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Last week's
attendance
was:
94.1%

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Last Weeks
Team Point
Winners...
EXMOOR
DARTMOOR
BODMIN

Dear parents/carers,

On Monday our assembly looked at internet safety and how to keep ourselves safe when we are using the internet. We do live in the modern world where children do have easy access to mobile phones and tablets, so it's vitally important that we teach our children how to stay safe when using these devices. Please remind your children to follow these three clear steps to keep themselves safe.



Thank you to the parents who turned up to our Parent Forum meeting last night. It was a great opportunity to share ideas and plan some exciting events with the PTFA as well. Please find attached in this newsletter a copy of the minutes of the meeting and also a copy of the results of the parent questionnaire.

Next half term there will be a real focus on reading at home as well as in school. We have a new recording system to share with parents as well as World Book Day to look forward to.

Wishing you all a lovely restful half term, see you all back at school on Monday 25th February.

Mrs Cook

Diary for week beginning- 25/2/19

Monday	Jessica Johnson teaching KS2- all day Mrs Cook teaching KS1- all day Parent/Career Toddler Stay & Play- 9.00-10.30am KS2 running club- 3.30-4.30pm
Tuesday	Jessica Johnson teaching KS2- all day Mrs Cook teaching KS1- all day Bob Matthews music lessons- pm Gardening after school club- 3.30-4.30pm
Wednesday	Mrs Cook teaching KS1- all day Mrs Lee teaching KS2- all day OCRA PE lessons KS1 & KS2- pm OCRA after school (Multi-skills) club, 3.30- 4.30pm
Thursday	Mrs Lee teaching KS2- all day Mrs Cook teaching KS1- am KS1 & KS2 Forest School with Mr Thomas- all day OCRA after school (Football club), 3.30-4,30pm
Friday	Mrs Lee teaching KS2- all day Jessica Johnson teaching KS1- all day KS1 & KS2 PHSE sessions with Jess Squire- pm Celebration Assembly at 3.00pm



Jess Squire PHSE sessions- Friday afternoons

Starting after half term, Jess Squire will be returning to school for this half term. She will be working with both classes on drama based activities looking at the theme of friendship. We hope that the children will have a final performance to share with you before Easter.



After half term Mr Thomas will be in school every Thursday to carry out forest school activities with both classes. The children will need to bring in a **set of old clothes** and **wellies** every **Thursday** for their session.

Hatherleigh Rotary Quiz 2019

A big well done to our year 5&6 children who took part in this year's Rotary Quiz, last week. Despite only two of our children able to make the evening, they did exceptionally well.





SUPER LEARNERS OF THE WEEK!

Y1 12.2.19 I can work out divisions by sharing out cubes equally

T
P



You will need:



Work out these divisions by sharing out cubes equally:

$0 \div 3 = 0$

$3 \div 3 = 1$

$6 \div 3 = 2$

$9 \div 3 = 3$

$12 \div 3 = 4$

$15 \div 3 = 5$

$18 \div 3 = 6$

$21 \div 3 = 7$

$24 \div 3 = 8$

$27 \div 3 = 9$

$30 \div 3 = 10$

$0 \div 4 = 0$

$4 \div 4 = 1$

$8 \div 4 = 2$

$12 \div 4 = 3$

$16 \div 4 = 4$

$20 \div 4 = 5$

$24 \div 4 = 6$

$28 \div 4 = 7$

$32 \div 4 = 8$

$36 \div 4 = 9$

$40 \div 4 = 10$

$0 \div 5 = 0$

$5 \div 5 = 1$

$10 \div 5 = 2$

$15 \div 5 = 3$

$20 \div 5 = 4$

$25 \div 5 = 5$

$30 \div 5 = 6$

$35 \div 5 = 7$

$40 \div 5 = 8$

$45 \div 5 = 9$

$50 \div 5 = 10$

Did you notice any patterns that helped you?

the answer is by one.

