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Respectful, Resourceful, Resilient

A creative approach to learning where all pupils can succeed

Newsletter **Friday 3rd March 2023**

This week's
attendance
was:
96.99%

Dear parents/carers,

This week I have been in class talking to the children about their learning. It has been lovely to observe the children's resilience when faced with challenges in their learning. The children are continuing to grow in confidence to be able to problem solve, using their 5 B's (Brain, Book, Buddy, Board and Boss) and use manipulatives to support them with their learning. The focus and concentration of all children across the school has been fantastic!

Parents' Evening



Our parents' Evening for class 1 and 2 will take place on **Wednesday 15th March from 3-7pm**. A 10-minute slot in school will be available for parents to discuss their child/ren's spring targets and the progress your child/ren have made across the curriculum. Please sign up for a slot using Arbor. If you would like a telephone call or teams meeting, please speak to your child's class teacher. If you are unable to make an appointment on the day, we will be happy to arrange another appointment.

Residential Meetings held at Boasley

We have written to the parents of children in years 3 and 4/5 to share our exciting news about our school residentials taking place in the summer term. A parent meeting for the Moorland Hub schools will be held at Boasley Cross on the following dates.

- **Year 3 Residential – Wednesday 19th April, 5pm**
- **Year 4/5 Residential – Thursday 4th May, 4pm**

The meeting will outline the range of activities, kit list and sleeping arrangements for the children. Staff will be available to ask any questions. Please pop the dates in your diary!

OCRA Cross Country Series



Following on from the recent cross country race in Okehampton, KS2 children have been selected to compete in the following cross-country races, as part of the series of competitions.

- **Race 2- Wednesday 8th March at Chagford Cricket Ground**

The school bus and taxi at Boasley Cross will run on this day as usual but will depart school at the slightly later time of 3:20pm.

- **Race 3- Monday 27th March at Sleekers Farm, Sourton**

The school bus and taxi at Boasley Cross will run on this day at the usual time.

On these dates your child will need to come to school in their PE kit with a packed lunch and drinks bottle (*any child receiving FSM will have a packed lunch provided*). Children will have an early lunch, which they will eat in school before getting on the coach.

Please give consent for your child to take part in both events by going to the ‘payments’ section of School Gateway. Without consent your child will not be able to take part in this event.

More information including timings was emailed out to parents of KS2 children on Wednesday.

Parent Maths Survey

We are interested in how we can best support our parents to help their children at home with their maths challenges and home learning. We are asking parents to complete a quick survey so we can gauge what support our parents would like. Please click the link to complete the survey:

<https://forms.office.com/e/0Y7P0ig4wi>



Silver Stories

We are pleased to share with you that Northlew and Ashbury have signed up to become a ‘Silver Stories’ school. **Silver Stories is a charity based in Cornwall, which was created by retired police sergeant David Carney-Haworth OBE and retired primary school Head**

Elisabeth Carney-Haworth OBE.

Children, “Silver Readers”, telephone older people, “Silver Listeners”, to read to them once a week.

After every ten reading sessions, our Silver Readers can download a certificate which can be displayed in their schools. By linking readers to older people by telephone, we aim to combat the loneliness and isolation that can be felt by older people, to create intergenerational relationships and to offer children a richer reading experience. To find out more about the charity, please click on the link below:

[About - Silver Stories | A Charity Inspiring Readers & Listeners](#)

WORLD BOOK DAY

2 MARCH 2023

Today, children and staff dressed as book characters in celebration of all of the wonderful stories that have been read and enjoyed by us all not only individually but also as a class during our Guided Reading and English learning.

Children were invited to take part in a Book Character Treasure Hunt, organised by the School Librarians. Characters were hidden high and low in the outside learning environment and the children enjoyed searching, in all the crevices of the school grounds, seeking out some of their favourite personalities from well-known fictional stories.



Oketor children have taken part in a Potato Print World Book Day activity where they collaborated as a class to create their own short-story. Their beautifully creative work – linked to their current learning – will be printed and transformed into a book that can adorn bookshelves and be read again and again.



