

Dartmoor  
Multi Academy  
Trust  
...everyone in our Trust.



# Respectful, Resourceful, Resilient

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

## **Newsletter** **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023**

This week's  
attendance  
was:  
**97.4%**

Dear parents & carers,

Just to remind everyone that the children at Boasley Cross will be spending the day at Northlew Primary school this Monday for our space dome visit. The children will have an opportunity to visit the space dome as well as engaging in lots of space activities throughout the day. This will support their learning next half term when both classes will be exploring space in greater depth through their science learning. Children need to arrive at Northlew for 8:35am and be collected at 3pm from Northlew. The bus and taxi will run as normal to and from Northlew Primary on Monday. There is plenty of parking available in the square facing the school to accommodate drop off and pick up.

### **Clubs- Monday**

Due to the space dome visit at Northlew on Monday we will be cancelling both the after school clubs- Super Sixes and OCRA Indoor Sports. These will begin again the first week back after the half term holidays (Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February).



### **Smart Start to the Morning**

Please can we remind all parents that school day starts at 8:35am. We have noticed over the last couple of weeks that we have children arriving at school just before 9am, which is having an impact in the small group keep up and interventions that we have planned for our 'smart start' to the morning. The main gate and side gate to Littlemoor is open until 8:45am and we ask all children to use the side entrance when arriving in the morning. Any child arriving after 8:50am will be marked late in the morning register.

### **Gardening After-school Club**

After the half term holidays, Mrs Turner has very kindly offered to run an after-school gardening club from 3-4pm each Thursday. In order for your child to take part in this club, please give consent in School Gateway. Any donations of compost would be greatly appreciated.



## **Yr6 French Residential Parents Meeting- Tuesday 18th April, 4pm**



A parents meeting regarding our up and coming French trip in July for our year 6 children will take place at Bridestowe Primary School on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April at 4pm. Please can we ask that all parents attend so that we can discuss final arrangements.

## **Choir**



Every Thursday after school, the newly formed Boasley choir meets for an hour. We usually start with some fun games to get our bodies and our voices warmed up. We have been learning some songs from the shows and the children have enjoyed making up some actions to help them remember the words. Hopefully, near the end of the spring Term, we will hold a concert so that everyone can listen to the songs we have

been learning. Watch this space for details!

## **Forest School**

This week the children in Littlemoor explored the habitats of a woodlouse.

Pictures were hidden

around the forest school

environment for the children to determine what was part of the family the different woodlouse belong too. They also investigated habitats of different seasons and how they are adapted to suit the different crustacea.



## **Children's Mental Health Week -Dress to Express Day**

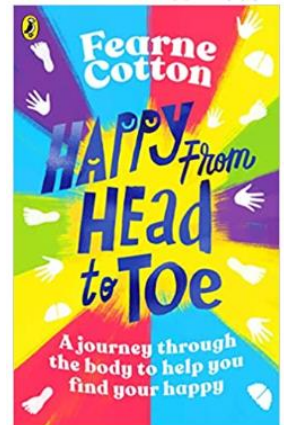
Just a reminder that children are invited to wear their own clothes on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March as a symbol of our own uniqueness and how we celebrate everyone's differences from each other. If you wish, you can make a donation of £1 on the day and this will be used to fund and support projects run by the charity Place2Be. More information about the valuable



work that this charity undertakes can be found here at Improving children's mental health in schools – Place2Be.

In addition to the children 'Dressing to express their individuality', pupils will also take part in a range of different activities that will provoke thoughts and discussion about what mental well-being means, why it is important to look after our mental well-being and what we can do to help keep ourselves mentally healthy.

The school council will be running a session based around this book:



Several of the children in Oketor Class have read or are reading this book and have expressed how much it has helped them to understand their own thoughts and feelings at different times. School Council have invented several different scenarios to look at with their peers, and are hoping to generate discussion about how we might feel when different things happen to us. We will use this book to help explain why we might feel that way. I have read this book (thanks to a pupil and parent recommending it to me) and it really is wonderfully good at explaining what happens in our body when we experience different feelings and how we can help ourselves with our emotions.



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

**FOBCS Book Winner!**  
**Isabella**



**FOBCS Book Winner!**  
**Barnaby**



# Star Learners

**Barnaby** has made great progress with his writing. His handwriting has become smaller and neater, his stories are interesting, creative and he makes some fantastic word choices.



**Amelia** for her focus and determination in English. Amelia has produced some fantastic writing in the passive voice for her non-chronological report.

## School Value: Respectfulness Award

**Olivia** takes care with the resources in Littlemoor, treating them respectfully and returning them to the correct place.



It has been highlighted to staff that **Sebby** has shown respect for playground agreements, making play times enjoyable and fair. Well done, Seb!




# Notice Board

Remember to book your child's school meals.  
Week beginning Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Feb  
**Autumn Menu Week 3**

## School Diary

### February

<b>Monday</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> 	<b>Space Odyssey at Northlew Primary</b> <del>OCRA Indoor Sports, 3-4pm</del> <b>Cancelled</b> <del>Super Sixes after school club, 3-4pm</del> <b>Cancelled</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> 7 <sup>th</sup>	Wildlife Session, 11-12 ( <i>Littlemoor children come in own clothes. Bring in waterproofs &amp; wellies</i> ) <b>Cooking Club, 3-4pm</b>
<b>Wednesday</b> 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Martial Arts after school club, 3-4pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b> 9 <sup>th</sup>	PE with Mr Pugh- whole school ( <i>Come in full PE kit</i> ) <b>Choir Club, 3-4pm</b>
<b>Friday</b> 10 <sup>th</sup>	Non-uniform day- Children's mental health day 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

### February

- **Mon 6<sup>th</sup>** - Space Odyssey Dome Experience at Northlew Primary
- **Fri 10<sup>th</sup>** - Non-uniform day for Mental Health Week.

### March

- **Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup>** - World Book Day (*more information to follow*)
- **Mon 13<sup>th</sup>** - Yr 5 Bikeability Cycling Proficiency (day 1)
- **Tues 14<sup>th</sup>** - Yr 5 Bikeability Cycling Proficiency (day 2)
- **6<sup>th</sup> -31<sup>st</sup>** - Festival of Hope
- **Wed 22<sup>nd</sup>**- FOBSC Bag2School
- **Tues 28<sup>th</sup>**- FOBSC Easter Fair

### April

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

### May

- **Tues 9<sup>th</sup> - Fri 12<sup>th</sup>** - Year 6 SATs week

### June

- **Fri 9<sup>th</sup>** - Swimming lessons begin for 6 weeks (Littlemoor class)