

Dartmoor
Multi Academy
Trust

...everyone in our Trust.



Respectful, Resourceful, Resilient

A creative approach to learning where all pupils can succeed

Newsletter Friday 20th January 2023

This week's
attendance
was:
88%

Dear parents/carers,

I want to begin this week's newsletter by saying a huge thank you to our parents and staff for their swift response earlier this week with our late opening of the school. With everyone collaborating together to ensure that messages went out promptly to parents, we were able to allow staff time to get to school safely and prepare the site for the children arriving. Please do check your text messages, emails, class dojo and Facebook sites for regular updates.



Book and Biscuit Celebration

Today we were able to invite parents into school for our very first book and biscuit of 2023. It was lovely to see so many parents in school and lots of enthusiastic children keen to share the wonderful learning they have

been covering since the beginning of term. The biscuits were enjoyed by everyone! If you were unable to make it today and would like to have a look at your child/ren's learning, please speak to your child's class teacher to arrange an appointment or for your child to bring their books home to share over the weekend.



WANTED - Junk Modelling Materials

Do you have any empty bottles, tubs, cereal boxes or large pieces of cardboard that you could pass onto the school? Our preschool and reception children will be busy creating their own spaceship/rocket on our Space themed day to develop their role play area in the continuous provision. Any donations would be greatly received. Please speak to staff in Littlemoor class if you have anything you could donate. Thank you!



Space Dome Visit – Monday 6th February

A huge thank you to FOBCS to have kindly offered to pay for the space dome visit on Monday 6th February. The children of Boasley Cross will need to arrive at Northlew and Ashbury Primary for their normal time of 8:35am and will be met by staff at the large gates at the side of the school (if it is raining

children will come through the main front door). The children will take part in a range of space themed learning activities as well as exploring earth and beyond inside the space dome. School dinners will be delivered to Northlew for all the children, and normal pick-up time from Northlew at the end of the day at 3pm. Children can be collected from the school playground by accessing the side gates of the school. All preschool children will attend their normal hours on Monday at Northlew and Ashbury School. If you have any questions about the visit, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff.

Mental Health Week- Non-Uniform Day



Our school council group will be working alongside the staff to create a carousel of well being activities for the children to take part in on Friday 10th February. The children will be exploring a range of activities as well as discussing ways to support each other to feel good; sharing problems and strategies to support our mental health. As part of the day children

can wear their own clothes to school to celebrate our own uniqueness. Donations are welcome which the school council would like to donate to a children's mental health charity.

Further information about Place2Be is here; [Place2Be's Children's Mental Health Week 2023: resources available now \(childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk\)](https://place2be.org.uk/childrens-mental-health-week-2023/)

Theatre Albi Visit

On Wednesday next week, the children at Boasley will enjoy a performance of 'The Parcel' by theatre Albi. The children will have the opportunity to ask questions after the performance, talk to the characters and have a close look at the set. Once again, a huge thank you to our FOBCS who have very kindly paid for the theatre visit.



Soup and Sweet

We were delighted to be able to take some year 6 children to the Boasley Cross Chapel's Soup and Sweet lunch this week. Two of our Super Sixes supported the chapel by telling people what delicious soup and sweets were on offer, took their orders and delivered this to the kitchen. The children showed true Boasley Cross behaviours and made us very proud. Mrs Winter

'I loved soup and sweet because everyone was very nice and kind. We got to serve people and we also had some soup! I liked it when people asked us about us and our school. It was really nice to see everyone, and I can't wait to do it again'. Marnie.

'I loved soup and sweet. I thought it was amazing because we got to serve people and they were all nice. We had some bacon and lentil soup, and we had dessert - I had Bakewell tart. It was nice that me, Mrs Winter and Marnie were able to chat over our lunch. I wish I could go back there. It's definitely a place where people can relax and have some soup and cake'. Amelia.



Forest School Session

In today's forest school session with Sara the children looked at the food chain and who is prey or predator. The children learnt about living things in our environment and then finished off with a game of predator catch the prey.



Trust Website Survey

The Trust are conducting a survey around the use of school websites from the perspective of parents, carers and the wider community and would value your contribution to this survey

<https://forms.office.com/e/6DQUBr6BBf>. Please note the deadline for responses is 23.1.23.



Police Officer Visit

We had a visit from PC Hawke on Monday who talked to us about his role in the police and all of the wonderful things the police do to keep us all safe. The children were able to look around the police van, listen to the siren and they even got to sit in the cage! The children asked some thoughtful questions to find out more about PC Hawke and his role in the police. This visit linked in with



Littlemoor's topic of 'People who help us' and Oketor's topic of 'Keeping safe'.



Year 3 Residential

We are very excited to confirm arrangements for the Year 3 residential. All year 3s from the Moorland Hub and Ruby Hub – Boasley Cross, Bridestowe, Exbourne, Lydford, Northlew, Bridgerule, Black Torrington, Bradford and Highampton Primaries – will take part in 2 days of adventurous outdoor activity with overnight camping at Boasley Cross Primary School on

the 8th and 9th of June.

Children will take part in climbing, low ropes, team building games, archery, crate stack and grass sledging. They will return to Boasley Cross for games and campfire before camping in DMAT tents. Food will be provided by the Trust.

This will be a brilliant opportunity to meet children from other local schools – we are expecting 43 children to attend.

This exciting opportunity will be subsidised by the school's PE budget, meaning a cost of just **£30 to parents**.

