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Dear parents/carers,

It has been so lovely to be able to invite more children back to school this week following the government guidance of moving from 2 metres to 1 metre for all children. The children have been very good at keeping their distance with each other and staff, with only a few reminders for some of the younger children when playing outside. Despite it being so close to the end of term the children are extremely focused and engaged with their remote learning whilst participating in a range of afternoon activities; this includes great discussions about 'being kind' and looking after each other. Their thoughtful discussions have provided children with a platform to think about how they have felt through an ever-changing climate which has become our new 'normal'.

Year 6 Leavers

Due to the dreadful weather we have had this week, we have had to postpone our year 6 leavers picnic that staff and children were very much looking forward to this; a new date of next Thursday has been set to allow the children and staff to say their final goodbyes. The children and Mrs Lee will have their socially distanced picnic on the playground from 1:30-3:30pm, fingers crossed the sun will shine!

We will also have a member of staff from the college come into school next Tuesday at 1:30pm, to speak to our year 6 children regarding transition. The children will have the opportunity to ask any questions about things they could be worried about and find out what life as a year 7 at Okehampton College will be like in September. If you are a parent of a year 6 child, please have a chat with them about some questions they may want to ask at the meeting next week.

Our weekly teams' meetings

Next week are my final teams' meetings with the children. I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting with the children each week and this week I was so impressed with how the children conducted fantastic book discussions and read aloud to the rest of the group with great expression. It was so nice to see how the children have enjoyed reading a wide range of texts and even developed this into project-based activities such as animals and Minecraft!

Have you met a new challenge and conquered it?

We would like to continue sharing with you some of the fantastic things the children of Northlew have been up to over the last few weeks. It is lovely to see that the children are still demonstrating our Christian values through these difficult times, whilst learning lots of new skills along the way.

Casper has continued to work on developing his drumming skills through on line tutoring from his music teacher at home. It is great to see how confident he has become over the last few months and has shown great endurance skills through continuous practice to develop his natural drumming ability, well done Casper!



Laila has been really focused on her learning at home and has created a 3D model of a castle using lots of £D shapes. In her maths learning she has explored the properties of these 3D shapes counting the faces, edges and vertices.



Hannah has spent some time creating a beautiful 'get well soon' card for Mrs Johnstone, demonstrating our school values. I'm sure Mrs Johnstone will be delighted when she comes in to school next week to see how much the children and staff have missed her. We are pleased to say that she is feeling much better!





Winnie's has luckily been able to have her first proper lesson since lockdown and she absolutely excelled. It was tough but Winnie used her determination and perseverance and learnt to keep her balance whilst crossing her arms in trot. It looked very difficult and would require a lot of concentration and strength but she did it perfectly. Well done for your massive achievement Winnie.

Northlew Produce Show

Just a reminder that all entries for the bookmark competition which will be entered into this years Northlew Produce Show, need to be in school by **Wednesday 15th July**. The theme of the bookmark is 'kindness' which was the slogan for this year's Mental health awareness week. A copy of the outline of the bookmark is attached to the newsletter and there will be additional copies in the box outside school.

Forest School/ Spiritual area Donations

Over the last few weeks of term the children will be working on developing our outside space in order to further develop our forest school area and begin to create our spiritual area, both of which we were hoping to begin work on this term with the children. We would warmly welcome any donations from home (old wellies, wood, pallets etc) that you now longer need and are taking up space in your garden. Our spiritual area is currently being designed by the children who have planned some wonderful ideas that they would like to create. We hope to share these ideas with you all in the Autumn term.

Microsoft teams' meetings

Below you will find your child's allocate slot for our last teams' meetings this week. I will send invites to parents to be able to attend the meeting. This week our focus is 'captured in time', I would like the children to bring along a photograph that they would like to talk about with the rest of the group. The photograph could be of someone special, a special place or a special time. Please talk with your child/ren about what they would like to discuss before the meeting to prevent children from becoming camera shy!

Time		10:30 – 11:00am	11:00 – 11:30am
Monday 6 th July		EYFS group Ollie Laila Hannah Jack	Year 2 group Arabella Darcie Thea Casper
Time	1:00 – 1:30pm	1:30 – 2:00pm	
Tuesday 7 th July	Year 3 group Marjorie Charlie G Lily Grace D Harry	Year 1 group Lexie Alfie Zac Ben Toby	
Time	10:30 – 11:00am	11:00 – 11:30am	11:30 – 12:00
Wednesday 8 th July	Year 4 Amelie Winnie Freya Willow Grace F Suzi	Year 5/6 Isobella Rose Scarlett Nelle	Year 5 Max Jake Charlie D Hayden

PTFA end of term in the park

Our PTFA have organised a celebration and goodbye to year 6 end of term 'socially distanced' get together in the park next Friday.

End Of Year Picnic in the Park

Friday 17th July
@ 3.30pm



Northlew Primary School PTFA invites all staff, pupils and their families to a 'Picnic in The Park' to mark the end of the 2019/2020 academic year!

Everyone welcome

Please bring own picnic blanket, chairs, food and drink

Adhere to social distancing rules

All children to be supervised by their caregiver

Please be aware that there are no public toilet facilities

This event will go ahead whatever the weather :-)

We hope you will join us for this informal celebration.

Re-opening of school in September

We are currently drafting our risk assessment for the re-opening of school in September. We plan to send a letter next week which will contain all the relevant information for the new academic year.

On behalf of the staff and children of Northlew we would like to thank you once again for your support with your child/ren's learning at home. We are grateful for the engagement in activities, pictures, videos, dancing, music and laughter your children have shared with us over the last few months. It has been so lovely finding out the abundance of new skills and qualities the children have developed and we are looking forward to sharing and developing these skills further when the children return to school in September.

Take care, stay safe and have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Cook