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Multi Academy  
Trust

...everyone in our Trust.



# Respectful, Resourceful, Resilient

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

## Newsletter Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023

This week's  
attendance  
was:  
**95.65%**

Dear parents/carers,

A huge thank you all our parents and carers who attended their parents' consultation appointment this week. This was a lovely opportunity for staff to share the successes of your child/ren's learning and progress this term as well as discussing their next steps. We believe working closely with our parents is vital to ensure that your child is supported to achieve their best across the curriculum and to thrive and flourish as an individual. If you were unable to make an appointment on Wednesday, please do speak to your child's class teacher to arrange an appointment time. This can be face to face, a telephone call or teams meeting.



### Postcards Home

We are extremely proud of all our children and staff have seen how incredibly focused, determined and reflective they have been in everything they do both inside and outside the classroom. Children's efforts with their learning is rewarded daily through positive praise both verbally and written, stickers and certificates as well as staff speaking directly to parents. After the Easter holidays, we will begin to send postcards home that will highlight the achievements of children that myself and staff are proud of. We hope that our postcards will continue to boost children's self-esteem and build confidence in their abilities.

### Sporting events

Unfortunately, due to our forest school sessions with Devon Wildlife Trust/ year 5 Bikeability sessions that were already booked into our calendar some time ago, we were unable to send our year 5 and 6 children to the Athletics event earlier this week. We have two sporting events planned for next week – on Thursday our key stage 2 **Netball** team will be taking part in a festival of Hope tournament at Tavistock College and on Friday children from year 4,5 and 6 will take part in a **tag rugby** festival at South Tawton. **Your child will come home with a letter today if they have been selected to represent the school in either of these events.**



### **Martial Arts Grading**

I am pleased to share that Sensei Steve is ready to grade the children who currently participate in our weekly martial arts after school club in next week's session. Parents are welcome to attend the session on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**, to watch their child grade, but sometimes this can make children more nervous. Sensei Steve has asked that parents discuss this with their child before next week. Children who have been successful in their grading session will be awarded their belts and certificates after the Easter holiday. The cost of the grading is £15 which covers the cost of Grading, belt and certificate. Payments can be made through School Gateway. Please can we ask that all payments are made before the grading takes place next Wednesday. Children who are currently brown belts will not grade until the summer term due to the amount of additional theory they need to cover.



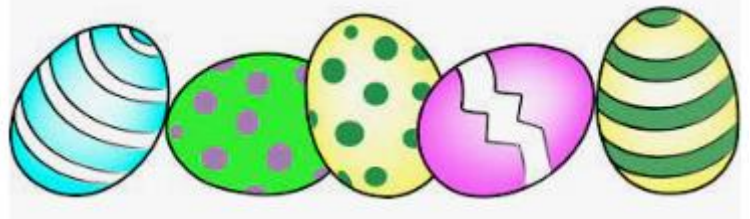
### **Music Performance**

We would like to warmly welcome our parents and wider community of Boasley Cross School to join us for our Easter Service at Boasley Chapel on **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 2:00pm**. The children will be sharing their musical talents developed in their weekly music lessons and the choir will be performing some songs they have been practicing with Mrs Hosking. Looking forward to seeing you all.

### **Egg Rolling Competition**

We are looking forward to all the children participating in our Easter egg rolling competition which will take place on

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March**. To enter, your child will need to decorate a hard-boiled egg that will withstand a steep slope and roll the furthest distance without smashing. Children may add additional decorations to support their egg to roll quicker and further, but this cannot include adding wheels! There will be a prize for the furthest egg rolled in each class. Entries need to be brought into school on the morning of the event.



### **Soup and Sweet**

Two of our wonderful Year 6 children attended the Soup and Sweet yesterday at the Chapel. They did a fabulous job of taking the orders in a polite and professional way serving the wider community of Boasley Cross.





## **Bikeability**

This week our Year 5 children have taken part in a two-day course provided by Margitta from Bikeability.

This is what they had to say about it;

'It was very educational and fun. The shoulder checks were tricky but we kept practising them.'

