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Newsletter **Friday 16th June 2023**

**This week's
attendance**

was:

93.3%

Dear parents/carers,

What a fantastic week we have had at Boasley Cross. Despite the soring heatwave we have had, the children have been actively involved in a range of sporting activities and outdoor learning.

On Monday, our cricket team in Oketor class took part in the cricket finals at Simmons Park whilst our children in Littlemoor Class got to experience a basketball session with Dave Roper, our basketball coach.

On Tuesday, we welcomed our families and community to our Sports Day, an afternoon which showcased our children's skills, teamwork and sportsmanship. A huge thank you to everyone who came along to cheer on the children and even take part in our parent races!

On Thursday, I had the pleasure of accompanying the Wildlife Champions to Meeth Quarry where they participated in a variety of activities, exploring the outdoors. The children thoroughly enjoyed pond dipping, investigating the creatures of the deep as well as looking closely at the wildlife and flowers that inhabit the area. A great way to finish off the year and showcase their hard work and dedication to their role alongside the rest of the wildlife champions from across our trust primary schools.

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Stakeholder Consultation Process Summary

Over the course of the consultation period and process, staff, parents and carers have posed a number of questions to understand the process and decision-making more fully. Please follow [this link](#) to find a summary of the process and also responses to a range of questions posed by stakeholders for openness and transparency.

Thank you all for your support, as well as challenge, and for ensuring that we continue to improve and serve your children.

Dan Morrow
Trust Leader and CEO

Year 6 transition Meeting

Thank you to our year six parents who came along to our year 6 Transition Meeting on Tuesday evening that was led by the staffing team from Okehampton College. The meeting provided useful information for the transition before the end of term, the summer school and the beginning of the new school year in September. We will send out the power point shared with our year 6 parents by email.



Book Orders

We are looking forward to our author visit from Clare Helen Welsh on Thursday 6th July. Earlier this week, parents were emailed information about pre-ordering books. Just to remind everyone that orders need to be in school by next **Tuesday**. Please send cash in a named envelope with your child's name and book choice, these will be given to Sara Sumner who will be placing the orders with Dogberry and Finch in time for our visit!

Assessments and Reports

Over the last couple of weeks, our year 4 children have completed their multiplication check assessment. This was assessing their quick recall of their times tables, something that is crucial to support their mental maths when solving problems and calculations. Our year 1 children completed their Phonics screen check. This check assessed the children's understanding of reading real and nonsense words using the wide range of phonics sounds they have been taught using our RWi phonics programme. Results of these assessments will be shared with parents in our end of year reports that will be sent home with all the children on **Friday 30th June**.



Year 3 & 4 Tennis Festival



Our year 3/4 children will be participating in a tennis festival on Friday 30th June at Okehampton tennis club. The festival will take place during the school day and transport has been organised. More information will be sent home next week.

Finally, I would like to thank our FOBCS for organising a great summer fayre after sports day on Tuesday. The wide range of activities and stalls was a great way to end a lovely afternoon and the children thoroughly enjoyed cooling off with their ice lollies purchased by FOBCS in the beautiful sunshine. Let's hope this lovely weather continues.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,
Mrs Cook

Dartmoor Cup Cricket

On Monday, we attended the final of the Dartmoor Cricket Cup at Simmons Park. We entered two teams of KS2 children who showed fabulous skills as well as a great sporting attitude. Our children showed support for their team mates as well as children on other teams - they certainly showed true Boasley Cross values. The competition was tough and although we didn't win overall, the children all had a wonderful day.



Rainbow Day



Next **Friday 23rd June** is our DMAT Rainbow day and as part of the day we are encouraging the children to come to school wearing brightly coloured clothes. The children will be participating in a variety of activities throughout the day that highlight their uniqueness and individuality as well as respecting the differences of others. Our school council group will be helping to run some of the workshops taking place next week. Looking forward to sharing lots of photos and information with you in next week's newsletter.

Yr3 Residential

Last Thursday & Friday, our year 3 children enjoyed a wide range of activities at Okehampton Adventure followed by a camp out at Boasley Cross. The residential gave them an opportunity to try new skills, meet new friends and experience a wide range of new activities.

'I really enjoyed everything about our year 3 residential. My favourite part was the climbing wall as I had to be brave to get to the top' - *Isla*

'This was my first ever residential and my first ever time sleeping away from my family. I really loved archery, it was so much fun!' - *Alice*

'We camped over at school, which was so much fun. At the campfire we sang songs and had marshmallows' - *Maddie*



Wildlife Champions Visit to Meeth Quarry



A great day was had by all our Wildlife Champions at Meeth Quarry on Thursday. They had the opportunity to experience a wide range of activities and learn lots of interesting facts about insects in the wild.