Class 1

Casper has been learning about division and sharing equally. At first he found this tricky but persevered.

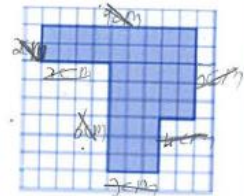
Class 2

Willow was quite overwhelmed initially when she started to work out the perimeter of shapes. She persevered and took her time to work it out and grew in confidence because of it.

Here is a shape drawn on a centimetre squared grid.

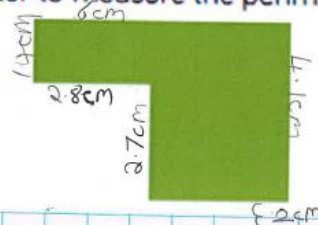
31cm

Label the length of each side of the shape.



Calculate the perimeter of the shape.

Use a ruler to measure the perimeter of the shape.



14
60
41
32
27
28
202cm



Northlew Parent View Questionnaire January 2019

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
My child is happy at this school	33%	67%	0%	0%	0%
My child feels safe at this school	67%	33%	0%	0%	0%
My child makes good progress at this school	56%	44%	0%	0%	0%
My child is well looked after at this school	56%	44%	0%	0%	0%
My child is taught well at this school	56%	44%	0%	0%	0%
My child receives appropriate homework for their age	33%	56%	11%	0%	0%
The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved	56%	44%	0%	0%	0%
The school deals effectively with bullying	44%	22%	0%	0%	33%
The school is well led and managed	44%	56%	0%	0%	0%
The school responds well to any concerns I raise	67%	33%	0%	0%	0%
I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress	22%	78%	0%	0%	0%
Would you recommend this school to another parent?	78%	22%	0%	0%	0%

Total number of parent surveys returned = 9

1 person = 11%

Parent Forum Meeting Minutes

Thursday 14th February 3:30 - 4:30pm

Issues to be discussed from the last Parents Forum:

- Forest school - We are hoping to train a member of our staff/ book a trainer forest school leader to take whole class and small group sessions that could possibly begin after the half term holidays.

Issues discussed at this Parents Forum:

- **Appointment of a class 1 teacher**

On Wednesday this week we had interviews for the appointment of a class teacher for class 1. Unfortunately, we were unable to appoint at this time as we (Mr Whittle, Governors and myself) felt that the candidates were not suitable to meet the needs of our children. A further advert has gone out this week for a class teacher post, we will keep you updated with any further news. After half term, Mrs Cook plans to spend some time working with class 1.

- **Attendance and Punctuality**

Mrs Cook has commented on how well the children come in and settle down to learning every morning. The majority of children are in class and on task by 9am - this has had a positive impact on learning and allows the children to maximise learning time. If your **child's attendance drops below 96%, or your child is persistently late** you will receive your first letter - a reminder. This will continue as your child's attendance decreases. Mrs Cook meets regularly with the EWO (Education Welfare Officer), we discuss attendance and particular families whose attendance has fallen below the threshold. Medical appointments - please continue to bring us in a copy of any medical appointments that cannot be made outside the school day. This is a great evidence source to support your child's attendance.

- **Behaviour**

Mrs Cook has reviewed the behaviour flow chart with all staff. We aim to support the children to reflect on the choices that they are making for themselves. We believe that these are lifelong learning skills, and for the majority of children this system works really well, as we have children making the correct choices and earning team points. For children who are struggling to make the correct choices we endure to support them and parents by collaborating together through the use of a behaviour report card. By placing a child on a report card we aim to identify any triggers or difficulties they may have. We meet with parents daily to discuss successes and areas for improvement.

- **Securing the site**

The side gates will be locked every morning at 9:00am and re-opened at 3:30pm to secure the school site. In wet weather - please access the building through the front entrance, at home time parents can come to the hall if the weather is bad and collect their children from there. Can we ask that all children are collected promptly at 3:30pm as quite often staff need to be at the college for meetings at 4pm.

