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Last week's
attendance
was:
98.2%

Newsletter

Friday 18th December 2020

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome to our last newsletter of 2020. What a strange and challenging time it has been for us all. On behalf of the staff at Northlew, we would like to take this opportunity to thank our parents for their continuous support this year. Working closely together has supported your children and encouraged them to '*Let Their light shine*', even when times have been challenging. Mrs Lee and I were pleased to share the success of the children this week in our parent consultations on Monday and Tuesday and review the targets we had set for your children this term. We will be setting new targets for your children for the Spring term and will share these with you at the beginning of next term. We look forward to welcoming all our children back to school on **Tuesday 5th January.**

On behalf of the children and staff at Northlew Primary I would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy new year. Stay safe and well and enjoy a well-deserved break with your families.

Happy holidays,
Mrs Cook



Your Help is Needed

Our PTFA is a huge part of the school and as well as fund raising events that have provided the school with interactive white boards, year 6 leaver hoodies and other vital equipment to support the children with their learning they have also brought the community together with the events they organise such as The Duck Race and Craft Fairs. This year the chair of the PTFA decided to step down and allow another parent to take up the reigns and lead the group. Unfortunately, we have had no one come forward yet to take up the position and without a chair, the PTFA will have to fold. If you are interested in the position, please speak to myself or Louise Fewings (the current chair of the PTFA).

School Dinners

Booking is now open to order your child/ren's meals from January until half term. Please use our school gateway system to pre order your child/ren's meals for the Spring term.

Christmas Dinner

The children enjoyed their Christmas dinner on Wednesday and a big thanks to our PTFA for providing the Christmas crackers. We had a surprise visit from Father Christmas who took the time out of his busy schedule to pop in and update the children's Christmas lists. He also left a chocolate treat for each child too.



Christmas Hampers

Thank you to everyone who helped support our PTFA hampers by donating items and purchasing tickets.

We are pleased to say that we have raised a fantastic

£350.50 for the school.

Congratulations to the winners!

We hope you enjoy all your
goodies over the festive season.

Grand Christmas Hamper:

B & G Page

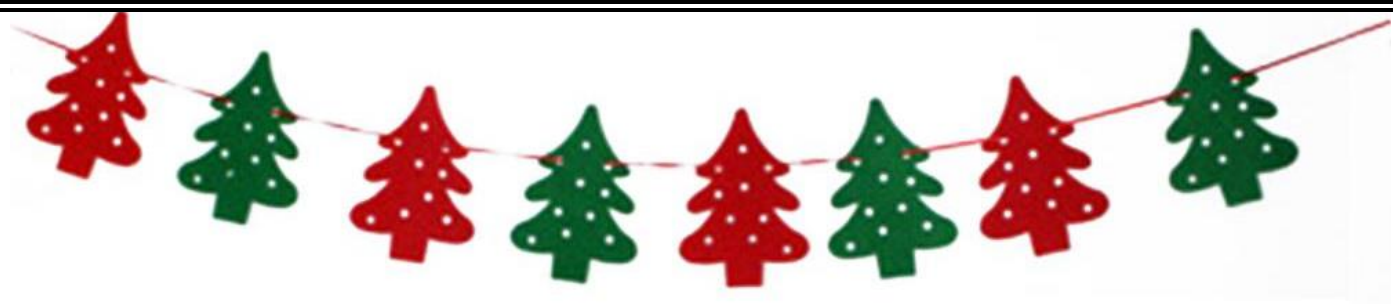
Children's Christmas Hamper:

Jess Ware

Christmas Carols

Just to remind you that the children's singing is available to watch now by logging into the Class Dojo accounts. Class 1 performed 'The 12 days Of Christmas', 'Jingle Bells' and 'We Wish You A Merry Christmas'. The children in class 2 performed 'Oh Holy Night', 'Silent Night' and 'Glory Let There be Peace'. The Ethos Group also recorded some songs which have been shared with Hatherleigh Care Home who will play them to the residents on Christmas Day.