'It was really good and really fun. I liked riding our bikes on the road. We learnt about Road Safety and we played games to help us learn them – that was really fun.'

'It was very good fun and I didn't want it to end. We learned to do shoulder checks before turning corners.'



## **Oketor Forest School**

In Forest school this week we learnt all about life cycles of different animals and how the animals develop over time. We played a game where we had to order the different stages of an animal's life cycle.



Then we talked about the birds working hard to build nests at this time of year ready for them to lay their eggs. We had a go at helping them by making some nests ourselves. We even had time to look at some insects using microscopes!



### **Whole School Well-Being - we want your views!**

Today, children will be bringing home a parent questionnaire on well-being at Boasley Cross. Please can you hand forms in to class teachers or the school office by Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March. We have provided a plain envelope for you to remain anonymous if you wish.

During our last mental health day, the children completed a similar questionnaire on their views about how well our school promotes well-being. We have analysed the data from this, and our Well-being Champions have started to explore this further with the children. We have learnt that we do some things really well but there are areas we can make improvements in. Over the next few weeks we will focus on one particular area of well-being and update you in the newsletter. This week, the children explored the following statement:

***'In our school, we learn about how important it is to talk about our feelings and emotions'.***

This is how the children responded to the questionnaire:

Agree: 54%

Neither agree nor disagree: 42%

Disagree: 4%

The Well-Being Champions and I will be working on how we can improve this at school.

*Mrs Winter*

### **FOBCS raffle and jarbola prize help request**

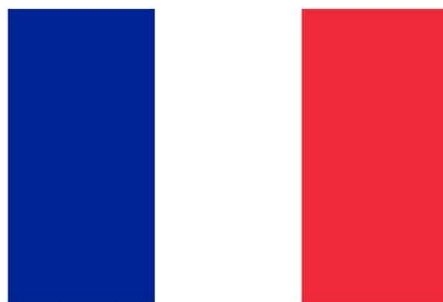
We would really appreciate any donations of prizes for the Easter Fair and Family Bingo event. Donated prizes can be placed in the green box inside the school gates or given to FOBCS members. Thank you for your support!



Happy St Patricks Day!  
Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

*Mrs Cook*





### **Yr6 Residential to France- Parents Meeting.**

Just to remind all our year 6 parents about our upcoming year 6 French residential meeting that is taking place at Boasley Cross Primary on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 4pm.**



## **Easter Fair**

**Thursday 30th March**  
**Boasley Methodist Chapel**  
**Spring Celebration in the chapel at 13.30**  
**followed by Easter Fair from 14.30**

- **Free easter egg hunt**
  - Jarbola!
  - Cake
  - Tea, coffee, squash
  - Guess the teacher
  - Raffle
  - Preloved school uniform

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

# Star Learners

**Olivia B** has enjoyed our science experiments this week and was keen to record the things she has noticed using the sounds she knows to spell some tricky words.



**Stan** has written a beautiful diary entry based on our topic of space. He used wonderful vocabulary and sentence structure to show his understanding of different forms of writing.

## School Value: Resilience Award



**Olivia** has shown great resilience by tackling challenges head on and never giving up. Olivia always does this with a big smile!

**Olivia** found drawing shapes on spotty paper very tricky last week but revisited it this week with determination and great success!



## School Diary

### March

<b>Monday</b> 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>OCRA Indoor Sports, 3-4pm</b> <b>Super Sixes after school club, 3-4pm</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> 21 <sup>st</sup>	Wildlife Session, 1:30pm ( <i>Oketor children come in own clothes. Bring in waterproofs &amp; wellies</i> ) <b>Cooking Club, 3-4pm</b> ( <i>final session</i> )
<b>Wednesday</b> 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>FOBCS Bag2school collection</b> <b>Martial Arts after school club, 3-4pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b> 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Netball Competition at Tavistock College PE with Mr Pugh- whole school ( <i>Come in full PE kit</i> ) <b>Gardening Club, 3-4pm</b> <b>Choir Club- Break/lunchtime</b>
<b>Friday</b> 24 <sup>th</sup>	Tag Rugby Competition at South Zeal Recreation Ground Celebration Assembly, 8:45am Music lesson with music specialist, Mrs Jolliffe

