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# Respectful, Resourceful, Resilient

*A creative approach to learning where all pupils can succeed*

## Newsletter Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022

This week's  
attendance

was:

**99.4%**

Dear Parents & carers,

Today the children of Boasley Cross came together in an assembly to reflect on those people who had given up their lives for others through war and conflict. The children



discussed the importance of

Remembrance, and what it symbolises. The children have spent time this week creating their own poppies to display around the school. The children conducted themselves beautifully in the 2 minutes silence following our whole school assembly this morning.



## Anti-Bullying Week Monday 14<sup>th</sup> – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November



Next week is National Anti-Bullying week and this year's theme is 'Reach Out', which aims to empower all children and adults to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes. The children will be focusing on what makes a good friend and

looking at strategies and behaviours that we already have in school that demonstrate positive relationships with others. We hope to share our outcomes with you in next week's newsletter. To celebrate our individual uniqueness, **we are encouraging the children (and adults) to wear odd socks to school all week.** For more information and to explore the range of resources available to discuss with your children at home, please click on the link below:

[Anti-Bullying Week 2022: Reach Out \(anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk\)](https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk)

## PE

From next Thursday, the children will be having their PE sessions on Thursday mornings with Mr Pugh. We aim to have the PE lessons outside, weather permitting. Please make sure that your child has a suitable PE kit in school each week. We are suggesting that as the weather is getting colder, children bring in track bottoms or leggings.

## Tempest Orders

Your child will have come home on Monday with their school photo order form. You can order online at [www.tempest-orders.co.uk](http://www.tempest-orders.co.uk) quoting the web access code stated on the order form. Alternatively, you can return your completed form in the envelope provided to school by **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November**.



### Littlemoor Class Dojo

We have restarted the account for Littlemoor class, so we are able to send class reminders and photographs etc. Several parents are already signed in from last year, but we have sent home instructions on how to make an account with any who were not. Please check through your child's bag to find the details or speak to either of us after school.

Thank you

Mrs Hosking and Miss Smaridge

## Martial Arts Grading

Sensei Steve has informed us that some of the children will be ready to take their grading on **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November**. In order for your child to be graded, please go to the payments section of School Gateway to pay the **£15 grading fee**. This covers the cost of the grading, belt & certificate should your child pass. If your child is not ready to be graded, there won't be a payment request in School Gateway.



## Swap Shop



A big thank you to all parents who supported the 'Swap Shop' event this week organised by Mrs Cook and the School Council. The School Council worked incredibly hard laying out all of the wonderful donations, in a very neat and orderly manner, for parents and



children to come and peruse in the school hall. Thank you to FOBCS who have taken the rest of the donations for the

Bags2Schoolcollection next Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November. Any further clothes donations can be dropped off to school before next week's collection.

## Welcome to the Team

We would like to warmly welcome Mrs Lethbridge who will be joining our staffing team and working at Northlew and Boasley Cross throughout the week. Mrs Lethbridge will be popping up to school on Tuesday afternoon to meet the children and staff and will be available to meet parents at school pick up. Please do come over and introduce yourself.



Hello everyone. I'm Mrs Lethbridge and I'm very excited to be joining you in the next couple of weeks as a Teaching Assistant across both Northlew and Boasley Cross Primary Schools. Over the past 7 years I have worked in a number of local schools and some of you may remember me from my time working at Boasley Cross a few years ago.

I live in Okehampton with my husband, two teenage boys and two nutty dogs!

I really enjoy all sport, both watching and taking part and I have recently taken up a new sport called 'Padel' which is quickly becoming popular in the UK. I also love music and singing.

I can't wait to meet all of you and becoming part of the Northlew and Boasley Cross families.



## Smart Start to the Morning

Please can we remind parents that the school gates open at **8:35am** where learning is available to access in classrooms.

Staff begin each morning with a range of activities that support individual children, including pre-teach and keep up sessions. It is crucial that all children arrive at school on time to ensure that they don't miss out on these valuable sessions.



## Oketor Snack

Children in Oketor class are encouraged to bring in a healthy snack to school to eat at breaktimes. Can we ask parents to send their children with a health snack of fruit, raisins and cereal bars.

## Forest School Clothing

Our next forest school session is booked in for Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. Can we ask that children come to school in their own clothes with waterproofs and wellies in a bag on those days. The forest school sessions may involve the children getting muddy as they explore the outdoors.



**Congratulations to Maddie who won the chance to take home the reading basket this week, by reading at least 5 times.**



## Forest School

The children at Boasley have enjoyed two sessions of Forest School learning with Rob Taylor this autumn term. Skills that have been learnt include hazel whittling, clay sculpting and of course the obligatory toasting of marshmallows over the fire pit!

We have also been fortunate to have Sara, from Devon Wildlife Trust, visit Boasley this week and talk to the children about habitats that are local to our area and why the conservation of these habitats are so important. We look forward to Sara providing us all with more informative sessions on the next 3 consecutive Tuesdays here in our enchanting Forest School area.



