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Newsletter **Friday 27th January 2023**

This week's
attendance
was:
95.6%

Dear Parents/carers,

As you are aware, the National Education Union are striking next Wednesday 1st February. This will not affect members of staff at Boasley Cross and the school will be open as normal on Wednesday for all pupils. The bus and taxi will run as normal.

Spring Term Targets

On Tuesday, your child/ren will bring home the targets that they will be focusing on over the spring term. Staff and I have looked closely at the children's learning within their books alongside the expectations of their year group to set the targets. Teachers will be speaking to the children about how they can develop their targets at school and sending home prompts (where needed) so that your child/ren can practice and develop these skills at home. If you would like to discuss the targets, please speak to your child's class teacher. Thank you so much for your continued support.



Parents Forum



I am aware that we had to cancel the previous Parents forum that was arranged before Christmas due to staff illness. We have rescheduled this meeting to take place the first week back after the half term holidays at **3pm on Tuesday 21st February**. We are keen to carry on with our discussions around a parents' curriculum working party and discuss our plans for our Preschool/EYFS outdoor space. If you have anything that you would like to discuss at the meeting please contact Hannah by email: admin@northlewprimary.org.uk. By Friday 10th February, so we can add it to the agenda. Hoping you can make it to the meeting.



Attendance

There have been lots of coughs, colds and flu symptoms in the air as well as a horrible sickness bug that has also been passing around the school. Obviously, we want the children to be well enough to be able to attend school and access their learning but we are also

concerned about the amount of keep up sessions that staff are providing in order to revisit learning that children have missed whilst they have been off school. I will be looking closely at attendance across the school and following our DMAT policy, sending out attendance letters towards the end of next week. These letters will come home with your child/ren on Thursday. If you would like to speak to me about your child's attendance, please contact Hannah at Northlew to arrange an appointment.

Schoolgateway



School Gateway

We have updated the information on School Gateway under the tab 'useful links'. This tab now contains direct web links to view the current dinner menu, school website and our newsletters & communications.

Key Stage 2 Cross Country Event

The children in key stage 2 have come home this week with information about our first of three cross country races taking place next Friday 3rd February at Simmons Park in Okehampton. Children will need to come to school in their PE kit and bring a packed lunch and drinks bottle – school dinners will not be available on that day. We will provide our FSM children with a packed lunch on that day and cancel any other bookings already placed. A coach will transport the children to and from the event which will begin at 1pm in Simmons Park. The children will then return to school for 3:10pm. Buses and taxis will wait to collect the children from Oketor, so children will return home later than usual. Please remember to give consent in the 'payments' section of School Gateway for your child to attend this event. Without consent your child will not be able to participate in this event.

Wildlife Champions

On Tuesday, the children in Littlemoor were learning about deciduous and evergreen trees and the differences between them. After investigating what plants and animals do in winter, the children in Littlemoor got creative making nests for dormice .



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

School Council Update



As you will have read in last week's newsletter, the pupils and staff at Boasley Cross will be supporting the charity Place2Be (as part of Children's Mental Health Week) on Friday 10th February.

The day will be split into a carousel of different activities that will help children to understand why it is so important to not only look after their physical health but their mental health too.

In preparation, the School Council conducted a survey this week of what the pupils at Boasley felt helped them to relax in order to tailor some of the activities to the children's ideas and interests. Here are some of the responses;

'I would love to bring my pet in to school. My pet helps me when I'm struggling as I can sit and talk to her.' - Y6 pupil

'I love dancing, Dancing is so much fun and it's really energetic.' Y5 pupil

'Gymnastics! Can we do gymnastics because it keeps us fit.' Y2 pupil

The School Council are looking forward to sharing pictures and feedback from the children following our Mental Health Day on Friday 10th February.

Cookery Club

Three weeks in and the children are doing a marvellous job. I continue to be impressed with the way in which all pupils are joining in and helping each other. The children work in small groups of 3 or 4 and they have to read the recipe sheet and method and come and collect and weigh out their ingredients. They are working so independently and are encouraging each other as they follow the method through, step-by-step. Here are a few pictures of this week's creations....

Mrs Ogborne



Theatre Alibi Visit

The children at Boasley Cross were treated to a performance on Wednesday when a large, unexpected box was delivered to the school for the attention of Mrs Winter.

Theatre Alibi provided us with a real treat, taking us off into a world of adventure as the characters talked us through how they came to be living inside a box

- yes a box - and all the exciting places that they had been posted to. As the story unfolded the children became captivated with this wonderful compact world...here is what they had to say about it;



'I loved the different music they played.'

'I found it amazing how it all ended up at our school.'

'When they were talking about their family it brought back memories for me of my own family.'

'It was really funny - especially when the alarm went off!'



As a follow-up activity, Littlemoor have written letters back to Theatre Alibi thanking them.

A huge thank you to FOBCS who funded this experience for the children, it really was truly magical.



School Dinners

Just to remind everyone we are now using the spring term dinner menu which can be viewed by clicking the following link

<https://www.boasleycross.devon.sch.uk/school-menu.html> .Please can we ask all parents to check that they have ordered their child/ren's school dinner before 9am each morning. The dinner order is then sent to St James where staff in their kitchens are busy cooking and preparing our meals for delivery. It would be really helpful if you could discuss the options with your child before choosing their dinner. We are only supplied with the dinners ordered, so don't have any alternatives to offer children who don't like the option that has been ordered for them on the day.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend

Mrs Cook

Star Learners

Lucy has shown very impressive understanding of numbers. She is able to count on in her head to reach a total when adding together.



In recognition of his attitude to his learning, **Hector** always presents his work beautifully and looks for ways to extend his learning.

School Value: Respectfulness Award

Mason is polite and well-mannered in class. He waits for his turn to speak and is always kind and gentle.



Sam shows the greatest respect to our class agreements and routines. He is a credit to himself and Boasley Cross Primary School.

Notice Board

Remember to book your child's school meals.
Week beginning Mon 30th Jan:
Autumn Menu Week 2

School Diary

January/February

Monday 30 th	OCRA Indoor Sports, 3-4pm Super Sixes after school club, 3-4pm
Tuesday 31 st	Wildlife Session, 11-12 (<i>Littlemoor 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	PE with Mr Pugh- whole school (<i>Come in full PE kit</i>) Choir Club, 3-4pm
Friday 3 rd	Book & Biscuit at 8:40am followed by Celebration Assembly KS2 Cross Country Competition at Simmons Park

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

Dates For Your Diary

February

- **Fri 3rd** - Oketor Cross Country Race at Simmons Park
- **Mon 6th** - Space Dome Experience at Northlew Primary
- **Fri 10th** - Non-uniform day for Mental Health Week.

March

- **Thurs 2nd** - World Book Day (*more information to follow*)
- **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**- FOBSC Bag2School
- **Tues 28th**- FOBSC Easter Fair

April

- **Sat 1st**- FOBSC Bingo
- **Fri 21st** – Swimming lessons begin for 6 weeks (Oketor class)

May

- **Tues 9th - Fri 12th** - Year 6 SATs week

June

- **Fri 9th** - Swimming lessons begin for 6 weeks (Littlemoor class)



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

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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