'I really enjoyed the day at Meeth Quarry. We did lots of different activities and we learnt about the animals of the deep. Me and my partner managed to find all of the wild plants' - *Hector*

'I had a brilliant day yesterday. I really liked doing the pond dipping activity. It was really good to look at the charts to work out which insects we had caught' - *Eleanor*

'We did lots of activities on our wildlife champions day yesterday. My favourite activity was using the nets to catch bugs and insects that roan wild at the quarry. Me and my friend caught lots of different insects. We even managed to catch a grasshopper' - *Sebby*



FOBCS Book Winner! **Sebby**



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

Beating the Bounds

Well done to Freya, Lucy, Isla and Jacob who took part in 'Beating the Bounds' - a walk stretching more than 6.5 miles over Dartmoor.

Sports Day

On one of the hottest days of the year so far, the pupils, staff, parents and friends of Boasley Cross Primary School met to celebrate our annual sports day.



The children were placed into teams and took part in a variety of different races culminating in a whole school relay race which appeared to be enjoyed by all.

Scores were added up with only 1 point separating teams Thorndon and Bratton but the overall winners - for another year - were Ashbury. Well done to everyone who took part, the children's enthusiasm, teamwork and zest for all the events was infectious - so much so that we had to run multiple heats of the parent's race (all of which were conducted in a fair and sporting manner of course!)

Thanks must go to our amazing FOBCS team who not only helped to provide shelter and iced drinks/lollies for the children to help them keep cool throughout the afternoon but who also worked tirelessly in the lead-up to the day, and on the afternoon, to provide us all with a fun-filled afternoon of entertainment after the races had concluded.

SPORTS DAY



'I liked the obstacle race especially crawling under the parachute!' Y2

2nd
Bratton



1st
Ashbury

'It was a sports day I'll always remember as it was our last one. Even though it was hot, we put our all into it!' Y6



3rd
Thorndon

'I liked the sack race; it was funny starting lying down.' Y5



'I liked it because I won a race.' YR child



'My favourite race was the flat race because I really enjoy running.' Y1

'I have been looking forward to being a Y3 so that I could do the skipping race, it was great fun!' Y3

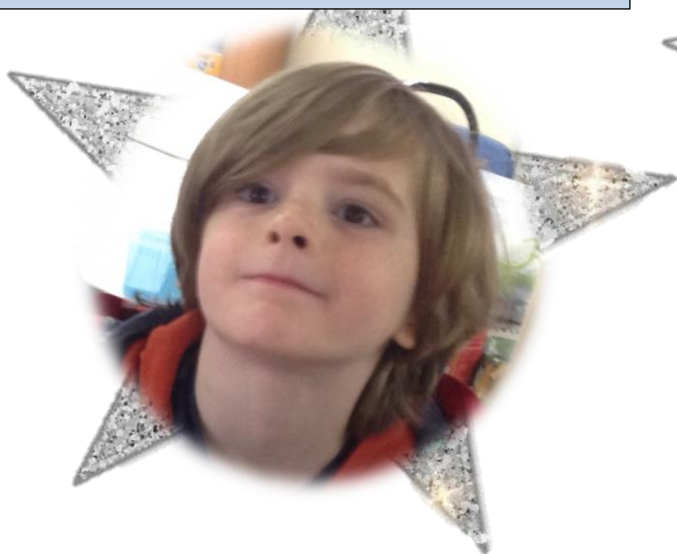


'I thought it was nice that me and my friend drew a race.' Y4



Star Learners

Barnaby has been a fantastic wildlife champion and was very enthusiastic to share his experiences of Meeth Quarry with the rest of the class.



Marnie has been a superfast Lexia learner this week!

School Value: Resourceful Award



Reuben has been very resourceful this week and has been able to collect all the resources he needs to help him solve problems in maths.

Lois has used the resource of evidence to back up her argument in a class debate.



Notice Board

Remember to book your child's school meals.
Week beginning Mon 19th June:
Autumn Menu Week 3

School Diary

June

Monday 19 th	*OCRA Summer Activities club, 3-4pm
Tuesday 20 th	*Netball club, 3-4pm
Wednesday 21 st	*Martial Arts after school club, 3-4pm
Thursday 22 nd	*Gardening club, 3-4pm
Friday 23 rd	RAINBOW DAY Book & biscuit followed by Celebration Assembly, 8:40am Swimming lesson, 1:15pm- Littlemoor class (3/6)

*Your child must be booked onto our after-school clubs through School Gateway, in order to take part.