There will shortly be further information by letter and a request for payment to confirm your child's place.

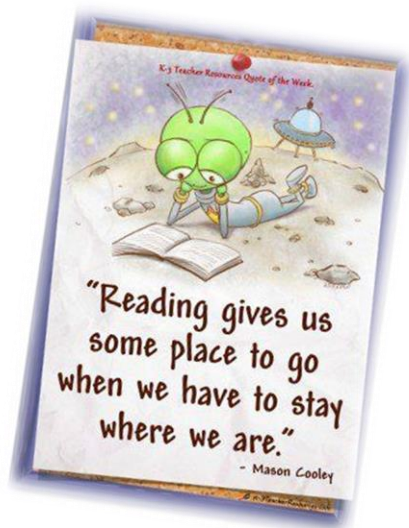
Year 4/5 Residential

We are finalising details of the Year 4/5 residential for the summer. This is taking slightly longer than hoped as we are keen to keep the cost affordable for parents and we are negotiating the best price. We will have 3 days, 2 nights of outdoor adventurous activity and are expecting an absolute maximum cost to parents of £120.

We will give as much notice as possible so that families can budget this cost.

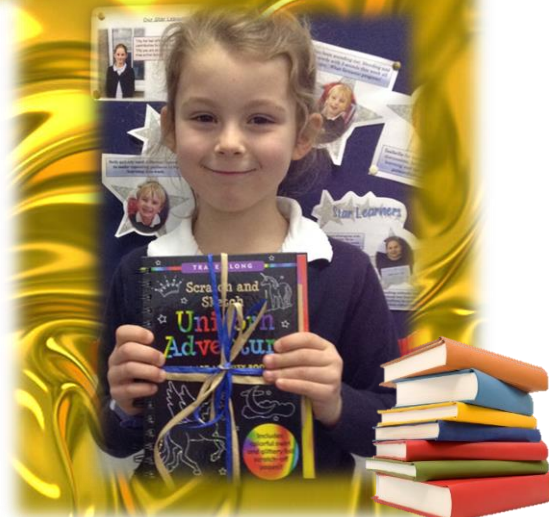
Fingers crossed that the ice and snow has gone and the weather will brighten up next week.

Have a wonderful weekend,
Mrs Cook



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

FOBCS Book Winner!
Charlotte



Star Learners

Esme: for fabulous reading and answering questions. Esme managed to answer some very tricky questions about the text she read. Well done.



Isla: for her motivation and determination to master her maths learning. Isla works hard on her fluency every day to consolidate her learning.

School Value: Respectfulness Award

Lottie is always respectful of the resources and equipment in Littlemoor. She always takes care with whatever she is using and makes sure it is returned to the right place.



Oscar is respectful to our school environment by picking up and putting equipment away without being asked to do so.

Notice Board

Remember to book your child's school meals.

Week beginning Mon 23rd Jan:
Autumn Menu Week 1

School Diary

January

Monday 23 rd	OCRA Indoor Sports, 3-4pm Super Sixes after school club, 3-4pm
Tuesday 24 th	Wildlife Session, 11-12 (<i>Littlemoor children come in own clothes. Bring in waterproofs & wellies</i>) Cooking Club, 3-4pm
Wednesday 25 th	Theatre Alibi Performance of 'The Parcel' Martial Arts after school club, 3-4pm
Thursday 26 th	PE with Mr Pugh- whole school (<i>Come in full PE kit</i>) Choir Club, 3-4pm
Friday 27 th	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

January

- **Wed 25th** - Theatre Alibi visit school

February

- **Mon 6th** - Space Dome Experience at Northlew Primary

March

- **Mon 13th** – Yr 5 Bikeability Cycling Proficiency (day 1)
- **Tues 14th** - Yr 5 Bikeability Cycling Proficiency (day 2)
- **6th -31st** - Festival of Hope
- **Wed 22nd**- FOBSCS Bag2School
- **Tues 28th**- FOBSCS Easter Fair

April

- **Sat 1st**- FOBSCS Bingo

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)



fobsfundraising1@gmail.com Charity number: 1125936



SCHOOL UNIFORM

FOBCS have a good selection of second hand Boasley jumpers, fleeces and t-shirts.

Most sizes are available; please let Kirsty Kiddle know if you need any, suggested donation of £2 per item.

fobsfundraising1@gmail.com

Let's Talk Pre-Teens

Pre-teen parent workshops that are available for next week and the week after.

Tuesday 24th January 2023

- Relationships
- Exploitation
- Pornography
- Societal Stereotypes

Tuesday 31st January 2023

- Physical risks
- Safety planning
- Mental health
- Self-care



Free support sessions for parents and carers



Have you got a 9-12 year old? Join us online for a chat about some of the challenges young people are facing today, find out what tools you can use to support them.

We'll be running twilight sessions throughout January covering topics such as:

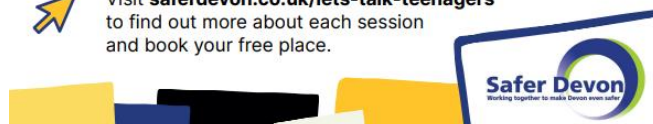
- drugs and alcohol
- body image
- safety online
- mental health
- social risks
- peer pressure



Weekly 90 minute sessions starting at 7.00pm



Visit saferdevon.co.uk/lets-talk-teenagers to find out more about each session and book your free place.



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