- **Revised Curriculum for both classes**

Curriculum development continues within both classes. This term is a History led based Topic of the Tudors and Castles. Children have been developing their writing skills in these areas and using art and DT to enhance our topic curriculum. If children show any interest in developing this further at home, please encourage this and bring it into share! Mrs Cook is currently working with staff to develop a curriculum for the summer term which will focus on the seaside and coasts. More information on this will be shared in the curriculum newsletter at the end of next half term.

- **Development of our Religious Education curriculum and provision**

Mrs Lee, our School RE co-ordinator has received up to date training this term. Together we are looking at developing our celebration certificates to include and develop further our School Christian Ethos and our core values of - Forgiveness, Peace, Trust, Friendship and Endurance.

Staff are impressed with how the children have been developing their ability to sit and reflect on particular aspects of the RE curriculum and our Christian Ethos, particularly during daily worships. It is developing within the classroom and children are showing their endurance when attempting new skills and tasks - they are using the 4 B's (brain, Book, Buddy and Boss). Our focus for next half term will look at friendship.

New certificates highlight the key skills and this is then shared with parents in celebration worship. Mrs Cook has contacted the new School Vicar and we are hoping that he will be joining us after the half term to meet the children and begin weekly/fortnightly visits.

- **After School Club Provision**

Last week our new running club began with our volunteer helpers - a big thank you to them - children are preparing for cross country competitions across the federation. We now have the following clubs running after school:

- Monday - Running Club
- Tuesday - Gardening Club
- Wednesday - Multi Skills
- Thursday- Football Club.

The Librarians will begin a reading club for class 1 after half term, following some training this week from Mrs Cook. There may be an art/craft club beginning after the half term holidays which could involve a small charge to parents. More news about this will follow in our newsletter after the holidays.

Music lessons from Bob (Tuesdays) and Mrs Millership (Thursdays) are still available - please see Hannah in the office for more information.

- **Sports Premium Grant funding: New Sports equipment/ Sports Kit/coaching**

Using our sports premium money, we have been able to purchase a new school sports kit for the children to wear when attending sporting events. Mrs Cook to share the kit with parents attending the meeting. We have also purchased waterproof coats to allow the EYFS children to access outside in all weathers when developing their gross motor skills - using scooters, practicing big write and developing PE skills.

After half term Jess Squire will be back in school working with both classes. The children will be exploring our Christian values through drama based activities. We are hoping that the children will be able to share what they have learnt at the end of their six sessions.

- **Successful PTFA: Use of the money raised**

Mrs Cook has spoken to the PTFA regarding purchasing a gazebo for the EYFS children as the outside space is difficult to use in bad weather. The gazebo will allow the children the use of outside and provide more opportunities to access continuous provision of the EYFS curriculum.

Tarka Pottery to come in and spend a session with both classes to create Tudor pots/ medieval goblets. This will help to develop the curriculum further, providing the children with key skills when using clay.

- **Any other Agenda to be discussed**

Importance of reading at home with your child every day - staff have noticed that many of our children are not reading at home and filling in reading record books. This is crucial for children's development in not only reading but spelling and writing too. Children do get the opportunity to read in a small group with the class teacher at least once a week but for some children they need more. Please help us to support your children by reading every day for 10-15 minutes; it will definitely make a difference!

Supporting the maths curriculum/ Home learning - home learning is staffs way of checking the understanding of learning that we have covered in last over the week. Staff take time to carefully plan activities and allow time in our busy curriculum to assess this learning with the children. This informs of us gaps and misconceptions in children's understanding and help to inform our planning for lessons. Once again we ask you to help support us by supporting your children to complete their learning and return it to school on time. Working together we can ensure that your child is receiving the best support to meet their needs of the expectations of the curriculum.



Devon Libraries

Fidget Spinner Craft



Okehampton Library
Thursday 21st February
10:30-11:30

Make a unique fidget spinner from scratch!
£2 per child Booking Essential Ages 7+

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