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

Newsletter

Friday 18th September 2020

Last week's
attendance
was:
92.8%

Dear Parents and Carers,

Staff are really pleased with how well the children have settled and how focused they have been with their learning. This week we have introduced the children to our focused school Christian value for this half term which is endurance; the ability to never give up even when things become difficult whether that is in the classroom or things that happen in our everyday. Each week we will be awarding a certificate in class to a child who is demonstrating our focused Christian Value as well as a Super learner certificate for a child who has improved or who has shown great effort with their learning throughout the week. We would normally invite our parents to come and join us for this celebration assembly each Friday, unfortunately we are unable to have any parents in the building at present. As soon as we are informed that we can have adults in the school building, we will let you know. For this half term, we will notify parents in our weekly newsletters.

Our usual daily timetables would provide an opportunity for the children come together each day for daily worship. Currently, due to our classes leading separate bubbles, the children will be having daily worships in their own classrooms. Mrs Lee and myself have been trying to set up team's meetings in order that we can come together virtually a few times per week to celebrate our worships together.

This week we have had a visit from our MAT health and Safety lead, who was extremely pleased with the routines and systems we have put in place in and around the school to ensure that all children and staff are kept safe at all times. He has also provided us with a guidance chart which I have included with this week's newsletter. This chart gives current and up to date information on what to do if your child has a temperature, new or persistent cough or loss of taste or smell. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or queries regarding this document.

Once again on behalf of the staff at Northlew we would like to thank you for your continual support.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend and fingers crossed the sun continues to shine,

Mrs Cook

Northlew Village Produce Show

At the end of last term, the children were invited to take part in the Northlew Produce Show. They had to design a bookmark to represent the mental health awareness slogan this year of 'kindness'. I am pleased to share the winners with you:

Class 1

1st Prize- Darcie Canham

2nd Prize- Thea Page

3rd Prize- Ollie Cork

Class 2

1st Prize- Hayden Cork

2nd Prize- Millie Cudmore

3rd Prize- Lilly Woolley

A massive thank you to Mags Jarvis for helping to organise this event and providing an opportunity for the children of Northlew to participate.



Reading with your child at home

Last week we began sending home reading books with our children. We are asking parents to listen to their child read every day and record this in their child's reading record book. Class 1 children have already received their reading record books last week and staff have been awarding the children with gold stars for the comments written over the last week. Children in class 2 have been bringing home books from the school library to read. Even though many of the children in class 2 are free readers, it is still important that they read to an adult in order that they develop fluency and expression as well as being able to discuss characters and story plot. Due to a late delivery of stationary, Mrs Lee will be sending out reading record books today for parents of children in class 2 to complete.



Weekly PE lessons

A big thank you to parents for sending your children into school in their PE kits last Friday. Staff have noticed that the transition to PE lessons has run much smoother, providing more time for the PE sessions which are taking place outside. We are also welcoming Caitlin Scullion, who is a qualified PE specialist working at Okehampton College. Caitlin will be working with the staffing team until Christmas and will be providing some valuable training and upskilling teachers using our new Jasmine PE planning and activities. The staff and children are looking forward to welcoming Caitlin to our school and learning and developing our curriculum further.



A huge well done to all the children below who have already earned their pen licence in class 2, the presentation of hand writing in their books has been fantastic and the staff in class 2 are extremely proud of the hard work and effort the children are making with their learning. The children were awarded with their certificates and pens this week and have already began to use them in their books. Keep up the good work!

Isabella, Rose, Hayden, Jake, Grace F, Ethan, Aoife, Millie, Thea, Casper, Darcie, Arabella, Sienna, Charlie G, Grace D, Kieran, Marjorie, Amelie, Willow.



Parents Meetings

Staff are currently helping to settle children back into new routines and systems and assessing the children against age related expectations. We are planning to set up small group activities for those children who need further support and develop their understanding in different areas of the curriculum. Our parent consultation days are an opportunity to discuss the targets we have set for your child/ren, and look at ways we can work together to best support your child with their learning.

As we cannot have anyone on the school site at present, Mrs Lee and myself will be offering a 15-minute team's meeting with each parent to discuss the targets we have set for your child. A sign-up sheet for these meetings will be available from Monday in the front entrance. We ask that parents sign up for a time slot so that an invite by email can be sent to you for a team's meeting. Please ensure that the school has your most up to date email address.

Dates for meetings:

Tuesday 13th October, 9am – 5pm Meetings for class 2 parents

Wednesday 14th October, 9am – 1pm Meetings for class 2 parents

Thursday 15th October, 9am – 5pm Meetings with class 1 parents



School dinners

Please ensure that you have ordered your child's school dinner before 9am each morning. We are currently having pre-packed dinners delivered from Hatherleigh School, with no extra meals being sent out to us.

School Uniform

As the weather is unpredictable at the minute, please can children bring a coat to school every day. With windows and doors remaining open to allow air flow, the classrooms can be a little chilly. We have spoken to the children about wearing a vest or t-shirt under their school polo shirt to keep themselves warm.

SUPER LEARNERS OF THE WEEK



Class 1

Jack has shown great independence this week with all of his learning activities and used resources to help him. Well done Jack!

Class 2

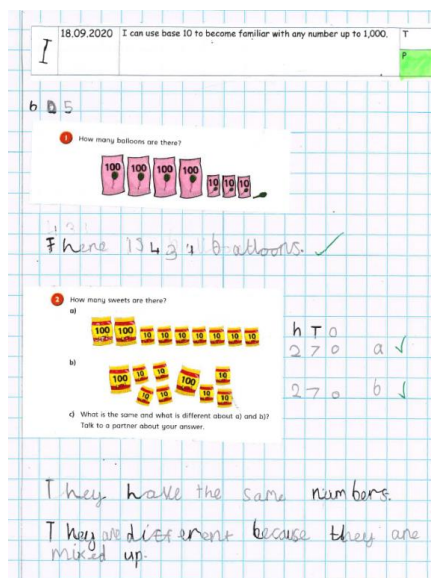
Charlie has shown great independence and determination with all of his learning this week. We have been so proud of how he has taken on board the new challenges and how he is trying to solve all problems on his own. Keep up this super attitude Charlie.



Christian Ethos- 'Endurance'

Class 1

Ben has really focused on completing lots of writing activities this week and even though he found his learning tricky, he never gave up until he had completed it. Well done Ben!



Class 2

Casper has been fantastic at transitioning to year 3 and it has been lovely to see how eager he is to answer questions. He has shown endurance particularly through his maths when he doesn't understand something the first time he puts in the time and effort to develop understanding.