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Last week's
 attendance
 was:
92.7%

Newsletter

Friday 13th September 2019

Dear parents/carers,

Please find enclosed in this week's newsletter which includes lots of information on events over the next few weeks. Apologies for the late notice for some of the events but due to our internet difficulties it has been tricky to organise.

It would be lovely to see as many parents as possible in our Welcome Back Assembly when we will be awarding our first super learner and endurance certificates of the term.

I have been very impressed with the letters of application I have received from the children who were interested in taking on a role or responsibility within our school. These roles will be announced in Monday's assembly and children will begin their duties next week.

Mrs Cook

Remember to book your school meals for the week

<i>School Diary</i>	
September 2019	
Monday - 16th	Welcome Back Assembly- 9:15am KS2 Swimming Sessions, 1:30-2:30 (Aqua Stars)
Tuesday - 17th	Author Clive Pig Workshop in KS2
Wednesday - 18th	*Yr6 Adventure Day- 12:45-3:00pm OCRA multi-skills after-school club, 3:30-4:30pm (yr1-6)
Thursday - 19th	Forest School with Mr Thomas- KS2 am & KS1 pm Martial Arts after-school club, 3:30-4:30pm (yr1-6)
Friday - 20th	Mr Thomas teaching KS1- all day Celebration Assembly at 3.00pm

* You will have been notified by text if your child has been invited to take part in this event. Please confirm their attendance in School Gateway.

Clive Pig Visit- Class 2

Clive Pig (International story teller and children's author) will be visiting school and holding a day workshop (based on ancient Egypt) for children in class 2 on **Tuesday 17th September**.

His dynamic delivery of traditional and original tales appeals to young and old, making him a popular performer in the UK and beyond.

This travelling talesman has sung songs on TV in New York City, shared stories in Zaatar refugee camp in Jordan and spouted poetry at Number 10 Downing Street.



There will be the opportunity for parents to come into school at **3pm** that day and watch their children perform what they've learnt. We are requesting a **payment of £3 per child**, which can be paid under the 'payments' section of School Gateway.

Here's a link to Mr Pig's website, if you'd like to find out more

<http://www.clivepig.co.uk/>

Events Coming Up

- **Wed 18th Sept- Yr6 Adventure Day-** Simmons Park, 12:45-3:00.
(There will be 4 activities going on at the same time. Each group will spend 25 minutes at these activities - orienteering, with instructors from Adventure Okehampton, fencing, aerobics and free play in the play park).
- **Tues 24th Sept- Yr6 West Devon Junior Lifeskills-** Parklands, 9:30-12:00.
(The children will learn basic life skills and have the chance to watch live demonstrations from the fire brigade, police & lifeboat rescue + much more).
- **Fri 27th Sept- Yr1 Multi-Skills-** Parklands, 10:00-12:00.
(Children will rotate around various sporting activities, spending a set amount of time at each one).
- **Tues 8th Oct- Yr2 Multi-Skills-** Okehampton Primary, time tbc.
(Children will rotate around various sporting activities, spending a set amount of time at each one)

Please log into School Gateway to give consent for your child/ren to attend these events. **As always we require parent volunteer drivers in order for the events to go ahead.** If you can help, please let us know as soon as possible otherwise we will have to cancel these events.



Yr6 Residential 2020

Your child will have come home on Monday with a letter about next year's residential trip to Bristol. If your child would like to attend the trip, you are required to pay a **£40 deposit (non-refundable) by 19th September**, to secure their place. This is under the 'payments' section of School Gateway.

After-School Clubs

Booking is now open In School Gateway for children from years 1-6 to attend the following after-school clubs.

Tuesday- Yoga Club, 3:30-4:30 (*begins 1st Oct*)

Wednesday- OCRA Multi-Skills, 3:30-4:30

Thursday- Martial Arts, 3:30-4:30

Places are limited so if the club is fully booked, let us know and we'll add your child to the waiting list. If your child is booked on a club and cannot attend, let us know as we need time to contact the parents of children on the waiting list.

Payment Changes- School Gateway

There has been a slight change to the way you make payments for dinners within School Gateway. You cannot make a payment until your dinner account is in arrears of £11.50 (a week's dinners). This is due to the fact that the bank charges us a transaction fee for payments made which is less than this sum. Please continue to keep a watch on your accounts though, as dinner costs can build up very quickly.



