



Dartmoor
MULTI ACADEMY TRUST

Respectful, Resourceful, Resilient

A creative approach to learning where all pupils can succeed

Newsletter **Friday 20th May**

**This week's
attendance
was:
95.10%**

Remember to book your child's school dinners for the coming week!

Dear Parents/Carers

It was so lovely to open the doors to parents last week for our Book and Biscuit and Celebration Assembly. Thank you to all parents who came along. The children really do value time to share their learning with their family and talk about the enriching experiences and the curriculum topics they are covering this term. As we are out to our theatre visit next week, the next Book and Biscuit morning will take place on the first Friday back after the holidays - Friday 10th June; then every fortnight following that. Parents are welcome to join us every Friday morning at 8:40am for our weekly Celebration Assembly.

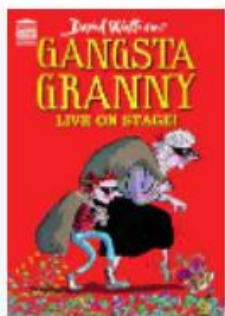


Year 2 SATs assessments

A huge well done to the Year 2 children who have been amazing this week, showing great concentration, determination and endurance to complete their assessments in reading and mathematics. The assessments will support the class teacher's planning for the rest of the term, as well as supporting their final year judgements on the children's progress.

Next week, the children will be completing their assessments in grammar and spelling. As a special treat today, the children enjoyed baking cakes, which they thoroughly enjoyed!





Gangsta Granny - Friday 27th May at Queen's Theatre

The children and staff are very much looking forward to our theatre trip next Friday at the Queen's Theatre in Barnstaple. A letter will come home with the children on Monday with information about what time they need to be at school and what they need to bring. Please see the following information about packed lunches for next Friday:

The choice of sandwiches is either cheese, ham or tuna and the packed lunch will include a slice of cake, fruit, veg sticks, Pom Bears and a drink. If you would like to book a sandwich meal, please access School Gateway as usual, selecting a sandwich choice **by Tuesday 24th May**. Thank you.

Key Stage 2 Residential Information Sessions for Parents

Parents are invited to the following information sessions for our Year 3, Year 4/5 and Year 6 residential trips after the half term break. Please see dates, venue and times below:



- Year 4/5 Residential - Thursday 9th June (4-5pm) at Boasley Cross Primary
- Year 3 Residential - Thursday 16th June (4-5pm) at Boasley Cross Primary
- Year 6 Residential - Wednesday 29th June (4-5pm) at Bridestowe Primary

Itinerary and kit lists have been given to children today, so please check your child's bag for details of their individual residential trip.



As the Bank holiday falls during the half term holidays, school will be closed on **MONDAY 6th JUNE**. Children will return to school on **TUESDAY 7th JUNE** following the half term break.

We are hoping that many of you can join us next week, on Thursday 26th May 2:00-3:00pm for our Jubilee Celebration on the school playground if the weather is nice and in the school hall if not. The children will be sharing their poems, artwork and performing some songs whilst parents can enjoy a delicious cream tea provided by the school. Please could children come into school wearing uniform as normal. We look forward to seeing you all and fingers crossed for some sunshine too!

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

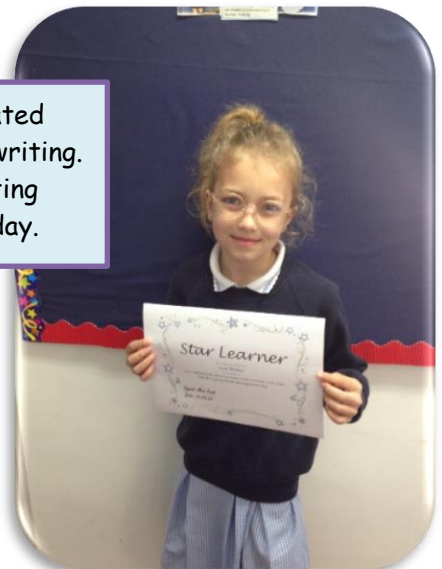
Mrs Cook

Our Star Learners this week



Lois for her sophisticated use of commas in her writing. Lois your flair for writing shines through every day.

