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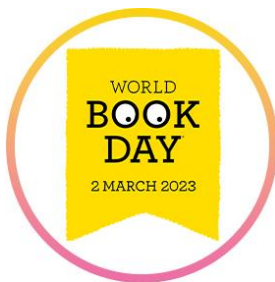
Newsletter Friday 24th February 2023

This week's
attendance
was:
97.1%

Dear Parent and Carers,

As you are aware next Thursday 2nd March is a scheduled NEU teachers strike day. We have assessed the number of staff available to support the children with their learning and are pleased to inform you that the school will be open to all children as normal next week.

World Book Day



The librarians have met this week to discuss what activities and events they would like to include in our World Book Day next Thursday. They have agreed on the following:

- Dress up as a character from your favourite book (bring the book into school or borrow one from the school library)
- Book Character treasure hunt during breaktime and lunchtime.
- Paired and group reading activities throughout the day.
- Book Swap Shop
- Design your own front cover competition (children will come home with their entry form today).

Remember to swap your book voucher for 1 of 12 free books between 16th Feb - 26th March 2023

Parent Forum

A huge thank you to all of our parents who attended the Parents Forum this week. We were very excited to share our ideas for the development of our outside space for our pre-school and EYFS children. We thank you for your valuable contributions which will go into our continual development of our pre-school prospectus. Minutes of the meeting will be shared in next



week's newsletter. Stage 1 of our development will start with a painting afternoon on Wednesday 8th March from 3-5:30pm. Any parents who can offer some support will be warmly welcomed. Tee, coffee & biscuits will be provided.

Parents Evening

On Wednesday 15th March, we will be holding a parents afternoon/evening and providing a 10 minute slot for parents to come into school and discuss their child's progress and targets with their child's class teacher. The meetings will take place from 3pm - 7pm. Booking will be available from Wednesday 1st March in Arbor.



Swimming Lessons



We will be having our annual swimming lessons in the summer term at Aqua Stars Academy of Swimming, Ruby Oak Park, Brandis Corner. The children will receive a 6 week course of swimming lessons as part of their PE curriculum. The very experienced teachers will ensure that all the children will be challenged and improve over the six weeks.

The course will begin with Oketor swimming from Friday 21st April and will finish on Friday 26th May. Littlemoor children will begin lessons from Friday 9th June and finish Friday 14th July

Oketor	Littlemoor
April- 21 st , 28 th	June- 9 th , 16 th , 23 rd , 30 th
May- 5 th , 12 th , 19 th , 26 th	July- 7 th , 14 th

The lessons will last 1hr and be held between 1.15 – 2.15 pm. The children will be transported by bus, leaving school after lunch and will return before the end of the school day.

The school have heavily subsidised the payments to cover the cost of the coach and swimming instructors. The contribution for each child required towards the lessons is **£21.80. Payment/consent must be made in the 'Payments' section of **School Gateway by Friday 24th March 2023**.**

Children will need to bring in a swim bag, their trunks/costume, a towel and goggles if they wear them. Hats are not compulsory but long hair must be tied back. Please could the children can also bring a drink and a healthy snack for after their session.

FOBCS Book Winner!
Alice





Pancake Day

This week, for RE, Littlemoor children learnt about why we celebrate pancake day. Of course, we had to make some

pancakes too! The children enjoyed topping them with delicious toppings and they all had a go at 'flipping' the pancake as well.



Temporary Menu Change

On **Thursday 2nd March**, due to the strikes, the kitchen has altered the menu. This will be changed to

- **Main:** Jacket potato with chilli
- **Vegetarian:** Jacket potato with veg chilli
- **Jacket Potato:** with beans & cheese
- **Sandwiches:** all choices are still available.
- **Dessert:** Jelly

If your child is booked to have the main or veggie option on School Gateway, they will automatically be given the alternative. If your child would like to change to something different, please contact Hannah at Northlew.

World Book Day Reading Café – Everyone welcome!



On **Thursday 2nd March** we will be holding our first Reading Café. We would like to welcome you all to join us from **2.30– 3pm in the school hall**.

We will have a selection of books for you to come and read with the children as well as some cake and drinks available. We have lots of fun activities planned for World Book Day and we hope that this will be a lovely way to end the day of celebrations.

The school librarians will be running a Book Swap Shop at the Reading Café so that children can bring in books or magazines (in good condition) that they have finished with and take home one that someone else has brought in. We are hoping that everyone will be able to go home with something new to read! We would be grateful for any donations of books and magazines brought into school by Wednesday 1st March. We hope to see you on 2nd!



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

Oketor Forest School Session

This week with Sarah, we looked at three different types of soil. We found out that in a teaspoon of soil there are more bugs and nutrients than there are humans in the world.

We compared soil from the school field and compost from our compost bin and we found a major difference between them. The soil from the field had a couple of worms and beetles in it but the compost had lots of worms digesting the disintegrating fruit waste – the stench was terrible!

Sara told us that the worms we found at Boasley Cross, were two different species: composting worms and earth worms. The composting worms were pinkish/red in colour whereas the earth worms were more of a tan colour.

We learned from Sarah that humans wouldn't exist right now if we didn't have our precious soil because the soil provides us with the right resources to grow crops.

Tilly, Sebby, Eleanor and Hector (Wildlife Champions, Oketor)



Wishing you a wonderful weekend
Mrs Cook

Saturday 1st April 2023
Bratton Clovelly Parish Hall
Doors open at 17.00 • Eyes down 17.30

BINGO
FAMILY
Bingo!

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

Esme's learning in art is always completed with a great deal of care and attention to detail. She is a great artist in the making!



Ethan for consolidating his learning by asking questions that deepen his understanding, particularly in maths.

School Value: Resilience Award



Tilly has shown resilience by asking for support when she is struggling with something.

Pippa for helping other children to be resilient in their learning tasks. She is very encouraging towards others - a great quality!



School Diary

February/March

Monday 27 th	OCRA Indoor Sports, 3-4pm Super Sixes after school club, 3-4pm
Tuesday 28 th	Wildlife Session, 1:30pm (<i>Oketor children come in own clothes. Bring in waterproofs & wellies</i>) Cooking Club, 3-4pm
Wednesday 1 st	Martial Arts after school club, 3-4pm
Thursday 2 nd	World Book Day - Come dressed as a book character PE with Mr Pugh- whole school (<i>Come in full PE kit</i>) Reading Café, 2:30-3pm in school Gardening Club, 3-4pm Choir Club- Break/lunchtime
Friday 3 rd	Book & Biscuit at 8:40am followed by Celebration Assembly 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

March

- **Thurs 2nd** - World Book Day
- **Thurs 2nd** - Reading Café, 2:30-3pm in the school hall
- **6th -31st** - Festival of Hope
- **Mon 13th** - Yr 5 Bikeability Cycling Proficiency (*day 1*)
- **Tues 14th** - Yr 5 Bikeability Cycling Proficiency (*day 2*)
- **Fri 17th** – Red Nose Day (*more information coming soon*)
- **Wed 22nd**- FOBCS Bag2School
- **Tues 28th**- FOBCS Easter Fair

April

- **Sat 1st**- FOBCS Bingo
- **Fri 21st** - Swimming lessons begin for 6 weeks (*Oketor class*)
- **Tues 25th** - French residential meeting at Boasley Cross, 4pm

May

- **Mon 8th** - Bank Holiday for Kings Coronation
- **Tues 9th - Fri 12th** - Year 6 SATs week

June

- **Tues 8th & Fri 9th** – Yr3 Residential
- **Fri 9th** - Swimming lessons begin for 6 weeks (*Littlemoor class*)

July

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