Dates For Your Diary

June

- **Fri 23rd** – Rainbow Day (children come to school wearing brightly coloured clothing)
- **Mon 26th - Wed 28th** – **Yr4&5 residential trip to Menadue, Tintagel**
- **Thurs 29th** – Yr6 taster day at Okehampton College
- **Fri 30th** – Yr3&4 Tennis Festival at Okehampton Tennis Club, 9-12

July

- **Thurs 6th**- Bag2School Collection
- **Thurs 6th** – Author visit with Clare Helen Welsh
- **Tues 11th- Sat 15th** – **Yr6 French residential trip to Normandy**
- **Tues 18th** - Year 6 leavers service at 2pm
- **Fri 21st** - last day of term

Author Visit with Clare Helen Welsh



6th July 2023

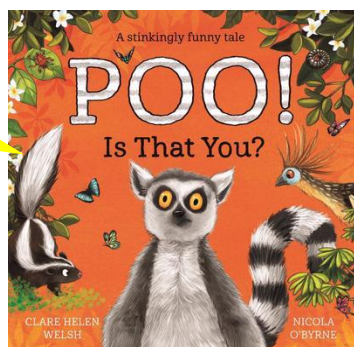
Dear Children and Families,

We are excited to announce that local children's author, Clare Helen Welsh, will be visiting our school on Thursday 6th July. Clare will be reading her new story, '*Never, Ever, Ever,*' and running some exciting writing workshops with the children. We have organised Pre-Orders of all of Clare's books (including the forthcoming *Never, Ever, Ever*) which Clare will be able to sign at the visit!

Local Bookshop, Dogberry and Finch has kindly offered us a 10% discount on all of these books if pre-ordered together. The price including discount is marked on each book below!

To order, please send cash in an envelope to school. Please send details of child's name and which book(s) you would like. We can then ensure they are ordered in time for the event!

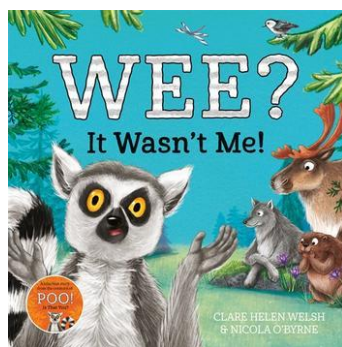
All orders must be received by **TUESDAY 20th JUNE.**



POO! IS THAT YOU?
(paperback) Illustrated by
Nicola O'Byrne £6.30

Lenny the Lemur is on holiday in the Amazon rainforest. He's just settling down for a nice snooze, when a very yucky smell wafts past. Poo-ie!

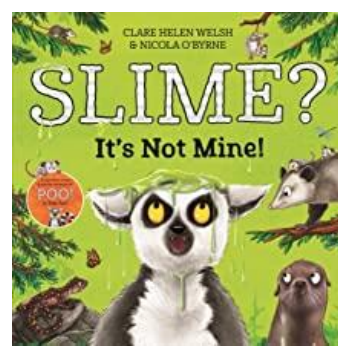
What or *who* could it be? Learn about sloths, skunks, stinkbugs and more in the whiff-tastic *Poo! Is That You?*



WEE? IT WASN'T ME!
(paperback) Illustrated by
Nicola O'Byrne £7.20

Lenny is back and once again he is on a mission – this time to find out who made the puddle of piddle he slipped in. But whose wee could it be?

Learn about wolves, mountain goats, caribous and more in this piddle-



SLIME? IT'S NOT MINE!
(paperback) Illustrated by
Nicola O'Byrne £7.20

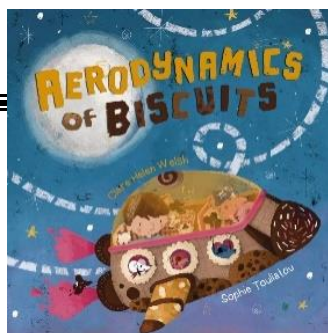
Lenny the lemur is on holiday in California when – ew – he gets slimed! Lenny is determined to find the source of the slime, so off he sets . . .

