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**\*Remember to book your child's school dinners for after Easter\***



## Newsletter Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021



Dear parents/carers,

Welcome to our last newsletter of the Spring term, and what a busy one it has been! We began the term in another lockdown with most of the children learning remotely from home, whilst opening the school for our key worker children. Staff were busy collaborating with the staff at Highampton Primary to prepare lessons for the children.

Then we had a full reopening to all our children on March 8<sup>th</sup>. It has been so lovely to see the school full of children and excitement, engagement, and love of learning return to our classrooms. We are all extremely proud of the children at Northlew and how they have persevered through these strange and challenging times. The children have been focused and more determined than ever to do their best learning and catch up on those parts they missed while learning remotely.

The sun is shining, and as we finish the term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our parents for the support and time you have given to your child/ren's learning and the school. Mrs Lee and I really appreciated the time we had with all our parents over the last few days in our parents' meetings. Working collectively on your child/ren's targets will help to deepen and secure their knowledge and understanding. The children will be bringing home some handwriting, times tables and extra reading books to keep them busy over the holidays.

Attached to this email is a copy of minutes of the meeting that we held regarding the leadership changes within our trust.

Wishing you all a wonderful Easter holiday, stay safe and well. Looking forward to seeing you all on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April.

Mrs Cook

### Quick Trust Survey

Do you want to help shape the future of our Education System? Please take 60 seconds to answer these simple questions and support The Foundation for Education Development

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/EducationSystem>

# School Diary

April 2021

Last week's  
attendance  
was:  
**99.2%**

Monday - 19th	Back to School
Tuesday - 20th	Forest School (Class 1)- PM
Wednesday - 21st	Supply teacher Mr Byers in class 1- all day Forest School (Class 2)- PM Tuck Shop, 3:30-3:45pm
Thursday - 22nd	Class 1 swimming- 1:30-2:30pm, Aqua Stars (session 2)
Friday - 23rd	



## After-School Clubs

We are pleased to say that after a year of

having to postpone our after-school clubs, we are now able to start them back up again. Our clubs will run from the usual time of 3:30-4:30pm and be available to children in years 1-6.



Week commencing Mon 26<sup>th</sup> April:

- **Monday's- Yoga club** with Jennie Dodd
- **Wednesday's- Art Club** with Liz Gard (*first 4 sessions only available to children who had paid prior to lockdown 1*).
- **Thursday's- Martial Arts Club** with Steve Lilley - (*currently only available to children who took part and had paid the annual fee prior to lockdown 1*)



If you are unsure whether your child took part in Art or Martial Arts Club, check under 'clubs' in School Gateway and if you have the option to book onto the club, then they 'were' taking part. If your child would like to continue with the club then please book them on. If they would not like to take part, please contact the office.

We can offer yoga club to all children in years 1-6. However, this club is capped at 14 so booking is on a first come first serve basis. If your child would like to be added to the waiting list, just get in touch.

**As always, please let us know as early as possible if your child cannot attend a session, to enable us to offer it to a child from our waiting list.**



## Red Nose Day

This year we raised a total of **£82.82** for Comic Relief! A massive well done to our school council and Ethos members for organising lots of fun and enjoyable activities throughout the day.

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## PTFA Easter Egg Raffle

**Congratulations to our winners!**

**1<sup>st</sup>- Simon Page**

**2<sup>nd</sup>- Harry Dufty**

Thank you to everyone who helped support our PTFA by purchasing raffle tickets. We have managed to raise a fantastic **£148**, which will go towards resources for the children at Northlew Primary.

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## Yr 5&6 Local Residential

Thank you for the wonderful response for the residential with over 90% of the children across the 6 Dartmoor Federation Primaries signed up and 3 schools with 100% uptake! There is still time to be included if you have not yet responded. As a reminder, the activities are: river gorge scrambling, rock climbing on Dartmoor, cycling, archery, orienteering and a low ropes adventure. Activities, food, tents and transport are all included.

As you are aware, the school payment system is changing. After the Easter holidays, a trip payment account will be set up and you will be asked for a non-refundable deposit of £40.