**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

**We would like to support this year's Children In Need day in the following ways:**

- Non-school uniform day (spotty theme if you can) – suggested voluntary contribution £1
- Guess the name of the teddy bear competition – 50p a go
- Spotty Face Painting – 10p

**Thank you for your support,  
*Boasley School Council***





## Mental Health Workshop

On Thursday, the children in Oketor took part in a mental

health workshop with the Youth Mental Health Foundation. They found out what 'genius' they were and how they can use their strengths to reach for their hopes and dreams whilst celebrating their differences. It was a truly inspirational workshop that we hope to build on during our termly mental health days.



## Northcott Panto Trip

**Polite Reminder:** Our FOBS have generously contributed to the cost of funding this trip but we are asking for a £10 contribution per child. If you haven't done so already, please go to the 'payments' section of School Gateway to make payment and give consent. **As we will soon need to confirm tickets, we are asking that payment/consent is received by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November.**



# Star Learners

Olivia has made fantastic progress with her learning in phonics. She is recognising and writing lots of letter sounds and blending them into words confidently.



Sam in recognition of his contributions to class discussions and shared writing. Sam contributed well-thought-out sentence structures in order to build suspense in the reader.

## School Value: Resourceful Award



Lucy was very resourceful when Mrs Cook got a conker stuck in the tubes. She found lots of different things to help with solving the problem and, in the end, used water to flush it out!

Ruby has amazed us this week with her resourcefulness. She has used number fans, rulers, counters and our working walls to support her learning. Ruby, you are becoming a truly active learner.





# Notice Board

Remember to book your child's school meals.  
Week beginning Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Nov:  
**Autumn Menu Week 1**

## School Diary

**November 2022**

<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Dance after school club, 3-4pm</b> <b>Super Sixes after school club, 3-4pm</b>
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Board Game after school club, 3-4pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Martial Arts after school club, 3-4pm</b> <b>KS1 Kodaly music after school club, 3-4pm</b>
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	PE with Mr Pugh- whole school <b>Tag Rugby after school club, 3-4pm</b>
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	Celebration Assembly, 2:40pm



- **Mon 14th November** Last online orders for child's design printed on Christmas items
- **Thurs 17th November** FOBCS Bag2School
- **Tues 29<sup>th</sup> November** Whole School Flu Immunisation programme
- **Tues 6<sup>th</sup> December** Parents Forum 5pm
- **Tues 6<sup>th</sup> December** Naturemakes Workshop (FOBCS)
- **Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> December** School Christmas Performance, 1:30pm
- **Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> December** 'Robin Hood' Pantomime Northcott Theatre
- **Fri 16<sup>th</sup> December** Last day of term

**Last orders Monday December 14<sup>th</sup>**

# Christmas cards!



Children created their own Christmas artwork at school, a copy of this will be sent home with a code to also view it online:

<https://sforders.co.uk/> and options to have this unique artwork printed as cards, gift tags, mugs or coasters.

Orders made will raise funds for Friends of Boasley Cross School. Orders must be placed by Monday the 14th of December. Thank you for your support!

fobsfundraising1@gmail.com

Charity number: 1125936



## Bag2School

Our next **Bag2School** collection has been arranged for

**Thursday 17th November**

Do you have any unwanted clothing or linen?

Please help raise funds for Boasley Cross Primary School by dropping your bagged items **before 9am on the 17th of November** in the bus stop outside our school.

The more we collect the more money is raised for our school!



### Accepted items:

- ✓ Men's, ladies' and children's clothing
- ✓ Paired shoes, belts
- ✓ Handbags, hats, bags
- ✓ Scarves, ties, jewellery
- ✓ Soft toys, lingerie, socks
- ✓ Household linen, curtains, towels
- ✓ Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)



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# Parent Questionnaire Results



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## Boasley Cross Primary School Parent Questionnaire – October 2022

<b>My child feels safe at school</b>	Strongly Agree	45%
	Agree	55%
	Disagree	-
	Strongly disagree	-
	Don't know	-
<b>The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved</b>	Strongly Agree	9%
	Agree	82%
	Disagree	9%
	Strongly disagree	-
	Don't know	-
<b>My child is happy at school</b>	Strongly Agree	55%
	Agree	45%
	Disagree	-
	Strongly disagree	-
	Don't know	-
<b>My child has been bullied and the school have dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively</b>	Strongly Agree	-
	Agree	18%
	Disagree	-
	Strongly disagree	-
	My child has never been bullied	82%
<b>The school has high expectations for my child</b>	Strongly Agree	9%
	Agree	73%
	Disagree	9%
	Strongly disagree	-
	Don't know	9%
<b>My child has a SEND and the school give them the support they need to succeed</b>	Strongly Agree	Not completed by parents of SEND children
	Agree	
	Disagree	
	Strongly disagree	
	Don't know	
<b>My child does well at this school</b>	Strongly Agree	18%
	Agree	83%
	Disagree	-
	Strongly disagree	-
	Don't know	9%