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**Boasley Cross Primary School – Respectful, Resourceful, Resilient**

**08/03/2024**

Dear Parents / Carers

It was lovely to see the hall full once again with parents and children for 'Stay and Play' last Wednesday. These sessions continue to be very popular and Miss Smaridge loves to plan a great variety of activities.

Over the past couple of weeks, children in Years 1 – 6 have all been completing end of term assessments. It has been good to see the children's positive attitudes towards these and so rewarding to see the progress they have been making. The children also know that these assessments are only one part of the picture – we aim to support them academically as well as encouraging them to grow as individuals.

It has been unfortunate that the last two sporting events have had to be postponed due to the weather conditions. Let's hope the next few aren't affected – it has been good to have a few dry days during this past week.

We're sorry to say that, at the last minute, Mrs Hannah Barnes decided that the Pre-School position was not for her. We are doing our best to get some support in place as quickly as possible.

All the best for a good weekend.

Mrs Hosking



### **Stars of the Week**

**Week ending: 1<sup>st</sup> March:**



**Oketor Star Learner:** Alice for experimenting with lots of new vocabulary in her writing. Well done!

**Littlemoor Star Learner:** Olivia D for her independence and focus during comprehension in the morning. Liv is always on task and uses her environment for support when needed.

**Week ending: 8<sup>th</sup> March:**

**Littlemoor Star Learner:** Charlotte for her amazing progression in spelling and phonics. Keep up the good work Charlotte, you are doing really well!

**Oketor Star Learners:** Murphy: for showing great resilience when solving problems to do with decimals.



### **Reading Basket / Box of Joy:**

All the children are encouraged to read at home at least five times during the week. Everyone who has 5 signatures in their reading record book is entered into a draw which takes place in Celebration assembly. The winner from Littlemoor receives the 'Book Basket' for the weekend and the Oke Tor winner has the chance to choose something from the 'Box of Joy'! All children who read 5 times also receive a Team Point.

**1<sup>st</sup> March: Seth and Isla**



**8<sup>th</sup> March: Alice and Nate**

### **Attendance**

We continue to maintain fantastic attendance data. Thank you for ensuring your children arrive at school on time and ready for the day.

**Whole School Attendance**

**98.67%**

### **Parent Forum:**

New date for the Parent Forum: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 2.45pm. We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

### **Drum Workshops**

On Monday, after lunch, children from Reception to Year 6 will be travelling to Northlew to join in with the African Drumming Workshops. Thank you to the parents who have offered to drive – your help is much appreciated. A reminder that children will need to be collected from Northlew at 3.30pm. If you are also collecting from Pre School on that day, we will make sure your child is ready to be collected from Northlew at 3.15pm to allow enough time to travel to Boasley.

If your child usually attends Super Sixes, I will bring them back to Boasley after the workshop and they can be collected, as usual, at 4.30pm.

## **Comic Relief / Red Nose Day**

Comic Relief day is on 15<sup>th</sup> March. The School Council children have met together to plan events for the day. They are inviting children to wear something red and pay £1 as a donation to the charity. They would also like to hold a Bake Sale at playtime, so we would appreciate contributions of cakes to sell to the other children. School Councillors will be painting red noses for a 10p donation. Please remember to send some money in for your child if they would like to buy a cake!

## **Jewellery in PE Sessions:**

Our risk assessments, in line with national PE and Sport guidance, state that any jewellery, including earrings, should not be worn during PE or sport activities. In addition, long hair should be tied up and appropriate footwear worn. Historical practice of 'taping' earrings is no longer considered an appropriate safety mechanism and not a satisfactory mitigation for the risk of injury associated with earrings in sport.

We are aware that this policy has not been strictly enforced in recent months and years, which was an error on our part and for which we apologise. The safety and wellbeing of our children is, and always will be, our main priority. Therefore, having been made aware our procedure has not been robustly followed, we will be enforcing this from now on.

Children should not wear any jewellery, including earrings, during PE and Sport. Staff will be happy to assist children in removing earrings and storing them safely if required. Additionally, long hair should be tied up. General guidance states that newly pierced ears should not have earrings removed for 6 weeks. We therefore ask you to carefully consider when you arrange for your children's ears to be pierced so they don't have to miss any PE sessions.

Many thanks for your support and understanding.

Adam Hill and Nicola Hosking  
Hub Principal and Lead Teacher.

## **Spotlight on World Book Day:**

The children excelled with their fabulous World Book Day costumes. It was brilliant to hear all about the books they chose to represent. During the day, we enjoyed 'Kahoot' quizzes in class and members of Oketor paired up with members of Littlemoor to share stories after lunch. We were pleased to have so many entries for the 'Design a Book Cover' competition – we had some tricky decisions to make. I'll be starting to plan my outfit for next year soon!!





## The Next 2 Weeks

Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Drum Workshop at Northlew (pm) Children to be collected from Northlew at 3.30pm (Pre School families can collect at 3.15pm) Super Sixes club 3.30pm – 4.30pm (children will be transported back from Northlew by Mrs Hosking)
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Hockey Tournament (Y4, 5 and 6) leave at 9.15am, return at lunchtime (home packed lunches please) <b>NO Dance Club</b>
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Lego Club at Lunchtime Martial Arts 3.30pm-4.30pm PE Club 3.30pm – 4.30pm
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Forum 2.45pm Super Sixes 3.30pm – 4.30pm
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Visit to Lakeside (rearranged from 26 <sup>th</sup> ) - 4 pupils from each class – details to follow Dance Club 3.30pm – 4.30pm
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Stay &amp; Play cancelled</b> Lego Club at Lunchtime Martial Arts 3.30pm-4.30pm PE Club 3.30pm – 4.30pm
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Soup and Sweet (Year 6) Easter Concert 2.30pm in the hall
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	

\*Your child must be booked into after-school clubs via School Gateway in order to take part

## Forthcoming Events

March	
27 <sup>th</sup>	Book and Biscuit / Celebration Assembly 8.45am Cross Country (Chagford Cricket Club 4.15pm – 5.45pm) Children Break up for Easter
28 <sup>th</sup>	INSET day
April	
15 <sup>th</sup> April	All children return
19 <sup>th</sup> April	Swimming for children from Reception to Year 6 - continuing every Friday afternoon for the first half term, details to follow

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