Flu Vaccinations- Tues 5th November

The Immunisation Team will shortly be offering the Flu vaccination to all Primary school children from **Reception to Year 6**. In order to provide electronic consent for your child's Flu vaccination, please access the secure consent portal via the following link:

(<https://schoolimms.virgincare.co.uk/flu/2019/devon>) and follow the online instructions. We request that consent (or refusal) is provided electronically by 27th October 2019. This is to ensure the nurses have sufficient time to clinically process the information prior to the school visit. Further information was emailed to parents/carers at the beginning of the week.

Online School Calendar

Some parents may not be aware that we have a really useful calendar on the school website which shows up & coming events (quite often before they make it into our newsletters). There is also a link within your School Gateway account for easy access.

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	Yr6 Adventure Day Wed 18th Sep 12:45 - 15:00 At Simmons Park, Okehampton
	KS2 Swimming (lesson 3/7) Mon 23rd Sep 13:30 - 14:30 Aqua Stars, Brandreth Corner
	Parents Forum/Ethos Meeting Mon 23rd Sep 15:30 - 16:30 In school
	Yr6 Junior Life-Skills Tue 24th Sep 09:30 - 12:00 Parklands, Okehampton
	Yr1 Multi-Skills Fri 27th Sep 10:00 - 12:00 Parklands, Okehampton

School Games Award



We are delighted to announce that Northlew & Ashbury Primary School have achieved the School Games **GOLD** Mark Award for the 2018/19 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a Government led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.



Okehampton College Open Day

Wednesday 25th September 2019



We look forward to welcoming any Year 6 students and parents who are considering joining us in 2020, to our Open Day on **Wednesday 25th September 2019**.

The College will be holding both day and evening sessions. Daytime sessions will run from 9.15am – 10.45am and 11.30am – 1.00pm on Wednesday 25th September and 9.15 - 10.45 am on Thursday 26th September.

During these sessions, visitors will be guided by students on a tour of the College allowing you a unique opportunity to obtain a glimpse of the College's normal working day. There will also be a presentation by the Principal, Mr Brett.

The evening session will run from 6.00pm – 8.30pm on Wednesday 25th. Mr Brett will be addressing parents in the Octagon at 6.15pm and 7.15pm. There will also be an opportunity to take a look around the College and talk to both students and staff.

For further details, please contact the College on (01837) 650910.

We look forward to meeting you!
www.okehamptoncollege.devon.sch.uk





Clare Hollingworth and the Scoop of the Century



PuddleBoat Theatre Company present the tale of fearless journalist Clare Hollingworth. From the busy newspaper offices in London to the frontline during World War II, Clare's adventures tell the remarkable true story of one of the most important writers of our time. Suitable for all the family, ages 4+

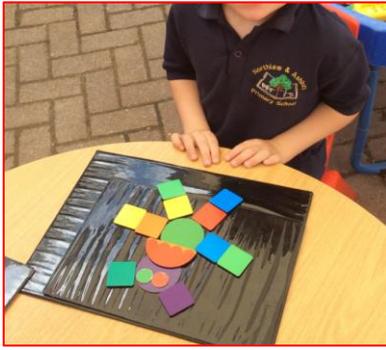
Okehampton Library
Wednesday 18 September 2019
16:00-17:00 plus workshop afterwards
Tickets £4 each from Okehampton Library or Eventbrite

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LEARNER OF THE WEEK



Class 1

Ollie has settled into reception beautifully and has made a fantastic start with all of his learning challenges.

Class 2

Isobella has used her prior knowledge to help her apply it to a maths challenge to show her understanding.

13.09.19 I can read, write and represent numbers up to 1,000,000.

Complete the following part-whole diagrams.

Describe the value of the digit 7 in each of the following numbers. How do you know?

407338	7 = 7,000
700491	7 = 700,000
2571	7 = 70

The bar models are showing a pattern.

40000	100000	300000
250000	150000	400000
40000	50000	350000
20000	20000	40000
15000	25000	40000

Draw the next three.

Great use of knowledge Isobella Super endurance too! Well done Mrs Q

Christian Ethos- 'Endurance'

Class 1

Lexie has shown a great deal of independence to complete her writing activities this week and has used various resources to help her.

10.9.19 I can talk about and explain my favourite parts of our class text 'Fatou Fetch the'.

My Favourite part of the story is...

When she left the bucket behind.

I would like to ask the author... have you ever lost a bag or thing behind?

Completed most of the task independently.

9.09.19 I can write a recount about my first day back at school, including detail about how I felt.

On a Wednesday morning, back to school, I was abit excited, because I get to see everybody, and I got to play football with my friends. When I got to school I couldn't find my bag because it has moved to summer dress.

The teams in football was me and Greedy vs Jake, Baden, Charly, Max but the bad thing was me and good had to school left football to school. Me and Greedy won the game with 3-1. But we want in school to get ready to sit down so we can read a book for five mins until we go to get ready for home time.

