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Newsletter **Friday 12th November**

**This week's
attendance
was:
98.70%**

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

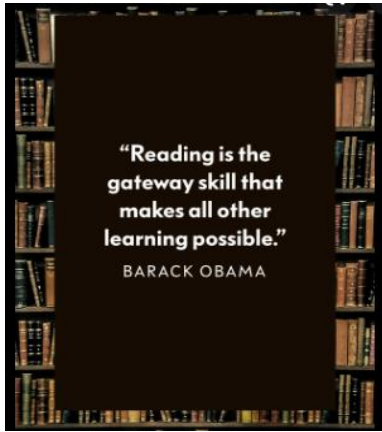
Dear Parents/Carers

This week the children at Boasley Cross took the time to reflect and remember those who had given their lives for others. Mrs Simmons and the children created a beautiful poppy display outside the front of the school during forest school sessions and in our assembly on Wednesday, staff explained why we wear a poppy on Armistice Day. Staff were extremely proud of how the children conducted themselves in our two-minute silence to mark our respect on Thursday morning, well done to all our children.



We would like to remind parents that the main gates to the school open at 8:35am and learning activities and challenges are already set up for children to access. As we are trying to maximise the amount of learning time available in our school day, your child/ren arriving to school on time will ensure that they do not miss out on any crucial activities to support their learning. The gates will be locked at 8:45am, if your child/ren arrive after this time you will need to call the school office as someone will need to come to open the gate.

On Tuesday next week, children in Littlemoor class will be visiting Rosemoor Gardens to create their own natural artwork. The children will be exploring the seasonal changes around them and looking at the range of materials they use to create their masterpieces! Although the weather is forecast to be dry, we are asking that children come to school with a warm coat and sensible shoes as we will be outdoors for most of the visit. We have ordered a packed lunch for each child, but please feel free to provide your child with a packed lunch and soft drink. As mentioned in our letter which went out earlier this week, children can bring up to £5 to spend in the gift shop. Can we ask that all money is handed to Littlemoor staff in a named envelope on Tuesday morning. We are looking forward to sharing photographs with you in next week's newsletter.



Our librarians will open the library to story times starting from next week. As we continue to raise the profile of reading for pleasure, can we ask that reading books are brought into school each day. We are encouraging children to read with an adult 5 times per week and have this recorded in their reading record book. The librarians will be choosing a name from the draw for the reading basket each Friday during our Celebration assembly. They will also begin our book track system where children will be awarded certificates for the number of books that they have read in our weekly assemblies.

A huge thank you to Mrs Sumner who has won a 'Yoto' player and cards for the school. This will be a valuable resource that can be used across both classes to share and listen to stories as well as support children with their mental health and wellbeing using the meditation stories available. We have spent time together this afternoon setting the device up so the children can begin using this next week!



If there is anything you would like to discuss regarding your child, please do speak to your child's class teacher who will be happy to arrange an appointment or alternatively speak to Mrs Davey in the office who will be happy to co-ordinate an appointment for you.

Once again, many thanks for your continued support. Wishing everyone a wonderful weekend.