Littlemoor linked their maths learning today to a well-known character, the BFG. Year 1 and 2 children consolidated their knowledge of measurement by following instructions and measures to draw out the BFG on the playground whilst Reception children worked in reverse – they created a chalk drawing of the BFG on the playground and then used metre sticks to measure him.

A special thanks to Sara Sumner and FOBCS who helped round off the day with a Book Café that was enjoyed by the children alongside their parents.



Raffle Prize Help Request

FOBCS will be holding a raffle at both the Easter Fair on the 30th March and Family Bingo event on the 1st April.

We would really appreciate any donations of raffle prizes for these.

We have a beautiful, handmade quilt that has been kindly donated; Have you anything spring or Easter themed that you could donate? Perhaps a bottle of something?

If they could be brought to school on or before the 17th of March that would be great. Every prize donation helps us raise more funds for the school; if you would be happy to win it then it's perfect as a raffle prize. Thank you for your support!

Story Sack Project



We are embarking on a project to create some beautiful new story sack resources to help bring stories alive for the children in Littlemoor class. Story Sacks create another dimension to the book and allow children to make sense of what is going on in the story. We are very fortunate that our

FOBCS committee have provided us with some funding to help us produce these resources. As always, we are looking for ways of getting the best value out of the funds we have and are therefore asking for your help. If you have any books or resources that may be suitable (in good condition) for inclusion, please do pass them on to Miss Smaridge. Equally, if you have a skill (or know of someone who might) that could be useful (sewing, knitting, painting etc) and may be prepared to help us produce some items for our story sacks, please do let Miss Smaridge know!

We are initially looking to create story sacks for the following books (with scope for some additional ones):

Little Red Riding Hood, The Gruffalo, Dear Zoo, The Tiger who came to Tea, The Hungry Caterpillar, Room on the Broom, The Three Little Pigs, Farmer Duck, Ruby's Worry, The Colour Monster, The Lion Inside, Wonky Donkey, Not Now Bernard, The Giant Jam Sandwich, Traction Man, Hairy McLary & Donaldson's Dairy.

Forest School

This week we were learning all about fossils and how they are created. Sara brought along different objects for us to look at and feel. Some of them were real fossils and some of them were fake. We worked hard to find out what they were called and what the fossils once were.

We learnt about one of the best female fossil hunters there has ever been named Mary Anning. She found lots of dinosaur fossils that are now being exhibits in famous museums.

We made our very own fossils by imprinting shells, leaves and sticks onto clay and we will get to bring these home soon.

The Wildlife Champions



Welcome Mr Sutherland

We are pleased to announce the appointment of a teaching assistant who will work across Boasley Cross and Northlew throughout the week. Mr Sutherland will be working 1:1 with children to develop confidence and enable them to access the curriculum. Please see the piece below from Mr Sutherland.



Hi Everyone, my name is Tyler Sutherland and I want to thank everyone for the lovely welcoming I have received. A little bit about myself, I love playing with Lego (yes a little secret of mine) it has been a nice little passion of mine since I was young. I also used to practice karate for about 12 years until I moved down south. I would just like to say that I've been absolutely loving my time at the school so far. It's been lovely helping to teach the kind and endearing children of the school.

Cookery Club

Cheese scones this week and I have to say, once again, that I'm really impressed with the results. This session, the children worked in pairs to weigh out ingredients and follow instructions to make the delicious savoury snack, practising the art of combining butter and flour by 'rubbing' them together with their fingertips. The aroma coming from the hall was mouth-watering!

Mrs Ogborne



Governors Visit

On the afternoon of Thursday 16th March, our chair of governors, Richard Hollingsworth and parent governor will be in school to meet with myself, teachers and groups of children. Our governors' visits provide an opportunity for our governors to gather all stakeholders voice, find out more about the children's learning in the classroom and the school's links with the wider community.



FOBCS Easter Fair

Following our planned Boasley music concert in the Chapel on Thursday 30th March, our FOBCS have organised an Easter Fair that parents and the wider community are warmly welcome to attend. More information about the event is shared in this newsletter. Definitely a date to put in your diary!

