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

**23/02/2024**

Dear Parents / Carers

I hope you all had a great half-term holiday. We have been glad to welcome everyone back this week and look forward to more exciting learning adventures together.

It was fantastic to see so many of you on Wednesday when we held our parent consultations. Please remember, you are always welcome to make an appointment if you would like to talk anything through - you don't have to wait for parent consultations to come round again.

We have been thrilled to see our Pre-School growing over the past few months. Due to the increase in numbers, we have employed a new member of staff to the Boasley team. Mrs Hannah Barnes was successful on our interview day and we look forward to welcoming her into her new role very soon. She will hopefully be visiting us again next week and is very much looking forward to working alongside the children.

I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable weekend.  
Mrs Hosking



### **Stars of the Week**

Week ending 9<sup>th</sup> February:

Oketor Star Learner: Ruby with *much more focused attention to Lexia and some great progress through the levels.*



Littlemoor Star Learner: Arabella for her consistent positive attitude towards learning, always looking for ways to develop her skills and being a helpful 'buddy' to her peers.



Week ending 23<sup>rd</sup> February:

Oketor Star Learner: Mason for making fabulous progress with his phonics and reading. Welcome to 'Book Club'!

Littlemoor Star Learner: Jacob for his growing confidence in phonics, Jacob is beginning to blend more 3 letter words to read short sentences.



## Topic Home Learning

We had some wonderful examples of topic home learning at the end of last half term. Take a look at the photograph showing some of the finished results! Thank you for supporting them with their learning at home.



## 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'!

**22<sup>nd</sup> February**

**Lottie and Isla**

Well done to Ruby, whose name was drawn from the end of term 'Reading Raffle'. She was lucky enough to win a £10 book voucher in our last assembly before the half term holiday.



## Attendance

Once again, we have had a strong start back with our attendance. I know that coughs and colds are still hanging around – we are proud of the resilience the children demonstrate, week on week.

**Whole School  
Attendance 97.31%**

## Maths Meeting

If you would like to find out more about how Maths is taught in school, you are invited to join us for a parents' information meeting on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March** at 2.45pm (please note the change of date). We will talk through the different methods, apparatus and visual representations we use to support the children. The meeting will finish in time to collect children as usual at the end of the day.

## Drum Workshop

On March 11<sup>th</sup>, children from Reception – Year 6 will be joining pupils from Northlew for an African Drumming workshop. We will be having lunch at school but then travelling to Northlew for the afternoon sessions. We would be very grateful if you could let us know if you would be able to help with transporting children at lunchtime on the day. All children from Reception to Year 6 will need to be collected from Northlew at 3.30pm. Pre School children will remain at Boasley to access their

provision, but they can be collected at 3.15pm if parents are also collecting from Northlew at 3.30pm. This workshop is being funded by the Music Education Grant and all schools in the Moorland Hub have access to either the workshops in the morning or the afternoon.

If you can help with transport at lunchtime, please contact me: [nhosking@boasleyprimary.org.uk](mailto:nhosking@boasleyprimary.org.uk)  
We are arranging for the bus to collect from Northlew instead of Boasley on that afternoon. I will contact Super Sixes parents to explain arrangements for the after-school club on that day.

### Spotlight on Littlemoor

This week in Littlemoor we have started 'Drawing club' with the preschool and reception children. Drawing club opens up the magic world of tales and stories to the children whilst at the same time enriching their language skills, developing their fine motor skills and spending time together. This approach immerses the children into a full world of imagination where anything can happen. Introducing them into new texts



all the time and making meaningful marks surrounding the story using new sounds, shapes, numbers and much more.

### Year 6 French Residential Meeting

A **parent meeting** about the residential will be held, **in person** at the OCC Octagon on **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> Feb at 6-7. 30pm**. This is an important meeting for all parents of children participating in the residential to find out more details about the visits.

### Cross Country (Simmons Park)

Three members of Oketor represented Boasley Cross at the first of the Cross Country series organised by OCRA on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February. They all ran well and were still smiling at the end! We look forward to the next race where more children are able to compete.

Tavy Cross Country: It was such a shame this event was postponed. We look forward to finding out when the rearranged date will be and will communicate this as soon as possible.





