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Boasley Cross Primary School – Respectful, Resourceful, Resilient

10/05/2024

Dear Parents/Carers

Well, finally the sun has shown its face! The children have been enjoying the weather this week – let's hope it continues. With the warmer weather, we also notice that the number of jumpers which are being removed increases. If your child's name is not in their jumper, it is hard to work out who they belong to (and that's even after some have completed the 'smell test!!') Please could we ask that jumpers are clearly named? Thanks for your co-operation with this.

We are also trying to develop independence when coming into school in the morning. The first part of the day is a great time for the teachers to greet the children and settle them to their morning learning. We can understand that some Pre School children may still like to be accompanied but we would be grateful if parents of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 could say goodbye at the gate. If you would like to speak to Miss Smaridge, please mention this to the member of staff on the gate and the message will be passed on.

We have successfully appointed a new Teaching Assistant to work during the mornings in Oke Tor. We hope to have Hester Presswell, who the children have already met on a couple of occasions, with us before we break up for half term. Hester has previously worked in other primary schools and we look forward to what she will bring to our team.

It has been a pleasure to be outside with the children this week. Here are a few photos to show how fortunate they are to have such wonderful outside space.



Our outdoor space is set to become even better as we have heard that the first phase of the play equipment will be installed during the half term holiday. This is great news as our Year 6 children will have a chance to use it before they move on. Huge thanks once again to everyone on the FOBCS committee who continue to organize fantastic fundraising events and for everyone else for their support with this project.

Willow Update:

The time we spent on the willow tunnel earlier in the year was certainly time well spent. Here is a before and after photo:



Before 😞



After 😊



Next Year's project -
the willow dome!

Next week, our Year 6 children will be sitting their SATs. They have shown such resilience and determination whilst preparing for them. We are all extremely proud of them. I hope everyone, and especially the Year 6 children, enjoys a restful weekend and I look forward to seeing you all again on Monday.

All the best

Mrs Hosking



Stars of the Week

Week ending: 3rd May:

Oke Tor Star Learner: Sebby for a huge shift in attitude towards learning in Maths. Sebby, it has been great to see your confidence growing. Keep it up!

Littlemoor Star Learner: Olivia B For her independence and focus during most lessons. Olivia always shows a 'ready to learn' attitude and will complete her work to the best of her ability! Well done, Olivia, keep up the good work!



Week ending: 10th May:



Oke Tor Star Learner: Isla for having a great attitude towards all her learning. She always takes advice and acts on it. She is keen to share her understanding with the rest of the class and realises that making mistakes is an important part of learning.

Littlemoor Star Learner: Kaian for his fantastic story in English. Kai has been determined to create a story with adventure and excitement and that is exactly what he has done! Well done!

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.



8th March: Barnaby and Jacob



2nd May: Barnaby and Charlotte

Attendance

Attendance is again very strong this week and the support of families and the resilience of the children has been fantastic – thank you all!

Whole School Attendance:

97.13%

Cross Country

Two of our Year 4 children represented Boasley at the Cross-Country run at Chagford Cricket Club last week. Well done to Alice and Maddie and to all the runners who have taken part in some of the other events. The 'Small Schools' team came 6th overall – this was made up of pupils from across the Moorland Hub. They received their medals in assembly yesterday afternoon.



Sun Cream

Please ensure sun cream has been applied before school when the weather is sunny. We are not able to apply suncream to the children so we would encourage you to use the products which offer 8 hours protection.

RNLI Assembly

We were pleased to welcome representatives from the RNLI to lead an assembly last week. All the children (including those in Pre School) were engaged and interested. Hopefully, everyone will retain the important information on how to stay safe when they visit the beach this summer.



Free School Meals

Have you checked to see if you are eligible to claim free school meals? The criteria for those who would be able to claim is as follows:

Free school meals are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of, one or more of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit

- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Please click on this link to find out more: [Apply for free school meals - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-free-school-meals)

Meet Mrs Quinn

If you have a child in Pre School, we would love to welcome you in on Monday 23rd May at 2.30pm to meet Mrs Quinn and spend some time playing with the children. In the short time she has been with us, she has already built great relationships with everyone – we are thrilled to have her on board. As her working hours, at the moment, mean that she is not at school first thing or at the end of the day, we wanted you to have a chance to get to know her. Please join us if you can.