Boasley Cross Music Performance

The children of Boasley Cross would like to invite you to attend their music performance on the afternoon of Thursday 30th March from 2-3pm in the Chapel. The performance will provide an opportunity for the talented musicians of Boasley Cross to showcase the amazing



music they have been learning and developing in their weekly music lessons with Mr Rogo as well as a performance from our Boasley Cross Choir who have been learning a range of songs with Mrs Hoskings. We hope you can all come along to join us for the afternoon.

Thank you for all of your support this week, including our World Book Day events and our reading café.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Cook

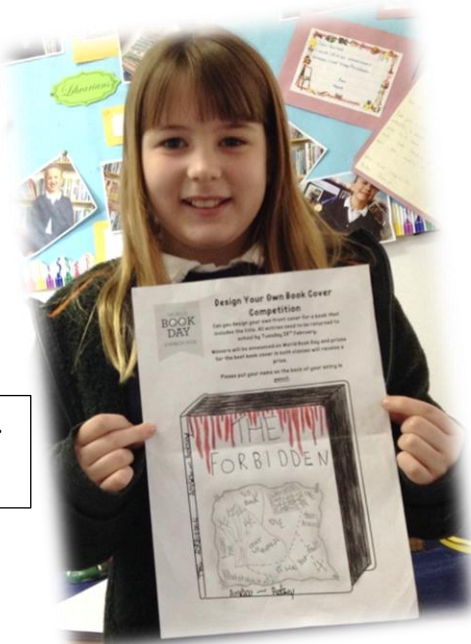


Congratulations to Alice who won the chance to take home the reading basket this week, by reading at least 5 times.

FOBCS Book Winner!
Henrietta



Design a Book Cover Competition **WINNERS!**



**Oketor-
Amelia**



**Littlemoor
- Olivia**

Star Learners

Lucy wrote all the character names from her favourite storybook independently using sounds she has learnt. Well done, Lucy!



Oscar has been noticing patterns in number which is supporting him with his reasoning and problem solving skills.

School Value: Resilience Award



Ruby for persevering with her learning. Ruby is always determined to improve and try her best.



Reuben found it difficult to think of ideas for his writing but, after only a little prompting, he completed his plan and the whole story!



School Diary

March

Monday 6 th	OCRA Indoor Sports, 3-4pm Super Sixes after school club, 3-4pm
Tuesday 7 th	Wildlife Session, 1:30pm (<i>Oketor children come in own clothes. Bring in waterproofs & wellies</i>) Cooking Club, 3-4pm
Wednesday 8 th	KS2 Cross Country Race- Chagford Cricket Ground, 1:15pm Martial Arts after school club, 3-4pm
Thursday 9 th	PE with Mr Pugh- whole school (<i>Come in full PE kit</i>) Gardening Club, 3-4pm Choir Club- Break/lunchtime
Friday 10 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

March

- 6th -31st - Festival of Hope
- **Wed 8th** – Cross Country competition at Chagford Cricket Ground (race 2/3)
- **Mon 13th** - Yr 5 Bikeability Cycling Proficiency (*day 1*)
- **Tues 14th** - Yr 5 Bikeability Cycling Proficiency (*day 2*)
- **Wed 15th** – Parents Evening, 3-7pm
- **Fri 17th** – Red Nose Day (*more information coming soon*)
- **Wed 22nd**- FOBCS Bag2School
- **Mon 27th** – Cross Country competition at Sleaford Farm, Sleaford (race 3/3)
- ~~**Tues 28th** – FOBCS Easter Fair~~ **New date below**
- **Thurs 30th** – FOBCS Easter Fair

April

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

May

- **Thurs 4th**- Yr 4&5 residential meeting, 4pm at Boasley Cross
- **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*)
- **Mon 26th - Wed 28th** - Yr 4&5 Residential at Menadue Activity Centre, Tintagel

July

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

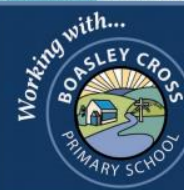
Saturday 1st April 2023

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?

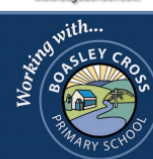
Please help raise funds for Boasley Cross Primary School by dropping your bagged items **before 9am on Wednesday 22nd March** in the bus stop outside our school.

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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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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