Lenny meets lots of slime-producing animals, including opossums, dolphins, salamanders and sea-lions



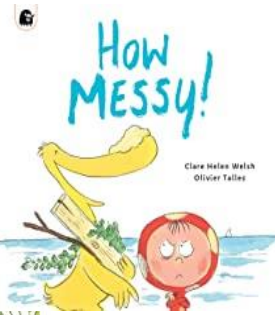
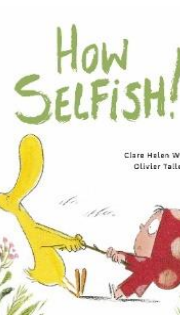
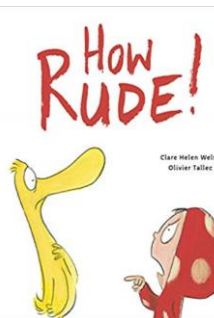
SUNSHINE AT BEDTIME
(paperback) £7.20
Illustrated by Sally Soweol Han

Curious Miki notices that the evenings are brighter in summer and wants to know why. Together Mummy and Miki discover the wonder of the Sun, just in time for bed.



AERODYNAMICS OF BISCUITS
(paperback) Illustrated by Sophia Touliatou £7.20

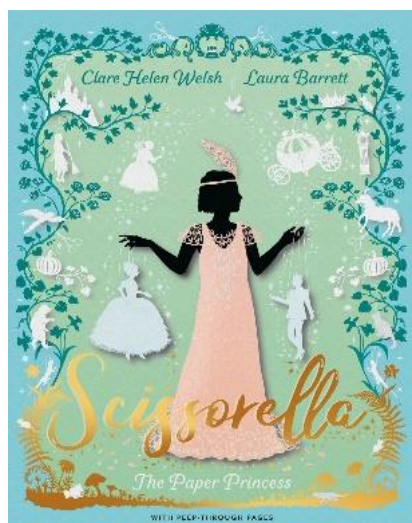
Captain Sneaky McSqueaky and his crew of pirate mice are trying to fly to the moon to steal cheese, but to get there they need some help from Oliver and his biscuits.



HOW RUDE! HOW SELFISH! HOW SELFISH (paperback)

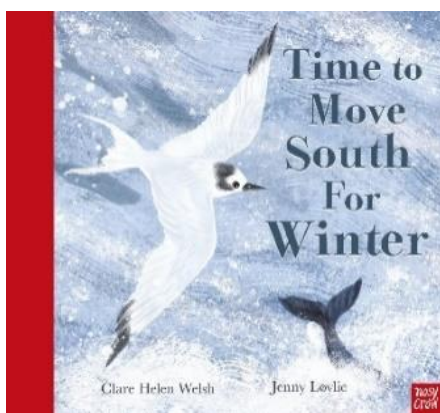
Illustrated by Olivier Tallec £7.20 each

Dot and Duck are two friends with a lot to learn! Simple, funny and ultimately touching, these books will appeal to any child who is learning what it is to be kind, polite and, more importantly...what it is to be a true friend. Covering themes of kindness and empathy through humour and with bright illustrations, follow these two interestingly different characters in their dialogue only stories.



SCISSORELLA!
(paperback) Illustrated by Laura Barrett £7.20

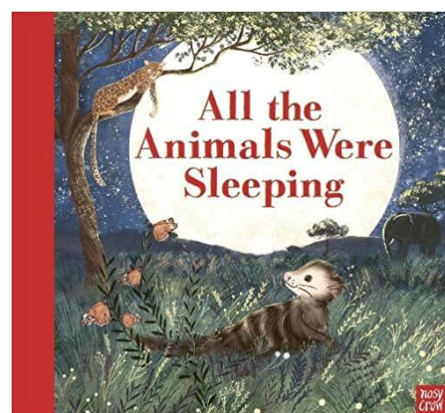
Lotte snips puppets by the light of the moon and longs for change. A Cinderella retelling with a difference, where creativity and determination create happy endings. This story has a fold-out centre fold with peep through pages.



TIME TO MOVE SOUTH FOR WINTER £7.20
(paperback) Illustrated by Jenny Lovlie

An arctic tern sets off on the world's longest animal migration, passing other incredible creatures on their journey south for winter.

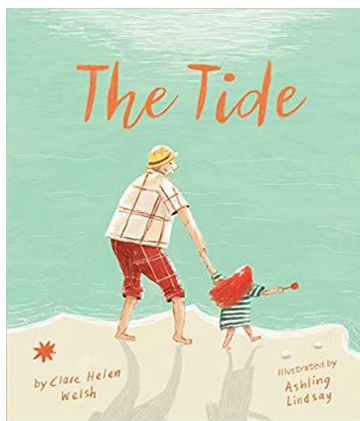
Perfect for young animal lovers, with a map and double-page spread of non-fiction facts at the end.



