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Newsletter
Friday 6th January 2023

This week's
attendance
was:
100%

Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year!

Welcome to our first school newsletter of 2023. I hope you all have had a restful and peaceful Christmas holiday and managed to enjoy some quality family time at home.



It has been lovely to see the children return and settle back to school routines and systems so quickly. They have been sharing some of the wonderful experiences they have had over the holidays; meeting up with family, playing games and talking about the beautiful gifts they have received. They listened carefully to each other and the care and thoughtfulness we have seen across the school this week has been lovely. A huge thank you to our parents and wider community for all the lovely cards and gifts we received before the Christmas break, they were very much appreciated!

Curriculum Newsletters and Knowledge Organisers

Your child will have come home today with a copy of the spring term curriculum newsletter along with the knowledge organiser to support the wider curriculum subjects. Please do take time to read through the knowledge organiser as we warmly welcome anyone who has any knowledge or expertise in a particular field to come and share this with the children when we are exploring our new topics. The knowledge organisers also support the children with the subject knowledge and specific vocabulary they will be using across a sequence of learning. If you have any questions or are able to support us with artefacts or visits to enhance our topics, please do speak to a member of staff.





Devon Wildlife Trust

Devon Wildlife Trust Sessions

We are very fortunate to have Sarah from the Devon Wildlife Trust join us for some further sessions with our Littlemoor children as well as the Wildlife Champions this term. Sarah will be leading sessions which will focus on exploring scientific enquiry through the life of Winston the Woodlouse!

The sessions will begin next week and take place each **Tuesday from 11-12pm** for the next five weeks. Please can we ask that the children in Littlemoor class come to school in their own clothes each Tuesday with their waterproofs and wellies in a separate bag. We do have a collection of waterproofs and wellies that the children can borrow if they need to at school.

The Wildlife champions will have a separate session on Tuesday 31st January. We ask that on this date if your child is a wildlife champion that they come to school wearing their own clothes and bring in their waterproof and wellies.



After School Clubs

Our after-school clubs will begin next week on Monday 9th January from 3-4pm. These clubs have been organised to provide a wide variety of activities for the children to enjoy. Booking can be done through school gateway. We do request that you have booked your child a place in order that they stay after school. Anyone who has not been signed up for clubs will be unable to stay. If your child is unable to attend club, please do let us know as this may have an impact to what has been planned for the session. The clubs arranged for the spring term are:

Day	Time	Club	Available to	Cost
Monday	3-4pm	OCRA- Indoor Sports	Yrs 1-6	Free
		Super 6's Club	Yr 6	Free
Tuesday	3-4pm	Cooking Club	Yrs 1-6	£1 per session
Wednesday	3-4pm	Martial Arts Club	Yrs 1-6	Free (Grading fee £15)
Thursday	3-4pm	Boasley Choir	Yrs 1-6	Free

Tooth Brushing Scheme

The children in pre-school and EYFS will come home today with a consent letter for a tooth brushing programme we are hoping to start next week. This is part of a national scheme to reduce the amount of tooth decay that is increasing in young children. If you would like your child who is in pre-school or EYFS to take part, please sign and return the consent form to your child's class teacher on Monday.





Federation of Children's Book Groups News

For the past year, Boasley Cross has been a member of the Federation of

Children's Book Groups. The FCBG is a charity that helps to encourage children to read. The school is currently a member of it's nearest local group, Plymouth. Whilst lots of events Plymouth CBG host are a little far away to attend, we have been able to actively participate in voting for the National Children's Book Award. Littlemoor class are currently reading and voting for books to help the FCBG draw up a shortlist ready for the next round of votes. The CBA is the only national book award solely voted for by children from start to finish and it has been running since 1981. It is really exciting to be part of such an initiative. Each year thousands of books are tested by children around the country with the eventual winner being announced in June. If you would like to read more about the Children's Book Award the link to the FCBG website is here: <https://fcbg.org.uk/cba-home/>



Boasley Librarians Book Club

A brand-new Book Club is being set up in school time by the school Librarian team with the help of parent volunteer, Mrs Sumner. Every Tuesday afternoon the children across both classes will take part in a short activity to help promote reading for pleasure. Each week children will either be taking part in a craft activity or sharing books that they have enjoyed. The librarians will help to lead the activities. Each term we are hoping to invite friends and family into a Reading Café session and a special newsletter will be produced each half term to help promote the love of

Boasley
Book Club
BUILDING A BOOK COMMUNITY



reading within our school community.

Next week:

- **Oketor** will be having a craft activity
- **Littlemoor** will be sharing stories – If children have a book they have recently enjoyed that they would like to talk about, please bring it in on Tuesday.





Space Dome Experience

We are excited to share that we have managed to book a space dome experience for the children which will enhance our science topics this term. Due to the size of the dome, we need a large space to allow the visit to happen. The space dome company can accommodate all the children from Boasley and Northlew together for the experience. The visit has been booked for **Monday 6th February**. This will mean that children from Boasley Cross will be spending the day at Northlew, exploring the space dome and taking part in a range of activities based on the topic. Pre-school children will also be involved in the visit on that day. We have arranged for transport to drop off and collect the children from Boasley at Northlew. We have also spoken to our catering staff to deliver dinners for all children to Northlew on that day. We will update you over the next few weeks of drop off and pick up times for the day.

PE Kit

This term we are fortunate to have Mr Pugh, our PE specialist from Holsworthy College to continue our PE lessons each **Thursday afternoon** this term. In order for us to maximise the amount of time the children have in the hall to do their gymnastics sessions; we are asking that children come to school on a Thursday in full PE kit with their school jumper. There is no need to send in additional clothing for the children to change into.

Theatre Alibi

Theatre Alibi will be visiting the children of Boasley Cross on Wednesday 25th January for a performance of their current play 'The Parcel'. For more information on Theatre Alibi visit <https://theatrealibi.co.uk/>. Further details will be shared in next week's newsletter.



Looking forward to welcoming you all to our first celebration assembly of 2023, which will be taking place on **Friday mornings** this term at 8:45am.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.
Mrs Cook

Notice Board

Remember to book your child's school meals.
Week beginning Mon 9th Jan:
Autumn Menu Week 2

School Diary

January 2023

Monday 9 th	OCRA Indoor Sports, 3-4pm Super Sixes after school club, 3-4pm
Tuesday 10 th	Wildlife Session, 11-12 (Littlemoor children come in own clothes. Bring in waterproofs & wellies) Cooking Club, 3-4pm
Wednesday 11 th	Martial Arts after school club, 3-4pm
Thursday 12 th	PE with Mr Pugh- whole school (<i>Come in full PE kit</i>) Choir Club, 3-4pm
Friday 13 th	Celebration Assembly, 8:45am Music lesson with music specialist, Mrs Jolliffe- AM

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

LET'S TALK PRE-TEENS

Dates:

- Tuesday 17 January
- Tuesday 24 January
- Tuesday 31 January

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.

Safer Devon