When the five minutes was up I started reading and got my bag and kind up to go home we went to the gate and my teacher had me to my class and I went home and then the day was over.

Class 2

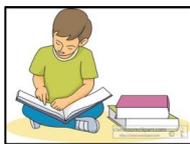
Aiden has found presentation of his learning difficult but has shown endurance and determination to present his handwriting so that it's clear and legible. He has shown enthusiasm towards his learning and is continually trying to improve it.

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to our new school year. This curriculum newsletter will give you an outline of what your child will be covering in class 1 throughout the Autumn term. If you have any artefacts or resources that would help to enhance or support our curriculum then please come and let us know. If you or anyone you know could come in to talk to the children and share experiences and expertise then we would love to hear from you.

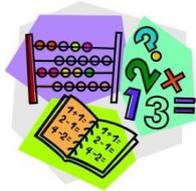
EARLY YEARS CURRICULUM

A warm welcome to our new reception children who have settled in beautifully. As well as having opportunities provided for our reception children to join and participate



ENGLISH

This term in our English lessons the children will begin with the book 'Fatou Fetch The Water' exploring the rich cultural understanding and comparing the lives of African children with our lives at Northlew. The children will have the opportunities to try new foods through cooking activities as well as exploring art and DT linked with the story. We will continue with story writing looking at traditional tales; using role play and storytelling as well as creating our own adaptations of some well-known fairy tales. Reception and year 1 children will have daily phonics sessions to use and apply the letter sounds and names we have been focusing on; this will help to support their reading and writing.



MATHEMATICS

Our daily maths session will include twenty minutes of developing fluency, where we will explore making links with known facts. Every Monday the children will have a times tables challenge to enable them to quickly recall facts, children in year 1 need to be secure in using their 2, 5 and 10 times tables and the year 2 children will need to know these as well as their 3 times tables. Our focus this term will explore place value, ordering and rounding numbers. We will then use the skills that we have learnt to begin to investigate addition and subtraction techniques to solve problems. Throughout our lessons we will be expecting the children to demonstrate their understanding in a variety of ways. As well as problem solving the children will be developing their ability to draw and explain their reasoning about their answers and solutions.



SCIENCE

Our topic this term is weather. The children will be looking at the seasons and the different types of weather we have during different times of the year. The children will be keeping weather diaries, as well as exploring different types of weather around the world.



TOPIC (HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY)

Our topic learning this term will explore 'Houses and Homes'. The children will investigate different homes found within the UK and then compare these to houses and homes found around the world. We will look at how people adapt their homes to suit the environments they live in and compare them with our homes in Northlew.



ART/DT

Our weekly art lessons will allow the children the opportunity to explore artists from around the world. We hope that the children will enjoy experimenting with a range of tools and equipment to create their own masterpieces. Our DT project will be designing and creating our own h



MUSIC

Linked with our topic learning this half term, the children will be looking at a range of music from around the world. We will begin our lessons exploring African drumming, looking at rhythm and tempo and introduce some percussion instruments to create our own musical masterpiece!



PE

Our PE lessons take place every **FRIDAY** in school. We ask that the children bring their PE kits into school on Monday as we may need to use them throughout the week. Please could you ensure that your child comes to school with a PE kit (plain white t shirt, navy shorts and trainers). The children in class 2 will also be swimming every **MONDAY** afternoon. Please ensure that you child brings their swimming costume/shorts and a towel to school. They can also bring a snack to school to eat when we return from swimming.



HOME LEARNING

Home learning will be sent home each **FRIDAY** and should be returned to school on **TUESDAY**. We ask that children in reception share a book every day at home as well as practicing their tricky word flashcards. Children in year 1 will also have tricky word flashcards to practice as well as a maths challenge to complete. We ask that they practice their reading everyday too. Year 2 children will have 5 spellings to practice as well as put into a sentence. They will have a maths challenge and we encourage them to read every day at home.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Our Religious Education programme will explore the theme 'I Am Special', looking at ourselves as individuals and as part of the Church. We will also explore being part of churches in other faiths. The children will also take part in our Christmas performance of the nativity and explore the Christmas story developing our understanding of what this means to us as Christians.



TRIP/ VISITORS

We hope to take the children on at least one trip or visit per half term. These opportunities are invaluable and help to enhance and develop the curriculum, bringing our learning to life in 'real' situations. We will inform you through parent letters about these visits with relevant details.

If you have any questions or would like to speak to me about the curriculum, please do not hesitate to book an appointment with Hannah in the office.