Our fabulous Year 2 children for their brilliant resilient attitude towards all of their quizzes this week. You are absolute superstars and Miss Hyde and Mrs Turner are so proud of you!



Our School Value Certificates this week 'Resourcefulness'



Isabella used counters and a place value chart to support her learning of dividing decimals.



Esme for using the displays around the room and resources provided to her and brilliantly writing her name in hieroglyphs.



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

Notice Board

School Diary

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| Monday 23rd | Nurture Group Forest School session – <i>wellies & waterproofs required</i> OCRA Dance after school club KS1/KS2 |
| Tuesday 24th | Pre-School day instead of Friday Netball after school club Y2/KS2 |
| Wednesday 25th | Oketor Forest School session – <i>wellies & waterproofs required</i> Forest School after school club KS1 – <i>wellies & waterproofs required</i> OCRA Martial Arts after school club KS2 |
| Thursday 26th | Whole School PE sessions with Mr Pugh - <i>full PE kits required</i> Queen's Jubilee Celebration 2-3pm – <i>all welcome</i> OCRA Multi Skills after school club KS1 Tag Rugby after school club KS2 |
| Friday 27th | No Book & Biscuit and Celebration Assembly Whole School Queen's Theatre trip |

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

Monday/Wednesday/Friday:

8.30am to 3pm

Tuesday/Thursday:

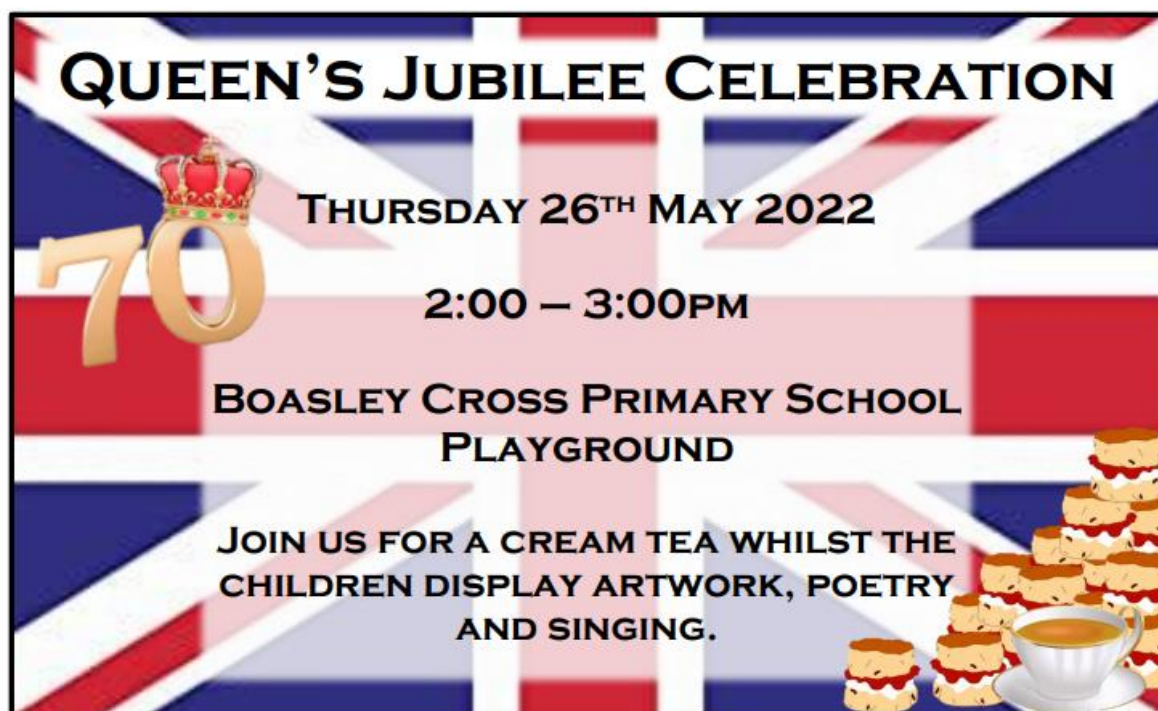
8.30am to 12pm

Please advise the office by 12pm if your child's 'going home' arrangements are to change for the day so that this can be logged for safeguarding purposes.

