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



Newsletter Friday 4th December 2020



Dear parents/carers,

This week the children have been busy completing a range of assessments in reading, grammar, spelling, and mathematics. Staff have been very impressed with how the children have conducted themselves; showing great determination to use and apply the skills they have been taught this term. A big well done to all our children.

On Tuesday this week, your child/ren came home with a parents' consultation slip. A big thank you to all those parents for returning your slip with a requested appointment time. Can I ask that all remaining appointment slips are returned to school by this coming **Monday 7th December**. If you are unable to make your child's appointment day, please do speak to your child's class teacher to arrange another time before the end of term.

We hope to film all the children singing their class Christmas songs they have been practicing as well as the Ethos group who have been meeting weekly to rehearse. These videos will be uploaded to the Class Dojo sites before the end of term.

Thank you for your Christmas card orders. We have had an overwhelming response. The funds raised will go towards Crisis at Christmas and School resources.

Hope you all have a great weekend,
Mrs Cook

Last week's
attendance
was:
99%

Anti-Bullying Week/Friendship Week

Over the last few weeks, the children have participated in various sessions to discuss what a bully is and how we can manage this behaviour at school. As part of the lesson, staff carried out a questionnaire to gather some information from the children. The table below highlights some the responses we had from the children.

<u>Question</u>	<u>Key stage 1 response</u>	<u>Key stage 2 response</u>	<u>Whole School response</u>
I like going to school	93%	96%	95%
I get on well with my teachers	93%	96%	95%
I feel safe at school	100%	100%	100%
I feel like I belong at school	100%	88%	92%
Other people stop me from playing at break/lunchtime	7%	8%	8%
I hit, push or kick others	27%	12%	18%

Christmas Jumper day

Reminder: On **Friday 11th December** we will once again be raising money for '**Save the Children**' by donating £1 to wear our Christmas jumpers/non uniform to school.

PTFA Christmas Hampers

Please can we ask that all donations of items for the Christmas hampers are handed in to school by **Friday 11th Dec**, with all sold/unsold tickets returned to the school office by Wed 16th. We will announce the winners towards the end of the last week of term and be in touch to arrange collection.

Christmas Dinner - Wed 16th Dec



Booking is now open in School Gateway for you to order a Christmas dinner for your child. Please make your bookings by 9am on Tuesday 8th, as the kitchen requires numbers by this date.

End of Term Events

For all their efforts this term we are planning the last two days of term to have a range of activities planned for the children to participate in. More details to follow in next week's newsletter.

Payment Reminders

Swimming: Class 1 will begin their 7 sessions of swimming from Monday 11th January. If you have not already made payment, please log into School Gateway and go to the payments section of the APP.

Dinners: Just a reminder that dinner accounts should not be in debt. You have the option to make a minimum payment of £11.50 which covers 5 days of lunches, booked as and when you require them. Please can we ask that any outstanding balances are cleared by the end of term. Many thanks



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



BRONZE STAR

Class 2

Hayden



SILVER STAR

Class 1

Ellie

Izabella F-B

Esme



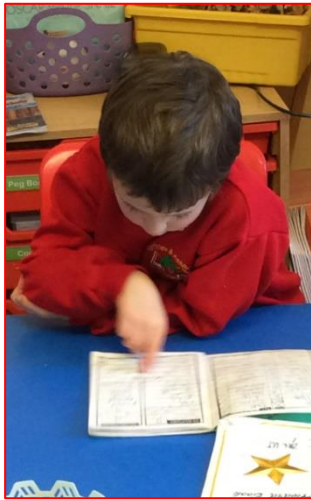
SUPER LEARNERS OF THE WEEK



Class 1

Zac has been really focused on learning all his tricky words and is now using and applying them in his independent writing too.

Well done Zac, keep it up!



Class 2

We have been so proud of Jake, Hayden, Isobella, Rose & Charlie D who participated really well in after school learning groups. Keep up your amazing attitude & super learning!



Christian Ethos- 'Peace'

Class 1

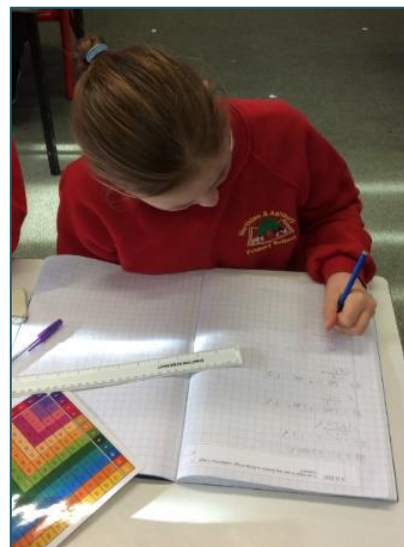
Alfie has been problem solving on the playground this week. He has adapted games that he and his friends were playing to ensure that everyone felt included.

Well done Alfie, keep this up!



Class 2

Well done to Willow who has shown a brilliant attitude this week overcoming difficulties and managing her emotions to stay focused on her learning.



Coronavirus: Tier 2 Announcement

We remain open under Tier 2 restrictions

Okehampton Library opening hours from 2 December:

10:00-12:00 Monday - Saturday

14:00-16:00 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

- 2 metre social distancing measures are in place.
- you will be required to wear a face covering unless you are exempt.
- we are open for you to **browse, borrow** and **return items**.
- **public computers** are available for 1-hour use, please book in advance.
- We are conducting Test & Trace as required by the government. Download the NHS Test & Trace App or fill out your contact details in the library lobby.

When visiting the library, please remember:



2m social distancing



Wear a face covering



Wash your hands



Fill out test and trace

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To use the free Choose & Collect service telephone or email your local library, library staff will select your books, audiobooks or DVDs and you can collect them from the library entrance at a pre-arranged time. [This service is also available for returning items.

Home Library Service

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Free reservations: through to 31st March 2021, items may take longer than usual to become available.

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Selecting books for younger children:

Collect a special 'Picture book bag.' These contain 6 themed picture books for you to borrow and some activity sheets for you to keep. There are special 'board book bundles' tied with ribbon that you can check-out quickly and easily using your child's library card. You can also ask a member of staff to select your books or reserve titles online from our library catalogue.

Events in libraries remain suspended for now but you can still enjoy the activities and events that libraries are streaming and sharing online www.devonlibraries.org.uk/web/arena Find Okehampton Library on social media (Facebook.com/OkehamptonLibrary, [@OkehamptonLib](https://twitter.com/OkehamptonLib))

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