Spotlight on Littlemoor



This week in Littlemoor Preschool, the children have been enjoying the warmer weather in our garden and we even took the opportunity to have a picnic at lunchtime on



Wednesday. The children have been investigating the different areas created in the garden and taken out their own resources to engage and play with! It's been super seeing different friendships blossom this week and each individual's confidence growing on outside equipment!



Inhalers

We have recently been looking at the policy for inhalers; parents of children who currently use an inhaler in school will be receiving an update. If your child is prescribed one at any point in the future, please let us know and we will pass on the relevant information.

The Next 2 Weeks

13 th – 16 th May	Year 6 SATs
14 th May	Dance Club 3.30pm – 4.30pm
15 th May	Martial Arts 3.30pm – 4.30pm
16 th May	Soup and Sweet at the Chapel (Year 6)
20 – 24 th May	Year 2 Optional SATs
20 th May	Pre School Parents invited to meet Mrs Quinn 2.30pm Bristol Residential (Y5) Parents meeting 6pm Bridestowe
21 st May	France Residential (Y6) Parents meeting 6pm – 7pm Okehampton College
22 nd May	Book and Biscuit followed by Celebration Assembly
23 rd May	Rev Brook Assembly Child Measurement Programme EYFS & Year 6 children
24 th May	Break up for Half Term

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

Forthcoming Events

3 rd - 5 th June	Y5 Bristol Residential
7 th June	Parent Forum 8.45am
10 th June – 15 th June	Y6 France Residential
17 th June	Forest School Day
20 th - 21 st June	Y3 and 4 Residential
20 th June	Wildlife Champions Day 10am – 2.30pm at Meeth Reservoir (info to follow shortly)
25 th June	Y6 London trip
27 th June	Year 6 Okehampton College Taster Day
28 th June	Inset Day - <i>children not in school</i>
2 nd July	Sports Day (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE)
4 th July	Reserve Sports Day
7 th July	Year 6 Transition Day at Okehampton College

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FOBCS would like to extend thanks to everyone that supported our Online Auction! It was a great success and we are in the process of getting all lots out to the winning bidders. We raised over £1600 towards our playground fund! We were heartened by the support of family and friends throughout our school and pre-school. We are getting ever closer to our £15,000 target and there will hopefully be some very exciting developments very soon in the playground with Phase 1 of the build happening soon!

We are delighted to have recently received an extremely kind donation of £500 from NFU in Halwill towards the playground fund.

Bratton Clovelly Plant Sale is on tomorrow (Saturday 11th) and we have been chosen as one of the recipients of the proceeds this year. Please do pop along and support.

Sara Sumner
FOBCS Chair

BRATTON CLOVELLY VILLAGE

Plant Sale

**Flower & Veg plants, Shrubs and Perennials
Refreshments and Raffle**

On

Saturday 11th May

at

Bratton Clovelly Hall EX20 4JT

11am – 2 pm

Cash Payment Only



All proceeds to the following:
Bratton Clovelly Church,
Friends of Boasley Cross Primary School
&
Okehampton Community Transport Group



Boasley Chapel
Upcoming Fundraising Events During May

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Sunday 5th May 2.30pm-4.30pm
CREAM TEAS

This will repeat every first Sunday during the summer
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Thursday 16th 12 Noon-2pm
SOUP and SWEET

(A popular, regular, busy event, held every third Thursday of the month when the community gather for a catch up and chat. We have a good choice of usually 5 or 6 soups, with an even greater choice of delicious puddings, followed by tea/coffee. We originally asked for just £3 per head, and now we just leave it up to you to put in a donation.)
Booking is advised if you have people you especially want to sit with!
(Tel. 01837 861371 or 01837 861347 or 01837 871429)
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Saturday 18th May 10am-12 Noon
SCRAP METAL COLLECTION

- With Bacon Baps, Tea and Coffee
Bring along any metal scrap you would like to get rid of.
This is now a regular annual event and we usually fill the skip!
Any queries, or for possible collection Tel: 01837 871763
(No Gas Bottles, Microwaves, Freezers/Fridges, TV's or Hoovers)
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