ALL THE ANIMALS WERE SLEEPING £7.20
(paperback) Illustrated by Jenny Lovlie

On his way home, a mongoose passes giraffes, zebras, monkeys, elephants, storks, lizards, butterflies and cheetahs, all sleeping in the Serengeti in their own unique ways.

Non-fiction facts at the end.



THE TIDE (paperback)
Illustrated by Ashling Lindsey
£6.30

A young girl loves her Grandad so much, but Grandad has become forgetful. *"Grandad's memories are like the tide,"* Mummy explains. *"Sometimes, they're near and full of life. Other times, they're distant and quiet."*
 A story about how we can help a loved one with dementia live well.



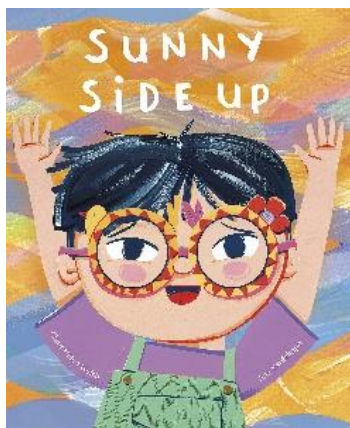
THE PERFECT SHELTER (paperback)
Illustrated by Asa Gilland
£6.30

A beautiful, powerful and uplifting story, exploring the complicated emotions we feel when someone we love is diagnosed with a serious illness. Sensitively tackling the tough subject of illness with authentic and empathetic tenderness.



EVERYTHING CHANGES (hardback)
Illustrated by Asa Gilland
£11.70

It seems the happy, warm days of summer will never end. Then, everything changes. Mummy and Daddy say they can't live together anymore, and sad, worried feelings begin to emerge – *It's not fair! Was it all my fault?* But, as time passes and the seasons change, it becomes clearer that hard times won't always be quite so hard . . . A book to help children through big changes such as parent separation.

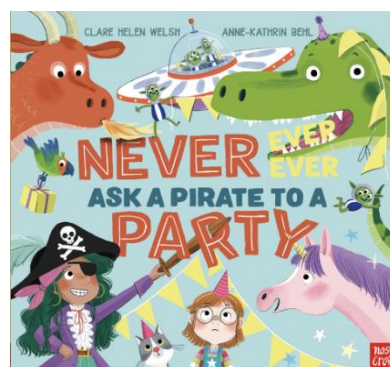


SUNNY SIDE UP! (hardback)
Illustrated by Ana Sanfelippo
£11.70

When you put on your sunny-side specs a bad mood can become a good mood, a goodbye can become a hello, and even the impossible can become possible!

But sometimes, no matter how hard you try, the sunny side seems far away. And that's OK. Sunny things will be there to discover whenever you are ready.

This warm and innovative novelty book uses die-cuts and flaps to transform the world around us, illustrating the power and impact that reframing your thoughts can have.



NEVER, EVER, EVER ! (paperback/hardback)
Illustrated by Anne-Kathrin Behl
Paperback/ £11.70 Hardback

Get ready for a fantastical birthday party adventure featuring a dinosaur, dragon, unicorn, pirate . . . and a spaceship full of aliens!

If you want the perfect party, never, ever, ever invite this crowd of chaotic guests! The unicorn will demand sparkles and bubbles, the dragon will set fire to your decorations and the fizzy drinks will send the aliens wild! But . . . never, ever, EVER send your guests home! Because a party's only a party if you share it with your friends!

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

Thursday 6th July 2023

ADVANCE DONATIONS WELCOME!

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 Thursday 6th July** in the bus stop outside our school.

The more we collect the more money is raised for our school! Advance donations welcome; leave them in the bus shelter outside the school and we will collect and store safely.



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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TASTER SESSION

6 July 2023

Octagon Theatre - Okehampton College

4:00pm to 6:00pm

High Quality Instrument lessons for £2 a week

We teach—Viola, Cello, Double Bass (year 6 upwards),

Trombone, French Horn, Oboe, Recorder and flute.

For more details email - Isobel@communitylinks-sw.co.uk

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Summer Fair
 Tuesday 12th July
 Boasley Cross Primary School

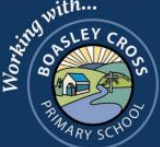
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