### **Books for sale**

We have a number of guided reading texts which we will no longer be using at school. We have made 'book bundles' with 10 books in each set and just ask for a donation of £1 for a bundle. All proceeds will go toward the FOBCs fundraising campaign for the play equipment. The bundles are available from Monday onwards.

### **Mental Health and Well Being Day**



We all enjoyed a fantastic day on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February. The children got stuck in to weeding in the sensory garden, making bird feeders, creating woolen 'God's eye' decorations and mindfulness colouring. During the afternoon, the children were pleased to choose



between watching a film, using the apparatus in the hall and 'Golden Time' in the classroom. It was great to see the children working together and supporting each other. Definitely a good day for the Boasley Cross family!



### **Wildlife Champions**

The Wildlife Champions enjoyed a session with Sarah from Devon Wildlife Trust on Tuesday. They did some work around the pond to start with and were pleased to see frog spawn and lots of newts. It's great that the pond is attracting plenty of wildlife. Unfortunately, the decking is in need of some repair so this will be repaired as soon as possible. The children also did some weeding and hunted for bugs. One area has been cordoned off for a hedgehog home and the children made some signs so it doesn't get disturbed.



### **World Book Day**

World Book Day this year is on March 7<sup>th</sup>. The Librarians and School Council will soon be getting their heads together to finalise some special activities for the day, so, watch this space! The ideas already involve either dressing up as a character from a story book or wearing clothes suitable for bedtime stories. We'll be in touch next week with more information.

## The Next 2 Weeks

26 <sup>th</sup> February	Maths meeting change of date to 4 <sup>th</sup> March Super Sixes SATS club 3.30 – 4.30
27 <sup>th</sup> February	Dance Club 3.30 – 4.30
28 <sup>th</sup> February	Stay and Play 8.45 – 10.00 Martial Arts 3.30 – 4.30 PE and PE club with Mr Pugh 3.30 – 4.30
29 <sup>th</sup> February	
1 <sup>st</sup> March	PE with Mr Pugh
4 <sup>th</sup> March	Maths Parents meeting 2.45 (rearranged from 26 <sup>th</sup> February) Super Sixes SATS club 3.30 – 4.30 Cross Country 4.00 – 5.00 Simmons Park (parents to transport)
5 <sup>th</sup> March	Dance Club 3.30 – 4.30
6 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Forum 2.45 Martial Arts 3.30 – 4.30 PE Club with Mr Pugh 3.30 – 4.30
7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
8 <sup>th</sup> March	Whole school Devon Cricket Day

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

## Forthcoming Events

March - April	
11 <sup>th</sup>	African Drum Workshop (pm) at Northlew
12 <sup>th</sup>	NO DANCE CLUB due to staff training
20 <sup>th</sup>	Stay and Play 8.45 – 10.00 Easter Concert 2.30 in the hall
21 <sup>st</sup>	Soup and Sweet (in the Chapel) Y6 to help
27 <sup>th</sup>	Book and Biscuit / Celebration Assembly / Last day of term
15 <sup>th</sup> April	All children return

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## **Meal Booking- CYPAD**

Dear Parents & Carers,

We are excited to announce that **Boasley Cross Primary School** will soon be working with Cypad meal selection software, which will enhance the current processes in place around dinner procedures. Cypad will offer a number of advantages including ensuring we are keeping our children safe from allergens and improving efficiency of dinner processes and reporting.

Visit the link below for more information on Cypad meal selection

<https://www.parentpay.com/cypad/services/meal-selection/>

**From Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2024, Boasley Cross Primary School will go live with Cypad.** To book a meal, you will continue to use School Gateway as usual but once you click to make a dinner booking, you will be directed to Cypad's meal selection page. Here you will be able to select from meals that are suited to your child's dietary needs and any meal options containing your child's allergen(s), will not be visible.

As we look to go live with Cypad, there are a couple of things families can do to ensure the transition goes smoothly...

- **Check you can access School Gateway prior to going live.**  
This can be via the School Gateway APP or by visiting their [website](#).
- **Make sure the school are aware of your child's current allergens.**  
Meals containing your child's allergens will not show as available to book. The school must be notified if your child no longer has an allergen, as this will affect the meal options available to them.
- **Clear any outstanding dinner balances before Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April** If you are having difficulties clearing your balance, please discuss this with the school.
- **Please do not book any meals, add any credit or pay for any arrears on the day we go live- 5/4/2024.**  
You may lose funds for up to 10 days as the system gets integrated and goes live.
- **Book by midnight Thursday each week.**  
The booking deadline remains in place.