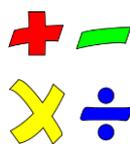
Mrs Cook

Dear Parents/carer,

Welcome back to the beginning of our autumn term. This curriculum newsletter will give you an outline of what your child will be covering in class 2 throughout the autumn term. If you have any artefacts or resources that would help to enhance or support our curriculum then please come and let us know. If you or anyone you know could come in to talk to the children and share experiences and expertise then we would love to hear from you.



ENGLISH This term in our English lessons the children will be exploring a wide variety of techniques using these to write detailed recounts and descriptions. We will also be encouraging the children to develop their own style of writing, either non-fiction or fiction, which may be influenced by life events or stories which they have previously read. Within our lessons the children will be developing their writing skills through exploring a range of grammatical features that are specific to that piece of writing using our sentence tool kit. We will also continue with daily guided reading sessions and the children will be taught how to use their inference and deduction skills to ask and answer questions from the shared text. Please remember that it is also extremely important that you listen to your child read every night to help them with their confidence in reading aloud in the classroom. We are starting our term with a funny video of 'The Egyptian Pyramids'.



MATHEMATICS Our daily maths session will include twenty minutes of fluency, developing links with known facts. Our focus this term will be looking at place value of numbers. We will then apply this knowledge to addition, subtraction and multiplication. The children will continue to learn and practice their times tables using the ladder challenge and speed tables, so please keep practicing at home. Year 4 children will have a statutory times tables test of all times tables up to 12x12 where they will only have 6 seconds to answer each question. Throughout our lessons we will be expecting the children to demonstrate their understanding in a variety of ways. As well as problem solving the children will be developing their ability to draw and explain their reasoning about their answers and solutions.



SCIENCE

Our topic this term is 'Materials'. We will explore the different types of materials and using their knowledge of solids, liquids and gasses exploring how these might be separated. We will also look at the properties of a variety of materials and how they can be categorised and utilised for different purposes. The children will develop some questions which they would like to investigate and what they may like to gain an understanding of, so these will be explored throughout the lessons. The children will be encouraged and supported to give reasons, based on evidence from comparative and fair tests, for the particular uses of everyday materials, including metals, wood and plastic. We will develop this by planning and conducting structured investigations.



TOPIC (HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY) Our topic learning this term is 'Ancient Egypt'. We will look at a variety of aspects about the Ancient Egyptians including the locations on a map, how the river Nile had a large impact, how and why farming was significant, studying a variety of artefacts to see what they can tell us about ancient Egypt. We will have a visit to class 2 during this topic from Clive Pig who will bring the learning to life through practical experiences and inspire the children to research about their own interests of Ancient Egypt.



ART/DT The children will continue to develop their skills in sketching and drawing. They will also plan create death masks using the knowledge they have explored in other curriculum areas. In DT the children will be planning, designing and making their own pyramids.

MUSIC



In music we will be looking how music has changed and developed over the years. The children will explore various musicians and how their music influenced others.



PE Our PE lessons take place every **WEDNESDAY** in school. Please could you ensure that your child comes to school with a **FULL PE kit** (plain white t shirt, navy shorts and trainers). We will be starting off by learning about cooperation and how this enables us to become better sports people. We will also focus on challenging ourselves and trying to beat our own personal best.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION This term in R.E class one will be focussing on incarnation. The key question the children will be discussing and reflecting upon is 'What is the trinity?' The children will be looking at some of the symbolism from the stories in the Bible and will begin to discuss what it represents and why it is important to some Christians. We will look at what the Gospel is and how it tells the story and the life of Jesus. We will discuss how this is important to some Christians and make links to baptisms. The children will then focus on how some Christians show their beliefs in God the trinity and how this influences how they lead their lives.



Home learning will be sent home each **FRIDAY** and should be returned to school on **TUESDAY**. Your child will receive 5 spellings each week from the year 3/4 or 5/6 spelling list. They need to practice how to spell these words using the range of techniques we have used in class, they also need to put these words in sentences to show an understanding of their meaning. They will also have a maths activity to complete based on the learning we have covered in class that week. It is important that they bring their home learning into school on Tuesday to allow marking of home learning and preparation for next week's activities. Children are expected to read at home with their parents/carers daily. This will help and support them with ideas and techniques to include in their writing.

TRIP/ VISITORS



We will be planning a range of trips and visitors to come into school this term to enhance the development of our curriculum. Our first visitor to the school will be Mr Pig who will introduce us to our topic of ancient Egypt. We will inform you about other trips and visits nearer the time.

If you have any questions or would like to speak to me about the curriculum, please do not hesitate to book an appointment with Hannah in the office.

Mrs Lee