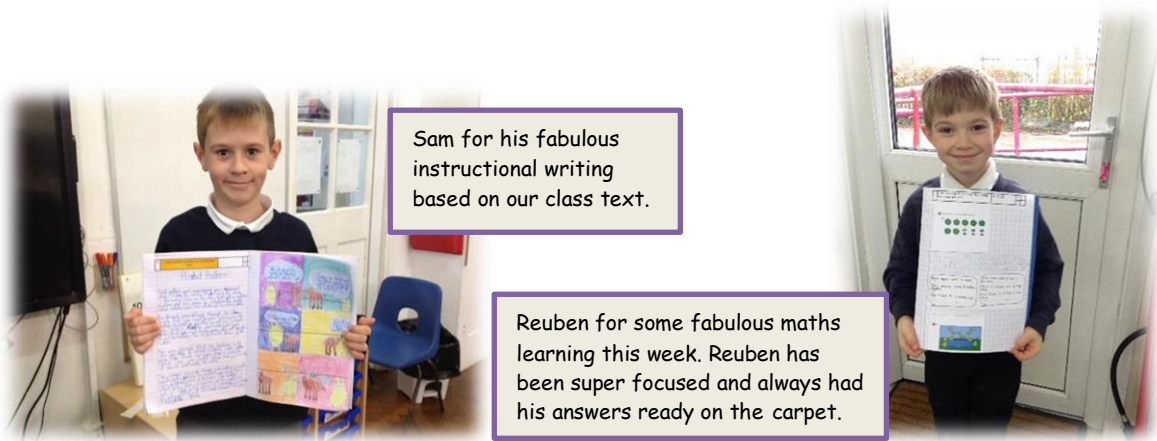
Mrs Cook



This week, **School Council** have decided that, for a donation of £1, children at Boasley Cross can support **Children in Need** by attending school on **Friday 19th November** in their own choice of non-school uniform - some suggestions included spotty outfits or pyjamas (if slippers are being worn, please can shoes also be sent in for outdoor use). It was also suggested and agreed that School Council would run a cake stall at breaktime and lunchtime. We would be really grateful if adults could support children, where possible and if time allows, in making just a few cakes/biscuits for us to sell. Please could donations be brought in on Friday morning. Cakes will be priced at 20p.



Our Star Learners this week

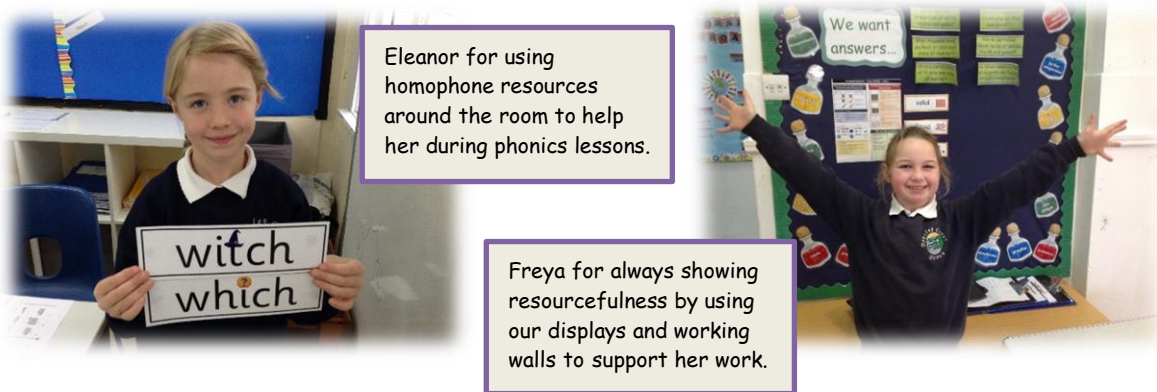


Sam for his fabulous instructional writing based on our class text.

Reuben for some fabulous maths learning this week. Reuben has been super focused and always had his answers ready on the carpet.

Our School Value Certificates this week

'Resourceful'



Eleanor for using homophone resources around the room to help her during phonics lessons.

Freya for always showing resourcefulness by using our displays and working walls to support her work.



Notice Board

School Diary

November 2021

Monday 15th	Nurture group (selected children) Outdoor Learning session - waterproofs and wellies required
Tuesday 16th	Littlemoor Rosemoor trip Netball after school club
Wednesday 17th	Oketor Outdoor Learning session - waterproofs and wellies required Environmental after school club OCRA Martial Arts after school club
Thursday 18th	Whole School PE sessions with Mr Pugh – Full PE kits required OCRA Multi Skills after school club
Friday 19th	Book and Biscuit 2.15pm & Celebration Assembly 2.40pm – all welcome

OFFICE HOURS

Monday/Wednesday/Friday

8.30am to 3pm

Tuesday/Thursday

8.30am to 12pm

Please advise the office by 12pm if your child's 'going home' arrangements are to change for the day so that this can be logged for safeguarding purposes.



Please see the following link for The Federation of Children's Book Groups Newsletter which includes lots of great reading information:
[FCBG News October 2021 WEB.pdf](#)

FORTHCOMING DIARY DATES

- Tuesday 16th November – Littlemoor Rosemoor trip
- Friday 19th November – Oketor Northcott Theatre trip consents & parental contributions deadline on School Gateway
- Monday 13th December – Christmas dinner
- Wednesday 15th December Oketor Northcott Theatre trip
- Thursday 16th December – Christmas Nativity Bratton Clovelly Parish Hall 1:30pm
- Friday 17th December – Last day of term
- Wednesday 5th January – All pupils return



REMINDER

Please could parents check that their child/ren have their reading book and reading diary with them daily.

Additionally, this week each child will be bringing home a reading booklet. This can be used as question prompts when you read with your child to help them gain a deeper understanding of the text.
Thank you for your support.

Friends of Boasley Cross School (FOBCS) News

Thank you for your support of the Halloween disco, the event raised £166 and we all had a super time! The Clovelly Inn kindly provided the children's tea free of charge so a huge thank you to them also.