Your support is much appreciated, and we hope you enjoy the new features Cypad has to offer.

If you have any questions or issues logging into School Gateway, please email [iceadminteam@dmatschools.org.uk](mailto:iceadminteam@dmatschools.org.uk) or speak with your school administrator, who will be able to support you.



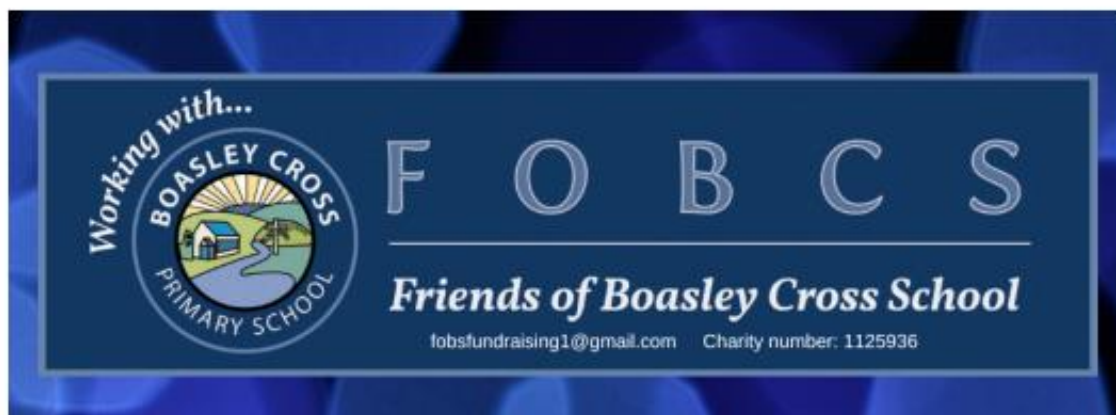
Kind regards

Hannah Maunder

Head of Information, Communication  
& Engagement (ICE admin team)










We are delighted to report that we have received another very generous grant of £1000 from a local charitable trust, The Balsdon Trust. Together with steady donations from the local community we are working our way towards our target. We are now approximately  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the way there at approximately £10,000! We still need your help, so please support in anyway you can!

### BAGS2SCHOOL

Our next collection for Bags 2 School is by 9am TUESDAY 27th FEBRUARY in the BUS SHELTER Please! Every little helps!

## Ways to help!

Share our Go Fund me page	Collect for Bags 2 School	Support our Easter Bingo	Help us with Online Auction donations	Soup and Cheese - Sourton Parish Hall
 <p>We now have a Go fund me page where people can donate. Please share it far and wide...every £ helps!</p>	 <p>Collection: Bus shelter 27th Feb by 9am</p>	 <p>Save the Date: Saturday 23rd March 5.30pm</p>	<p><a href="#">Friends of Boasley Cross School Playground Fundraiser 2024</a> (<a href="http://jumblebee.co.uk">jumblebee.co.uk</a>)</p> <p>1st - 8th May we will be holding an online auction (see below)</p>	<p>Sourton Church has offered to donate profits of their soup and cheese lunch of Sunday 10th March to us. Please do support this event if you can!</p>

# Online Auction

From 1st - 8th May we will be running an Online Silent Auction. We are in the process of gathering items to auction and would be very grateful if you could consider any contacts that you have that may be able to make a donation. It may be a voucher for something, a service that could be offered (ie lessons to learn a skill that you could teach) or an item that we could offer people to bid on etc. We will be adding lots to the auction website over the next few weeks so you can see the type of things we will be auctioning. Please do help us to promote this over the next few weeks. No lots are up yet, but the website is: [Friends of Boasley Cross School Playground Fundraiser 2024 \(jumblebee.co.uk\)](https://jumblebee.co.uk/Friends-of-Boasley-Cross-School-Playground-Fundraiser-2024) We are trying hard to get a wide variety of lots to appeal to lots of people!

**Thank you**

**THE BALSDON TRUST**

We are fundraising for our School Playground!

**We would like to thank The Balsdon Trust for a generous grant of £1000 towards our school Playground equipment - to aid the children's physical and mental wellbeing.**

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