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# Christmas Newsletter

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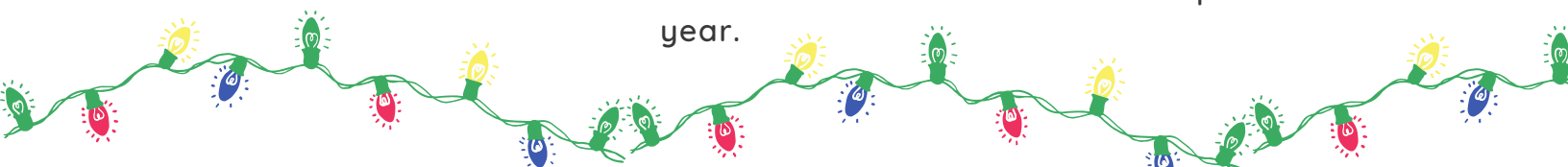
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A Year in Review!

## Welcome the Season with Joy

This year was a challenging one for people across the world as a global pandemic changed the way we live our daily lives. Despite these hardships, so many wonderful things happened with KNEF this year! From the first graduating kindergarten class at Harvest Education Complex, to the donation of soap, desks, books and more, we made great strides forward in reaching our goals of quality education and building a strong community in Offuman in 2020.

From the KNEF Directors, Board, staff, and their families, we wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Read on to learn more about the hard work accomplished at KNEF all year.





January

January started off with joyful learning as the month was filled with singing, counting, reading and writing. The students were happy to start their new semester!



February



We are so thankful to all of our volunteers and donors who put together shipments of donations for the students. These included books, desks, chairs, shelves, dress forms and soap. Way to go! Who knew the soap and handwashing would take on such importance in the months to come!

March

The students received new school uniforms, created by our PTA members. They got to show them off when they were invited to march in a parade celebrating Ghana's 63rd Independence day. We also welcomed our teacher Portia back from her maternity leave with her new baby son, who was a popular addition to the classroom.



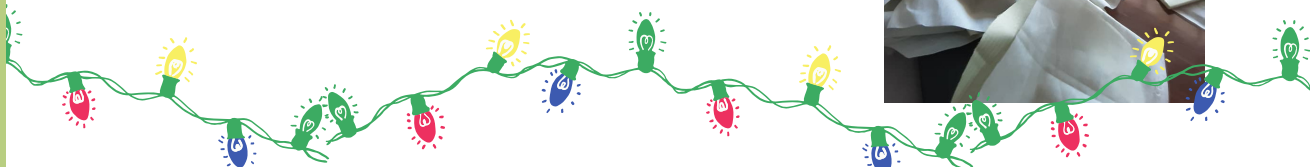
April



After closing down in March because of Covid-19, Harvest School teachers were active in the community setting up hand washing stations, handing out donated soap and giving lessons on proper hand washing, mask wearing and reducing the spread.

May

May was another busy month for the teachers, as they worked making face masks for the community using donated fabric and sewing machines. A safe return to school is priority number one.



June



In June, the carpentry department made new shelves to house all of the new books and school supplies. It looks great!



July

July saw more fantastic donations. More books, desks for the teachers, tablets and bikes for the kids, and phones for the teachers to communicate and contribute photos online. Thanks to Chun Tok School and Fab English in Hong Kong.

August



August was a very busy and productive month for KNEF! We were extremely pleased to launch our new website at [www.knefghana.com](http://www.knefghana.com), with updated photos and bios, ongoing news, and a wonderful and easy to use layout designed by Pratyush Devrani.

The website led to sponsorship for our student, Ampofo Apiah, who has had his school fees and related costs covered for one year by a generous donor. Ampofo is grateful, and looking forward to a successful year at school!



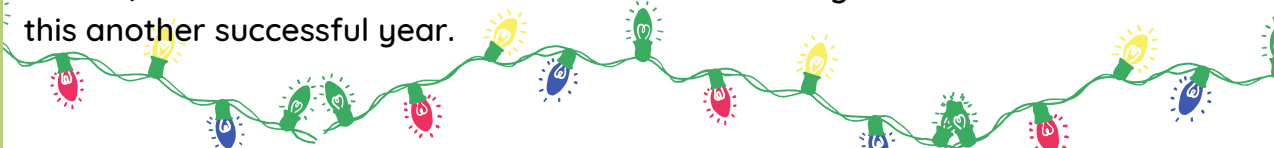
September



In September, another student, Godfrey, was fully sponsored for the 2020-2021 school year. Fantastic! Harvest school was able to have a kindergarten graduation ceremony celebrating its first class of kindergarten graduates, and the students were very proud. Due to Covid-19, however, regular classes are being held in small groups throughout the village rather than in one place.

October

As students and teachers get used to home schooling, only Primary One students are being tutored, and the Kindergarten students are excited to return to school when it is safe. In the meantime, everyone is doing their best, keeping safe, and wishing the best for you too! A special thanks to Christy Bicknell for generously sponsoring our well project! Also thanks to all our donors, volunteers and board members for making this another successful year.





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and a HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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