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



SILVER AWARD

Class 1

Alfie

Laila

Hannah



Class 2

Arabella

Jake

Millie

Isobella

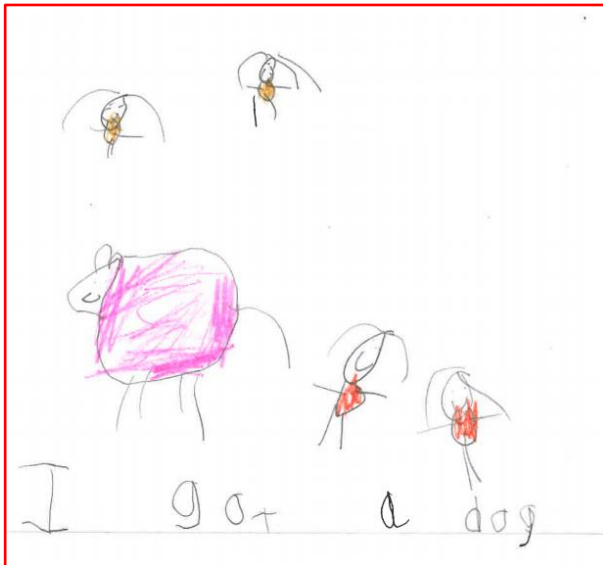


SUPER LEARNERS OF THE WEEK



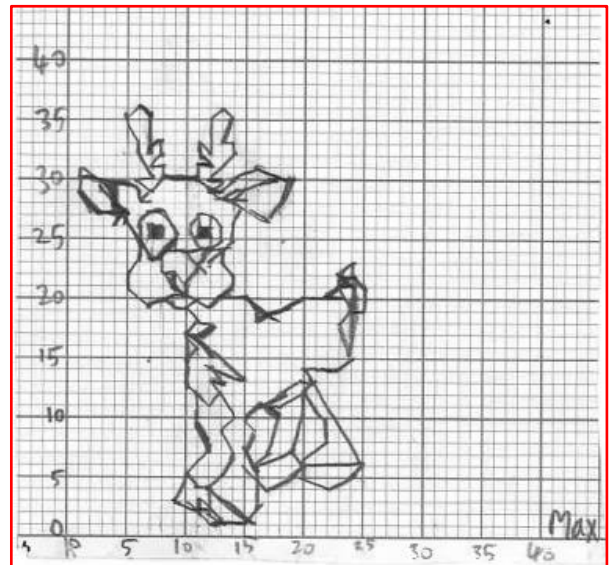
Class 1

Esmé has put in lots of effort and been really focused with her handwriting this term and is now able to write her own sentences. Well done Esmé!



Class 2

Max has shown great determination this week and has completed a lovely Christmas co-ordinate challenge independently. Well done Max!



Christian Ethos-‘Peace’

Class 1

Ellie worked well with everyone in her group, She helped to organise everyone for their painting activity making sure they had all the equipment they needed.



Class 2

Millie has spent her time to ensure that another child has been cheered up after noticing that they were not their usual cheerful self. It was fantastic to see your determination to help others. Super, Millie!



Online wellbeing support and counselling for farming people

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Community Support

Relate and connect with others by sharing similar experiences, and gain valuable self-care tips and tools from our engaged community and professional team.



Professional support

Our team of professionals aim to provide early response to emotional well-being as well as emerging mental health needs via our online site and counselling sessions.



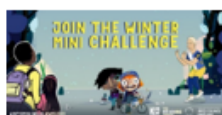
Self-help

Helpful articles, personal experiences and tips from our community and professional team. You can also set personal goals, write in your journal, or start a discussion with the community.

Visit rabi.org.uk/kooth



Okehampton Library What is available from your local library?



Mini Winter Reading Challenge www.wintermini.org.uk

1 December and 15 January. Sounds great! How do I take part? Children simply read three or more books - these can be any books of their choice. Every time they finish a book, they add it to their Challenge website profile and leave a short book review.

Reaching their online reading goal will unlock a virtual badge and a special *Everyone Is A Hero* certificate to print off and keep!



Book Track is a reading scheme for children aged 6 and over to support them in developing a love of reading and confidence in reading. What about reading 100 books? Are you up for this challenge? Then, start reading any books of your choice, collect your personal folder from Okehampton Library. You will be able to collect badges and stickers as you go along. To use Book Track online use this link: <https://www.devonlibraries.org.uk/web/arena/children-booktrack>

If you do not have online access, please visit the library. Reading is fun! Enjoy!

FREE BOOK - *My Pet Star* by Corrinne Averiss

We have copies of 'My Pet Star' which The Book Trust have produced to give away to families with children under the age of 5. Collect your copy from Okehampton Library together with a rhyme sheet and activity sheet.

Surprise Reads - Support your local library service and have a little festive fun with our seasonal wrapped surprise book sale! 📖 🎁 🌟

Picture & Junior Books (contains 2 books), Board Books (contains 3 books) - 50p
Adult Books - £1

Browse our shelves - for some Christmas reads, DVDs, or audio books. We have spec themed *picture book bags* for children to borrow, with FREE activity sheets inside. DVDs can currently be hired for 10 weeks, for only one week's hire charge!

Free computer access - booking advisable

Okehampton Library opening hours:

Monday 10:00-12:00 & 14:00-16:00
Tuesday 10:00-12:00 & 14:00-16:00
Wednesday 10:00-12:00
Thursday 10:00-12:00 & 14:00-16:00
Friday 10:00-12:00 & 14:00-16:00
Saturday 10:00-12:00

Closed over Christmas: 24 (from 12 noon) - 30 December and 1 January

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Our online library is open 24/7 giving you access to eBooks, eAudio books, eMagazines and much more.

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