The remainder of the payments will follow after that.

The cost is still approximately £80, but this may well reduce further. Further information - dates, kit list - will follow after the Easter break.

# EASTER FLASH SALE!

Promocode: **EASTERFS21** (ends midnight 02/4/21)



**DON'T MISS OUR FLASH SALE - IT STARTS RIGHT NOW AND ENDS MIDNIGHT ON GOOD FRIDAY!**

Simply apply the promocode to your order during checkout to receive a 10% discount. Hurry though as the offer ends midnight tomorrow.

**Why not stock up on your child's uniform?**

**Maybe plan ahead for your Summer uniform order to avoid the rush?**

Please don't miss out on this great offer!

## Egg rolling Competition

The children had an egg-cellent time this afternoon rolling their eggs for our egg-travaganza. It was lovely to see how their eggs were decorated and the school spirit as they cheered each other on as their eggs rolled down the ramp! There was a chocolate egg for each winner which was paid for from the Tuck Shop profits.

**Class 1 Winner  
Hannah**



**Class 2 Winner  
Casper**



## School Dinners

From today (1<sup>st</sup> April), Okehampton College Canteen are providing our school meals. You can now login to the new version of your School Gateway account and book meals from the menu below, ready for when we return after Easter. For now, meals will continue to be delivered in plastic takeaway containers ready for serving.

		<h1>Primary Menu</h1>				
						
		<b>W/C</b> 19 Apr / 10 May / 7 June	<b>W/C</b> 26 Apr / 17 May/ 14 June	<b>W/C</b> 3 May / 24 May / 21 June		
<b>Monday</b>	Chicken Savoury Rice & Pitta Bread Sweetcorn (V) Veggie Nuggets Trifle (P) BLT Roll	BBQ Chicken New Potatoes Peas (V) BBQ Quorn Chicken Chocolate Crispy (P) Tuna & Cucumber Wrap	Pork Sausages Mashed Potatoes Vegetables (V) Veggie Sausages Mousse (P) Ham Wrap	<div style="border: 2px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <b>£2.30</b>  <b>main meal</b>  <b>&amp;</b>  <b>dessert</b> </div> <div style="border: 2px solid black; border-radius: 15px; padding: 5px; margin-top: 5px;"> <b>Available</b>  <b>Daily:</b>            Jacket potatoes:            Butter / Beans /            Cheese / Tuna  <b>And</b>            Fruit Salad,            Yoghurts &amp;            Fresh Fruit         </div>		
<b>Tuesday</b>	Pasta & Meatballs Herby Bread Pomodoro Vanilla & Strawberry Cheesecake (P) Tuna & Cucumber Pasta Pot	Sliced Ham Potato Salad Mini Corn on the Cob Quorn Chicken Shortbread (p) Egg & Cress Roll	Beef Bolognese Garlic Bread Quorn Bolognese Chocolate Biscuit Cake (P) Tuna & Sweetcorn Pasta Pot			
<b>Wednesday</b>	Roast Chicken Roast Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables (V) Cheese & Tomato Puff Wheel Brownie (P) Chicken Roll	Roast Beef Roast Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables Vegetable Roast Iced Sponge (P) Beef Roll	Roast Pork Roast Potatoes Vegetables Cauliflower Cheese Shortbread (P) Pork & Apple Roll	<div style="border: 2px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <b>All</b>  <b>lunches</b>  <b>include</b>            Squash            Or            Water         </div> <div style="border: 2px solid black; border-radius: 15px; padding: 5px; margin-top: 5px;"> <b>We cater for</b>  <b>special diets;</b>            Please contact            our Catering            Manager, Mrs            McAnelly on            01837 650910            ext 221 to         </div>		
<b>Thursday</b>	Beef Burger Wedges Sweetcorn Veggie Burger Jelly (P) BLT Roll	Chicken Goujons Wedges Sweetcorn (V) Veggie Burger  Flapjack (P) BLT Roll	Ham Pizza Wedges Potatoes Sweetcorn (V) Cheese & Tomato Pizza Brownie Cheese Salad Roll			
<b>Friday</b>	Breaded Fish Chips or Boiled Potatoes Baked Beans (V) Veggie Fingers Cookie (P) Ham Roll	Breaded Fish Fingers Chips or Boiled Potatoes Baked Beans (V) Veggie Fingers Cookie (P) Cheese Salad Roll	Breaded Fish Chips or Boiled Potatoes Baked Beans (V) Veggie Fingers Cookie (P) Cheese Salad Roll	<div style="border: 2px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 10px; text-align: center;">           Go to            our website to            find information            about allergens            or click here!   </div>		