Thank you.

DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL OFSTED REVISIT

The recent communications regarding the SEND survey for a Devon County Council Revisit is not for the recent Ofsted inspection at Boasley Cross. This relates to an Ofsted re-inspection of the Local Authority SEND provision.



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| • Thurs 26 th May | Jubilee Celebrations 2:00-3:00pm |
| • Fri 27 th May | Theatre trip (no book& biscuit/assembly or swimming) |
| • Mon 30 th - Mon 6 th June | Half Term holiday |
| • Tues 7 th June | All pupils return |
| • Tues 7 th - Fri 10 th June | Year 1 Phonics Screen Check |
| • Tues 7 th June - Fri 24 th June | Year 4 Multiplication Check (3 week period) |
| • Thurs 9 th June | Parent Forum 3-4pm |
| • Thurs 9 th June | Y4/5 Residential Parent Info Meeting 4-5pm Boasley Cross |
| • Fri 10 th June | Okeator last swimming sessions |
| • Wed 15 th June | Wildlife Leaders Day at Meeth |
| • Wed 15 th June | September EYFS transition session 9:00-11:45am |
| • Thurs 16 th June | EYFS Vision Screening |
| • Thurs 16 th June | Y3 Residential Parent Info Meeting 4-5pm Boasley Cross |
| • Fri 17 th June | Littlemoor swimming sessions start pm |
| • Wed 22 nd June | September EYFS transition session 9:00-11:45am |
| • Wed 22 nd - Fri 24 th June | Year 4/ 5 residential trip |
| • Wed 29 th June | September EYFS transition session 1:15-3:00pm |
| • Wed 29 th June | Y6 Residential Parent Info Meeting 4-5pm Bridestowe |
| • Thurs 30 th - Fri 1 st July | Year 3 Residential trip |
| • Thurs 30 th June | Year 6 Taster Day at Okehampton College |
| • Wed 6 th July | September EYFS transition session 11:55-3:00pm |
| • Wed 13 th July | September EYFS transition session 8:35-3:00pm |
| • Thurs 14 th July | Sports Day |
| • Mon 18 th - Wed 20 th July | Year 6 Residential trip |
| • Thurs 21 st July | Year 6 Leavers Assembly |
| • Fri 22 nd July | Last day of term |
| • Wed 7 th September | All pupils return |

Attendance update

We have recently updated our attendance procedures across Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust. The link between a child's attendance at school and improved life chances is clear. We want to help all children to fulfil their potential and to get the most out of their education.

In line with our policy and government expectations, all schools in the Trust have the following procedures:

- If a child's attendance starts to drop the school will speak to parents and discuss the reason for absence and/ or support needed.
- After 10 sessions missed, you will receive a first attendance letter (there are 2 sessions in the school day – one in the morning and one in the afternoon)
- After 15 sessions of absence, you will receive a second absence letter and will be invited to have a meeting to discuss how we can best support your child to attend school more often. You will also be offered an Early Help meeting.
- If your child's attendance does not improve you will receive a third letter and the Educational Welfare Officer will be informed (EWO).

Of course there will be unavoidable absences for illness or medical appointments, but we want to minimise these where possible. Pupils and families will not be penalised for legitimate non-attendance due to having Covid 19.

No term time holidays will be authorised unless there are exceptional circumstances. Every day in school counts and even a small drop in attendance can make a difference to your child's progress.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with the school at any time if you have any queries with our Trust attendance procedures.

Train to Teach with Dartmoor Teacher Training Partnership

It's not too late to train to teach this September

Dartmoor Teacher Training Partnership is recruiting the teachers of tomorrow for our School Direct Teacher Training Programme. Come and join our forward-thinking organisation and help us grow the adults of the future. For further information, please contact our Primary Programme Lead, Sally Huxen, SHuxen@dmatschools.org.uk or visit our Trust Teacher Training page dartmoormat.org.uk/t/aboutus

Training via School Direct was a fantastic way to start my teaching career. Being able to work directly with the children and alongside supportive, experienced teachers was invaluable and allowed me to put my pedagogy into practice and develop my skills with confidence and purpose.

Joe Skinner – Former primary School Direct trainee – now teacher at Okehampton Primary

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