Christmas card online orders have raised £104.50 for the school, thank you so much, we hope you love your personalised Christmas cards.

- Another great way to support FOBCS is to sign up to easyfundraising and choose Friends of Boasley Cross Primary School or follow this link <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fobcps/>
- FOBCS weekly cake raffle returns! First draw will be Friday 19th November. It is £1 a ticket, (available from school office) the winner takes home the cake.
- Preloved Boasley jumpers and fleeces are available in a variety of sizes from Kirsty Kiddle for a suggested donation of £1-2.



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PRELOVED UNIFORM AVAILABLE



FOBCS has preloved Boasley jumpers and fleeces in a variety of sizes.

Available for a suggested donation of £1-£2.

Please speak to Kirsty Kiddle in person or contact her on 07814181537.



Cake raffle!

£1 a ticket (available from school office)

Drawn every Friday, winner goes home with the cake!

Term Dates 2021 – 2022

Autumn Term 2021

Monday 6 th September	Non-Pupil Day
Tuesday 7 th September	Non-Pupil Day
Wednesday 8 th September	All Pupils Return

Half Term – Monday 25th October to Friday 29th October 2021 Inclusive

Monday 1 st November	All Pupils Return
Friday 17 th December	Last Day of Term

Christmas Break – Monday 20th December 2021 to Monday 3rd January 2022 Inclusive

Spring Term 2022

Tuesday 4 th January	Non-Pupil Day
Wednesday 5 th January	All Pupils Return

Half Term – Monday 21st February to Friday 25th February 2022 Inclusive

Monday 28 th February	All Pupils Return
Friday 8 th April	Last Day of Term

Easter – Monday 11th April to Friday 22nd April 2022 Inclusive

Summer Term 2022

Monday 25 th April	All Pupils Return
Monday 2 nd May	May Day Bank Holiday

Half Term – Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June 2022 Inclusive

Monday 6 th June	All Pupils Return
Thursday 21 st July	Last Day of Term
Friday 22 nd July	Non-Pupil Day
Monday 25 th July	Non-Pupil Day
Tuesday 26 th July	Non-Pupil Day
Wednesday 27 th July	Non-Pupil Day
Thursday 28 th July	Non-Pupil Day



School Meals Update

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Many thanks to everyone who has engaged constructively with feedback and comments on the menu recently introduced. We would also like to apologise to those of you who found the lead-time too short. We will ensure far more lead-time in future.

We have listened to your comments and will move forward to implement the changes outlined below as soon as possible, within the next few weeks at the end of the first cycle.

- You told us that a choice of dessert is popular with some pupils. We will re-introduce fruit or yoghurt into each school. We will ensure the mealtime assistants in each school keep an adequate supply to do so.
- Some parents told us that portions were small. We will increase the amounts of vegetables and potatoes and decrease salad items.
- Some parents have requested that we make jacket potatoes available daily. We know they are popular but see them as part of a healthy, varied diet. Having listened to your views we will increase the availability of a jacket potato choice with cheese and beans for an additional day each week.
- Some pupils have asked for white bread as an option. For the associated health benefits, we will move to a 'best of both' bread for the sandwiches which will remain a choice available daily.

We hope this will address the concerns raised and show that we welcome your views and act to solve any issues.

As you may be aware, there are well reported supply chain issues globally at present. We are taking action to mitigate any such disruption and will continue to work hard to deliver our service uninterrupted. Where we have to make short notice changes to manage this, we will endeavour to give you as much notice as possible. Thank you for your understanding. You will also be aware from the news that there are inflationary pressures on pricing and we are working hard to keep meal prices the same as they have been for many years now.

Overall, the new menu is being well received – thanks to those who have also provided positive feedback. We have established an excellent relationship with a local butcher and baker so we can deliver high-quality products consistently across our various schools. Fresh produce is also sourced locally. Local suppliers tend to be less vulnerable to supply chain issues and the food has fewer miles to travel before it ends up on the fork. The jelly we use on this menu is vegetarian, providing a healthy choice for pupils and an environmental plus for the planet as there is no beef gelatine in the jelly.

It will be very helpful if you can continue to order weekly in advance. We understand you may sometimes need to make changes, but your help in this is much appreciated where possible.

Thank you for your ongoing support and we assure you of our continued best efforts as we work towards a better outcome.

We look forward to consulting with schools regarding further menu changes moving forwards.

Kind Regards

Steve Parr
Executive Chef

THE SECRET BOOK QUEST

OUR EXCITING NEW READING CHALLENGE IS HERE!

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