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Boasley Cross Primary School – Respectful, Resourceful, Resilient

19/01/2024

Dear Parents / Carers

It has been so great to settle back into the school routine with all the children. Both classes have been completing some fantastic learning and enjoying many new challenges.

The cold weather certainly makes a change from all the rain we had over Christmas. Please encourage the children to wear coats – I know some are very reluctant – but we have several with coughs and colds!

There are lots of things to catch up with in the rest of the newsletter. Life in school is never dull, that's for sure! I have tried to include as many dates as possible in the section at the bottom. More information will come out as each one approaches but it's great to see so many things in the school diary.

All the best
Mrs Hosking



Stars of the Week

Week ending: 12th January:

Okefor Star Learners: Alice and Isabella for their 'can do' attitudes in their maths learning!



Littlemoor Star Learner: Lottie for settling so well into Boasley Primary.

Week ending: 19th January:

Okefor Star Learner: Freya for her resilience and reasoning skills in Maths. She is always positive, even when things are tricky.



Littlemoor Star Learner: Lottie for her determination in reading at home. Lottie, keep up the good work!

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 during Celebration Assembly. The winner from Littlemoor receives the 'Book Basket' for the weekend and the Oketor winner has the chance to choose something from the 'Box of Joy'!



12th January:
Lottie and Mason

19th January:
Olivia and Alice



Attendance

Lots of children have bravely continued to attend school despite coughs and colds. We are so pleased they are keen to come to school even when they aren't feeling 100%. Let's hope that a restful weekend helps any who are feeling unwell to recover.

Whole School Attendance

96.56%

Samba Workshops



On Tuesday next week, the children will be enjoying 'Samba Workshops' during the afternoon. We will be welcoming an experienced Samba practitioner to work with each of the classes. Hopefully, they will make some wonderful music!

Staying with the drumming theme, on March 11th, children from Rec – Y6 will be joining with Northlew to enjoy an afternoon of African Drumming. Nearer the time, we will be looking for volunteers to help with transporting the children at lunchtime on that day. If you feel you might be able to help, please let us know so that we are able to begin to sort the logistics. We are very keen for the children to be involved in as wide a variety of activities as possible. Both these workshops will be funded by the Music Education Grant.



Spotlight on Littlemoor:

Last week in Littlemoor, we began our 'superhero' topic! The children have been creating their own masks, den building and much more. During this topic we will be looking at different superhero characters and more importantly the heroes who help us all the time, including nurses, doctors, police officers, farmers and many more! If there are any parents who have any connections to these professions, we would love to have some visitors to talk through their roles with the children!



Maths Support

The Maths materials we subscribe to have a wealth of support materials which are free to access. Try clicking on the links below to explore them. Children should also all be familiar with either Times Table Rock Stars or Numbots. Remember, these can be accessed at home as well as within school time.

1. One-Minute maths [1-minute maths app](#) | [White Rose Maths \(whiteroseeducation.com\)](#) We encourage you all to download this app and use it as much as possible to support rapid recall of number facts.
2. Times Tables Rock Stars – all children have access to TTRS. Use it whenever you can to build up fluency with these key facts.
3. Home learning videos. [Maths home learning](#) | [Home learning](#) | [White Rose Maths \(whiteroseeducation.com\)](#) White Rose still has a full suite of home learning videos which were made available during Covid. These are freely available on their website and are between 5 – 10 minutes.

Cool Milk

We are in the process of arranging delivery of milk under the 'Cool Milk' scheme for children in Pre School and Early Years. This is available to children, free of charge until they reach 5 years old. A form will be passed to eligible children for parents to return by **Wednesday 23rd January** please. Milk can also be supplied to children over 5 years old at a cost of around £14 per term. Please ask for a form if you would like your child to be included if they are over 5 years old.

Singing Teacher

We are pleased to say that Mrs Hardy (Lottie's mum) is offering after school singing lessons for children from Y2 upwards. If your child would be interested in having regular lessons, please email admin@boasleyprimary.org.uk so we are able to assess how best we are able to manage the sessions. Children in receipt of Pupil Premium can receive support to subsidise these lessons.

Library

Over the last few weeks, some 'library fairies' have been at work in the school library. We are extremely grateful to Mrs Sumner who has given up a great deal of her own time to support the librarians with a, somewhat overdue, sort out of all the books. She has managed to open up the space and make the texts easier for children to access and choose from. Some of the books were rather old and we had many duplicated copies. We have donated some to local charity shops and will be selling some others with proceeds going to FOBCS. We aim to have regular times for the children to visit the library to choose a book to bring home in addition to their reading book. Thanks again Mrs Sumner – we couldn't have managed it without you!



Assembly

Rev Adrian Brook called into the school last week and has offered to lead an assembly once a half term, as he used to before Covid. He will share a moral story with the children and invite comments and questions. His first visit will be on Thursday 1st February. Any questions, please get in touch.



Soup and Sweet



Three of the children from Year 6 enjoyed serving Soup and Sweet to members of the community yesterday over at the Chapel. They made wonderful waiting staff and were a credit to the school. We will be getting involved every month with this event.



The Next 2 Weeks

Monday 22 nd Jan	Super Sixes SATS Club 3.30 – 4.30
Tuesday 23 rd Jan	Samba Workshops (pm) Dance Club 3.30 – 4.30
Wednesday 24 th Jan	PE with Mr Pugh Lego Club at Lunchtime Martial Arts 3.30-4.30
Thursday 25 th Jan	
Friday 26 th Jan	PE with Mr Pugh OCRA PE club 3.30 – 4.30
Monday 29 th Jan	Super Sizes SATS Club 3.30 – 4.30
Tuesday 30 th Jan	Dance Club 3.30 – 4.30
Wednesday 31 st Jan	Stay and Play 8.45 – 10am PE with Mr Pugh Lego Club at Lunchtime Martial Arts 3.30-4.30
Thursday 1 st Feb	Rev. Brook Assembly
Friday 2 nd Feb	PE with Mr Pugh OCRA PE Club 3.30 – 4.30

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

Forthcoming Events

February

7 th	Book & Biscuit & Celebration Assembly 8.45 Wildlife Champions Workshops 1.30 Cross Country (KS2) Abbeyford Woods 4-5 (parents to transport)
12-16 th	Half Term
19 th	All pupils return
21 st	Parent Consultations
26 th	Maths Parent Information Meeting (Time TBC)
28 th	Stay and Play 8.45-10

March

4 th	Cross Country (KS2) Simmons Park 4-5 (parents to transport)
6 th	Parents Forum
8 th	Devon Cricket Day
11 th	African Drumming Workshop (pm) at Northlew
20 th	Stay and Play Easter Concert 2.30 in the hall
26 th	Lakeside visit (selected children)
27 th	Book & Biscuit & Celebration Assembly 8.45 Last day of term

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