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A creative approach to learning where all pupils can succeed

8th January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you were all able to enjoy Christmas despite the restrictions that were imposed upon us all. What a week we have all had... Following this week's announcements from the government, we have done our absolute best to respond at very short notice and have managed to accommodate a small number of children who have needed to attend school so far. We have prioritized smaller numbers to try and limit the risk of transmission of the virus.

I have written several communications so far and tried to keep you as up to date as possible. I also know that your child's class teacher is in contact with you – I hope that you have found this useful. We aim to commit to contacting you at home each week either by phone call, message on Class Dojo or email. Please continue to check your Class Dojo for updates from your child's class teacher.

There is much to be thankful for at this time of loss for so many people. Personally, I am thankful for the amazing hard work that teachers are putting in to change their approach at the last minute due to the unforeseen circumstances we have all been thrown into. Mr Paine, Mrs Winter and Mrs Elliot – thank you for all the flexibility and dedication you have shown this week! Mrs Davey, Mrs Simmons and Mrs Ogborne – you are amazing!

MILK TOKENS

Reverend Brooke and the church community have kindly offered milk tokens to families to help in these hard times. Tokens can be requested through the school office and then collected from the school gates on arrangement. One token is exchangeable for 1 litre bottle of Taw River Dairy Milk at Riverside Stores, Bridestowe. Please do let us know if you require milk tokens. We can also make use of them in school to provide milk and hot chocolate to the children accessing critical worker provision. Huge thanks to St Bridget's for this caring incentive for our rural communities.

STAFFING

Welcome to Mrs Sally Elliott and Mrs Emma Winter in Littlemoor and Dartmoor classes. Although they are not new to the school, they are now full time with their new classes. Boasley are lucky to have secured such fantastic staff at this difficult time. Bear with us as Mrs Elliott and Mrs Winter get to know you all and your children, we are working hard on this. We are, as ever, a committed team who care about the Boasley children and lockdown does not change this. In school, we have a rota system where one teacher and one TA is face-to-face and the rest working from home on remote learning. We will keep you up to date with any changes but this is working well so far to keep Boasley open for critical worker and vulnerable pupils.

DEVICES and DATA

We are working hard to ensure that all children have access to digital devices at home to be able to access their home learning. Please contact the school office if you are struggling at home, using a parent's phone for example as we may be able to help. The following link also outlines the Government incentive for increasing data allowances on mobile devices to support disadvantaged children. <https://get-help-with-tech.education.gov.uk/about-increasing-mobile-data>

SCHOOL MEALS

From Monday 11th January, Devon Norse will be able to offer a limited selection of hot meals for children attending school. Menu is attached, so please email the school office by 9am each morning if you would like to select a meal for your child. Meals as usual will be charged at £2.30 unless your child is entitled to universal free school meals (EYFS/Y1/Y2). The following link outlines guidance regarding free school meals for children in all other year groups: <https://new.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/school-meals>

Finally, we would all like to say a big thank you to parents and children who brought in Christmas gifts for teachers and support staff. They are much appreciated and will generally mean that New Year's resolutions on diet and exercise are essential!

Stay at home, stay safe and look after each other.

Mrs Deirdre Petersen

HOME LEARNING GALLERY



ISABELLA SIGN MAKING



KIERAN & ISLA DOING YOGA



NICHOLAS BAKING

STAN - ABOUT ME

I don't like mushrooms or tomatoes - yeh! I also don't really like being still or too quiet!

I love playing sport especially rugby, cricket & basketball. I am learning guitar and cello. I have a lot of energy and love being outdoors. I like whittling and have made my own bow and arrow. Sports are one of my favourite foods!

Dreams

When I grow up I want to be either an inventor or scientist and an international sportsman and a film creator.

STAN'S 'ALL ABOUT ME' POSTER



CLARA'S MAGNETIC LAND



BARNABY MATHS GAMES



OSCAR & REUBEN WORKING HARD



MORNING EXERCISE



Devon Norse Menu

This menu will operate as required until further notice.

Please note - Meals may be served in takeaway containers with disposable cutlery.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main	Sausages, Mashed Potato & Baked Beans	Pasta Bolognese & Vegetables	Roast Chicken, Potatoes, Vegetables & Gravy	Organic Pork Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Pasta & Vegetables	Mini Battered Fish Fillet with Chips & Vegetables
Vegetarian Alternative	Quorn alternative <i>*Quorn Sausages</i>	Quorn alternative <i>*Quorn Mince</i>	Quorn alternative <i>*Quorn Fillet</i>	Quorn alternative <i>*substitute Meatballs with chopped Quorn Sausage</i>	Quorn alternative <i>*Vegetable Fingers</i>
Desserts	Ice Cream Tub	Yoghurt Pot	Chocolate Cracknel	Flapjack <i>*homemade preferred. Fruity Bars available from Total Produce, if required</i>	Shortbread <i>*serve with custard, if possible</i>

Jacket Potatoes available everyday as a main alternative

Fresh Fruit available everyday as a dessert alternative

Dairy Free & Gluten Free alternatives can be available on request. Please speak to your school kitchen to arrange this.



Are you experiencing financial hardship over winter?

In response to the calls for [school meal support for vulnerable children](#) over the school holidays, a COVID Winter Grant Fund has been made available to local authorities and district councils to support families experiencing financial hardship over the 2020-21 winter. Children eligible for free school meals will be issued with food vouchers and district councils will be able to support families through their hardship grants.

Early Help will also be able to help families in this situation with a grant of up to £100 per family to support them to buy food and pay utility bills over the winter.

If you are working with families that are experiencing financial hardship this winter then please contact [Early Help](#) so that they receive this and other financial support to improve their situation. Their hardship does not need to be COVID related or recently acquired but repeat requests for help may be best supported through Early Help partners to sustainably improve the families financial situation.

Who is eligible?

The criteria set by Early Help is as follows:

- You are a family (at least 2 people where at least 1 person is either pre-birth or up to 18 yrs old)
- You are not eligible for hardship grant funding through your district council or you have not yet applied
- You are experiencing financial hardship linked to or independent of COVID (e.g. unemployed, furloughed, being made redundant)
- You need financial help to pay utility bills or buy food and essential items for your family

How can I apply?

Complete the simple application form below and return to the mailbox for your area

[Early Help Winter Fund Application.docx](#)

Northern Devon: Earlyhelpnorthsecure-mailbox@devon.gov.uk

Southern Devon: Earlyhelpsouthsecure-mailbox@devon.gov.uk

Mid and East Devon: Earlyhelpmideastsecure-mailbox@devon.gov.uk

Exeter: Earlyhelpexetersecure-mailbox@devon.gov.uk