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

## Dates For Your Diary

(Please note, dates may be subject to change)

### March

- 6<sup>th</sup> -31<sup>st</sup> - Festival of Hope
- **Wed 22<sup>nd</sup>**- FOBCS Bag2School
- **Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Netball Competition, Tavistock (*you will have received a letter if your child is taking part & need to give consent in School Gateway*)
- **Fri 24<sup>th</sup>** – Tag Rugby Competition, South Zeal (*you will have received a letter if your child is taking part & need to give consent in School Gateway*)
- **Mon 27<sup>th</sup>** – Cross Country competition at Sleekers Farm, Sourton
- **Thurs 30<sup>th</sup>** – Music concert
- **Thurs 30<sup>th</sup>** – FOBCS Easter Fair

### April

- **Sat 1<sup>st</sup>**- FOBCS Bingo
- **Wed 19<sup>th</sup>**- Yr 3 residential meeting, 5pm at Boasley Cross
- **Fri 21<sup>st</sup>** - Swimming lessons begin for 6 weeks (*Oketor class*)
- **Tues 25<sup>th</sup>** - French residential meeting at Boasley Cross, 4pm

### May

- **Thurs 4<sup>th</sup>**- Yr 4&5 residential meeting, 4pm at Boasley Cross
- **Mon 8<sup>th</sup>** - Bank Holiday for Kings Coronation
- **Tues 9<sup>th</sup> - Fri 12<sup>th</sup>** - Year 6 SATs week
- **Sat 13<sup>th</sup>** - Bratton Clovelly plant sale (raising funds for Boasley Cross School)

### June

- **Sun 4<sup>th</sup>** - FOBCS sponsored bike ride
- **Tues 8<sup>th</sup> & Fri 9<sup>th</sup>** – Yr3 Residential
- **Fri 9<sup>th</sup>** - Swimming lessons begin for 6 weeks (*Littlemoor class*)
- **Mon 26<sup>th</sup> - Wed 28<sup>th</sup>** - Yr 4&5 Residential at Menadue Activity Centre, Tintagel

### July

- **Tues 11<sup>th</sup> - Sat 15<sup>th</sup>** – Yr6 French Residential
- **Fri 21<sup>st</sup>** - last day of term





## BRATTON CLOVELLY VILLAGE

# Plant Sale

Flower & Veg plants, Shrubs and Perennials  
Refreshments and Raffle

On

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May**

at

Bratton Clovelly Hall EX20 4JT

**11am – 2 pm**

**Cash Payment Only**



All proceeds to the following:  
Devon Air Ambulance, Bratton Clovelly Hall,  
Bratton Clovelly Church Tower,  
& Boasley Primary School.

**Saturday 1st April 2023**

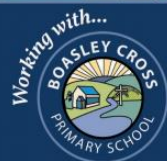
Bratton Clovelly Parish Hall  
Doors open at 17.30 • Eyes down 18.00



1 & 2 LINES WIN AN EASTER EGG •  
FULL HOUSE WINS A ROAST DINNER •  
CASH FLYER AND CHILDRENS FLYER •

- Tea, coffee, cake, sweets and raffle tickets for sale.
- Accompanied children very welcome.

Event organised by the Friends of Boasley Cross School (FOBCS), raising money for Boasley Cross Primary School. Adults must stay during event and remain responsible for their own children throughout the event.



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## Bag2School

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

**Wednesday 22nd March**

**ADVANCE DONATIONS WELCOME!**

Do you have any unwanted clothing or linen?

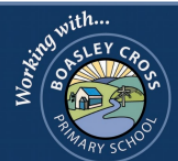
Please help raise funds for Boasley Cross Primary School by dropping your bagged items **before 9am on Wednesday 22nd March** in the bus stop outside our school.

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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