


SUPER LEARNERS OF THE WEEK



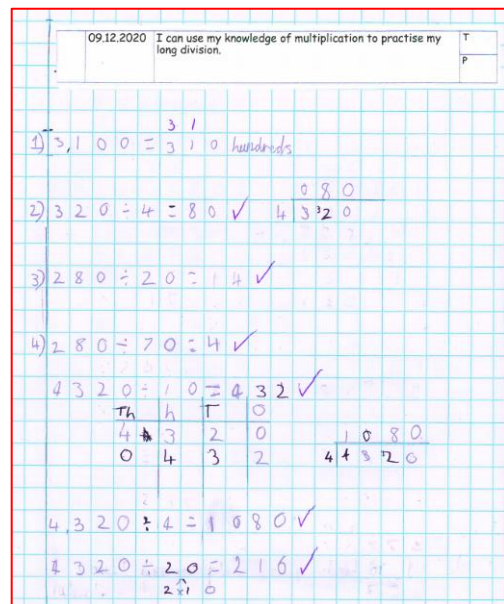
Class 1

Jack has been very focused on developing his reading skills and being able to read words by sight using his phonics skills. In a recent phonics assessment, he scored an amazing 37 out of 40 reading a wide range of words. Well done Jack, keep up the fantastic reading.



Class 2

Since returning to school in September **Willow** has shown exceptional determination in every aspect of her learning. She is always one of the first to be focused and on task and her light is sparkling brightly through her learning. Well done Willow!



Christian Ethos-‘Peace’

Class 1

Laila has shown fantastic leadership qualities this week in her maths learning ensuring that the reception children understood their activity and each child to a turn to input their ideas to the group. Well done Laila, keep it up!



Class 2

Arabella is such a kind & caring friend to everyone in school, always looking out for others and offering support to those who appear sad. She puts others before herself and is always ready to help with a beautiful calming smile. Thank you Arabella.



Free School Meals Over Christmas

Devon County Council (DCC) have now put in place arrangements to provide supermarket vouchers to families of children who receive free school meals, to help their families buy groceries over the Christmas holidays.

From Tuesday 8th December, DCC will be sending a unique code per child to all families that are currently in receipt of Free School Meals. Each code can be used once on a website called 'Hawk Select' to redeem vouchers to the value of £30 per child (£15 per week for the two weeks of school holidays) for Sainsbury's, Tesco, Morrison's, Asda, M&S Food and Waitrose.

The website requires families to provide an email address for the vouchers to be sent to once they have chosen their preferred supermarket.

When received, they can save the vouchers to their phone or tablet to use online (depending on the supermarket) or show at the checkout in store. Alternatively, they can print the vouchers off to give to the cashier.

We are conscious that a few parents may not have access to the internet or a mobile device to receive and store the vouchers on, if this is the case, please contact the office, as they will be able to complete the process for you on the Hawk Select website and print off the vouchers. Parents will need to provide the office with their unique code in order for us to redeem the voucher on the Hawk Select website on their behalf.

DCC education helpline is available on 0345 155 1019 for any questions about the distribution of the unique codes. There are also some useful FAQs on the Hawk Select website along with contact details for any technical support about using the codes and vouchers.

There is still time to register for your eligibility for free school meals and receive these vouchers. With financial circumstances continuing to change due to the impact of the second lockdown and tier 2 restrictions, some families may become eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) and entitled to vouchers during holidays or school meals during term time as well as free or subsidised trips.

Please check the criteria below and follow the link, all you will need is your date of birth and National Insurance Number.

https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2FCCSCitizenPortal_LIVE%2F

● Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods).

● Income Support (IS).

● Income-based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA).

● Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (IRESA).

● The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit.

● Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.

● Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs, that does not exceed £16,190).

● Working Tax Credit run-on (the payment you get for a further 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit).

If you are successful, please forward any evidence you receive (or do a screenshot of the result) to admin@northlew.devon.sch.uk. If you need help applying, please speak to a member of the admin team who will support you through the process.