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Newsletter Friday 18th February

This week's
attendance
was:
95.30%

Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to begin by thanking Boasley Cross staff who moved swiftly in organising and preparing remote provision for all our children today; including providing children with devices to access the learning. The children have demonstrated great determination and resilience in all aspects of school life over the last seven weeks, and the learning they have been producing has shown the connections made within and across the curriculum. We are extremely proud of all of them and the efforts they have made this half term.



This week your child/ren will have received their updated targets that staff and children have been working on in the autumn/spring term (parents in Oketor class will have had their child/ren's targets emailed to them today.) Through daily teaching, assessments, pre-teach and keep up sessions, staff have been able to focus on these targets with your child/ren. New targets will be set for the spring/summer term and shared with parents in our parents' consultation on **Tuesday 8th March** - times will vary depending on the number of children in the class. Please log onto school gateway to book a 10-minute teams/telephone call (please indicate whether you would like a telephone call or teams invite when booking.)

In preparation for SATs assessments, which will begin on Monday 9th May, Mrs Winter and I will be running a Year 6 SATs club after the half term holiday. This will run each **Thursday after school from 3 - 4pm** for the next 7 weeks. The club will provide an opportunity for the children to revisit any of the areas of the curriculum they are finding tricky and explore some SATs based questions to practise as a group. We hope all our Year 6 children will come along to the group. The first session will begin on **Thursday 3rd March**.





We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 3rd March. Children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character - for ideas please click on this link [World Book Day Dress Up Ideas](#). Staff will be awarding a prize for the most creative costumes in each class. The librarians will also be running a 'book hunt', as well as other activities in the library at break and lunch time. Class teachers are asking the children to practise reading a small part of their favourite book to share with the rest of the class on the day. We hope by sharing their favourite books with each other, the children will be inspired by a new author and want to read something new. Book tokens previously given to children can be exchanged for a £1 book available in most book shops. The librarians will be creating a book display in the library and children can borrow these books during break and lunch times.

The second of our cross-country events will take place on **Wednesday 9th March**. The children will be leaving school before the end of lunch and will return to school at 3:15pm. A letter has been emailed to parents of all children involved.



After the half term break, staff will begin their training to develop their understanding of our new phonics scheme - Read Write Inc. The scheme is already being used by several of our primary schools across the DMAT and having visited these

schools over the past few months, I have been impressed with the progress that the reception and key stage 1 children have made in both reading and writing using this scheme. We hope to run parent workshops in the summer term to support parents with our new reading scheme and books.

Just to remind you that our parents forum will take place over teams on **Wednesday 2nd March at 5pm**. If you would like a link to the meeting, please contact the school office by emailing admin@boasleyprimary.org.uk when we return on Monday 28th February. I will send out an agenda for the meeting when we return after the holiday.



We hope to open the doors to parents and carers when we return after the half term holiday. We hope this will begin on **Friday 11th March** with our 'book and biscuit' afternoons 2:20 -2:40pm, followed by our weekly celebration assembly. I will be updating the school risk assessment on the first week back and depending on the latest government guidance, will let you know the final arrangements. We are looking forward to inviting our parents back through the doors and sharing the fantastic learning that the children have been completing across the school.

Once again, on behalf of all the staff and children, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support this half term. Wishing you and your family a safe and restful half term break. Looking forward to seeing all our children when we return on **Monday 28th February at 8:35am**. Kind regards, Mrs Cook

Notice Board

School Diary

March 2021

Monday 28th	Nurture group (selected children) Forest School session - <i>waterproofs and wellies required</i> OCRA after school Dance club KS1/KS2
Tuesday 1st	Littlemoor Outdoor Learning session - <i>waterproofs and wellies required</i> Netball after school club Y2/KS2
Wednesday 2nd	OCRA Martial Arts after school club KS2
Thursday 3rd	WORLD BOOK DAY – <i>children to dress as their favourite book character</i> Whole School PE sessions with Mr Pugh - <i>full PE kits required</i> Forest School after school club KS2 - <i>waterproofs and wellies required</i> OCRA Multi Skills after school club KS1
Friday 4th	Celebration Assembly - <i>pupils only</i>



Head lice have been seen in school this week, so please check your child/ren and treat accordingly. Guidance can be found on the NHS website:

[Head lice and nits - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

URGENT REMINDER!

Please could all emails be sent to: admin@boasleyprimary.org.uk only as the old email address has now been disabled, so communications will not filter through. Thank you.



FOBCS REMINDER: IN CELEBRATION OF THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE, CHILDREN SHOULD HAVE BROUGHT HOME A TEMPLATE TO DESIGN THEIR OWN TEA TOWELS. IT WILL BE AMAZING TO SEE CHILDREN'S CREATIVE ARTWORK DEPICTING THE QUEEN'S HEAD, PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED TEMPLATES TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY WEDNESDAY

2ND MARCH SO THAT ORDERS FOR TEA TOWELS CAN BE PLACED. MANY THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

Please see links below providing great resources for EYFS/KS1 maths at home:

White Rose Maths have launched a Free play at home App: [1-Minute Maths](#) | [White Rose Maths](#)
'Teach your monster' (of 'Teach your monster to read' fame have launched a 'number skills'
[Number Skills - Free Mathematics Game - Teach Your Monster](#)

Year 4 children may benefit from this simple multiplication check simulator: [Multiplication Tables Check - Timestables.co.uk](#)

Free E-Bike Hire - Voucher Give Away with Granite Way Cycles

Ever wanted to test ride an E-bike? Well now you can hire one for the day, free of charge.

Spend the day exploring Okehampton and the granite way on an electronically assisted bike. Whether you're looking to use the car less, or looking to get yourself back into cycling, why not let an e-bike help get you rolling. Vouchers are limited, so this will be done on a first come first serve basis and you can only apply once. Terms and conditions apply.

[Register here](#) to apply for a free e-bike voucher, once you have registered on the link, you will receive a unique code from my colleague (please check your junk folder once you have applied). You will then need to book in with the [Granite Way Cycles](#) bike shop.

The e-bike voucher scheme aims to increase the uptake of e-cycling in Devon, by offering residents in targeted areas a full-day hire e-bike voucher. These vouchers will allow residents to give e-cycling a try from a participating bike shop, for free.

Points

- Register on this [link](#). We have 10 vouchers to give away for Okehampton.
- Once registered you will receive an email voucher with a unique code and nearest bike shop information [Granite Way Cycles](#)
- Contact [Granite Way Cycles](#) shop to book in a date and time with your unique voucher code.
- Vouchers will be valid until the **31st March 2022** (in the first instance)

All the best

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