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"Let Your
Light Shine"
Matthew 5:16



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

Newsletter Friday 28th January 2022

Last week's
attendance
was:
92.1%

Dear parents/carers,

I want to begin this week's newsletter by thanking you for responding so quickly to the messages sent out last Sunday afternoon regarding the partial closure to our class 2 children. As you are aware, since our return from the Christmas holidays, we have had several children who have tested positive for Covid and unfortunately this has now moved onto staff. Covid cases in schools across Devon is continuing to cause huge disruption to staff having to isolate, so supply teachers are proving very difficult to book as they are in great demand.

The children have been fantastic this week, their attitude to learning and endurance they have shown has shone through. We have had 100% attendance from class 2 for most of this week and despite a few initial technical problems logging on to Class Dojo, the children have been fully engaged with the range of activities Mrs Lee had planned across the week.

As Mrs Lee has completed her isolation period, she will be able to return to school on Monday. We have planned for a full school opening to all children providing we have the adequate staff. Please continue to monitor your School Gateway account and emails over the weekend.

As we have had children in school and children accessing learning from home, we have decided to postpone our Celebration Assembly until next week when we have all the children back in school together.

Our after-school clubs will return to normal next week, please check which clubs your children are signed up to and ensure they have their PE kits or other resources they need for the club. We still have availability for our Unihoc club on Monday which is run by OCRA and Dance club on Tuesday, which is led by a dance specialist who is hoping to choreograph a routine with the children to perform to the school. If you would like your child/ren to participate in either of these free clubs, please sign up through School Gateway.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,
Mrs Cook

School Diary

January/February

Monday - 31st	OCRA Unihoc after-school club, 3:30-4:30pm
Tuesday - 1st	Dance after-school club, 3:30-4:30pm
Wednesday - 2nd	Tuck Shop , 3:15-3:30pm Art after-school club, 3:30-4:30pm (3 of 4)
Thursday - 3rd	Martial Arts club, 3:30-4:30pm
Friday - 4th	Celebration Assembly, 9:15-9:30am – <i>pupils only</i> PE lessons- Class 1 & 2

*Your child **must** be booked onto our after-school clubs through School Gateway, in order to take part.

Residential Visits 2022

We are now able to offer off site trips and events. With this in mind, we are looking ahead to our summer residential in July 2022.

Pre-covid we ran very successful Moorland Hub residentials for Years 4 and 5 at Heatree and Year 6 in Bristol. Last year, Year 5 and 6 camped within school grounds and visited Okehampton for outdoor adventurous activities.

The Principals of the Moorland Hub schools, Mr Hill, Mrs Petersen and Mrs Cook would like to consult with parents on their opinions for residential 2022.

Please could you complete the attached survey by Friday 11th February for any child in Year 3, 4, 5 or 6 to help inform our decisions.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=kG0HO7J4vUqeBcIPJiicRozbU84L-MhNsleCTqPb67JUN0NBSTYxS1hXQVg2MFM3Vk1ETVZIWfQ1Qi4u>



Mental Health Week

Monday 7th – 11th February

During our mental health awareness week, the children will be taking part in a range of activities. Mrs Lee, our school Mental Health Lead will be delivering a worship that week and talking to the children about

how they can look after themselves and others. Our PSHE program – SCARF (Safety, Caring, Achievement, Resilience and Friendship) will also explore strategies of looking after ourselves and others. We aim to run small groups of activities that focus on mental health and wellbeing. The children will then come together to share the range of activities and strategies with each other in a celebration assembly. More information will be shared in next week's newsletter.

OCRA Cross-Country Events 2022



On **Friday 4th February**, some of our class 2 children have been selected to participate in a cross-country series, with the first race taking place at Simmons Park in Okehampton, this has been organised by OCRA. There will be children from other Primary Schools within the Moorland Hub participating in the event. This will be one of three events that will be taking place over this term and the summer term (weather dependant). We will let you know the additional 2 dates over the next couple of weeks, when they have been confirmed.

We have organised a coach to transport the children to and from the event. The coach will pick us up at school at 12:50pm and the children will return to school by 3:30pm. Please could we ask that the children come to school in Full PE kit that day (suitable for cross-country event) and bring a water bottle to school.

If you received a letter/email confirming that your child has been selected and are happy for your child to attend these Cross-Country events, **please give consent through our School Gateway system by going to the 'payments' section.** Without parental consent, your child will be unable to participate in this event.



Young Leaders Meeting

On the 25th of January 2022 our School Council members attended their 2nd Young Leaders meeting online. We discussed what it means to be a leader and the responsibility behind it. We also talked with other School Councilors about how you can love everybody around you and the borders of friendships. We were

able to talk to other young leaders and we talked about Christian beliefs and how we can be better friends to the people around us.

School Council – Millie, Sienna and Lily

School Dinners

If your child was booked to have any school dinners this week but were remote learning from home, their dinners were cancelled daily with the £2.30 per meal charge being automatically refunded back to the child's School Gateway dinner account.