# Forest School News

We have been busy in Forest School this week, making some leafy Easter eggs and creating our own model rainforests!

To make our eggs we tried to find some natural egg shapes around our outdoor area (although we had to cheat a little bit and trim some leaves to make the right shape!) We decorated them with more natural materials including sticks, stones and flowers. We tried to include a variety of different shapes and colours.



We have been learning about the rainforest this half term and we applied our learning to recreate a rainforest in our outdoor area. We tried to include the different layers of the rainforest and thought about the different creatures that would live there.



Next term, the day of the week in which each class will take part in Forest School will change. Please make sure your child has their wellie boots in school on the following days:

**Tuesdays- Class 1**  
**Wednesdays- Class 2**





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



**SILVER AWARD  
150 STARS**

*Class 1*

*Toby*



*Class 2*

*Casper*

*Thea*

*Harry*

*Liby*

*Grace D*



# Super Learner's of the Week!

**Class 1 Zac** D questioned what would happen to hard, dry clay if it was made wet again. He designed and carried out an experiment and was excited to share his results, "it gets unsolid and is soft and squidgy". Well done Zac, keep asking questions!



**Class 2 Sienna** has been thinking about how we are developing the spiritual area and has created some marvellous, decorated stones. It is lovely to see the detail and thought that she has put into these. We can't wait to put them in the spiritual area for all to see. Thank you, Sienna!



## Christian Ethos-

FRIENDSHIP &



**Class 1: Friendship-** Ellie showed her kind and caring nature when she looked after and comforted her friend who had fallen in the playground. Great friendship Ellie!

**Class 2: Friendship-** Lily has been a fantastic, welcoming friend this week and has shown another child around the school ensuring that she had someone to play with and felt comfortable at all times. Lily was really caring and thoughtful as a friend. Well done. Lilv.



**Class 1: Forgiveness-** After receiving a bump during PE lesson, Esmé understood it was accidental and accepted the apology without hesitation. Well done Esmé!



**Class 2: Forgiveness-** Willow has been very forgiving this week after being upset by a couple of children this week on the playground. She has accepted apologies and been able to forgive and continue friendships and enjoy playing with others afterwards. Super, Willow.

### Mrs Johnstone's Fundraising

I wanted to share the below information with you, which I received in the post from Macmillan. This shows where all the money raised was spent. A BIG thank you to all those who have donated towards Macmillan!

Mrs Johnstone

## WHAT YOU'VE ACHIEVED

Here at Macmillan we rely almost entirely on voluntary donations, so the work we do simply wouldn't be possible without the support of people like you.

# TOTAL RAISED £1527

### MACMILLAN NURSES

Macmillan Nurses address the all-round needs of people living with cancer. It costs just £31 to fund a Macmillan Nurse for an hour, so **£1527** could fund a nurse for over 49 hours, giving expert medical, emotional and practical support, as well as signposting to other services.



### MACMILLAN GRANTS

A cancer diagnosis can cause different degrees of financial stress. Getting a Macmillan Grant helps meet an immediate, urgent financial need such as paying a heating bill, travel cost or buying clothing.. The **£1527** raised by you could fund nearly 4 grants improving the quality of life of people affected by cancer.



### SUPPORT LINE

The Macmillan Support Line team are on hand to answer questions about cancer types and treatments, provide practical and financial support, or just listen if someone needs to talk. It's currently open 7 days a week, 8am-8pm, but we are planning to expand the service so it's open **24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year**. **£1527** could help our Cancer Information team deal with over 169 enquires from people living with or affected by cancer

