



Dartmoor  
Multi Academy  
Trust  
...everyone in our Trust.

# Respectful, Resourceful, Resilient

*A creative approach to learning where all pupils can succeed*

## Newsletter

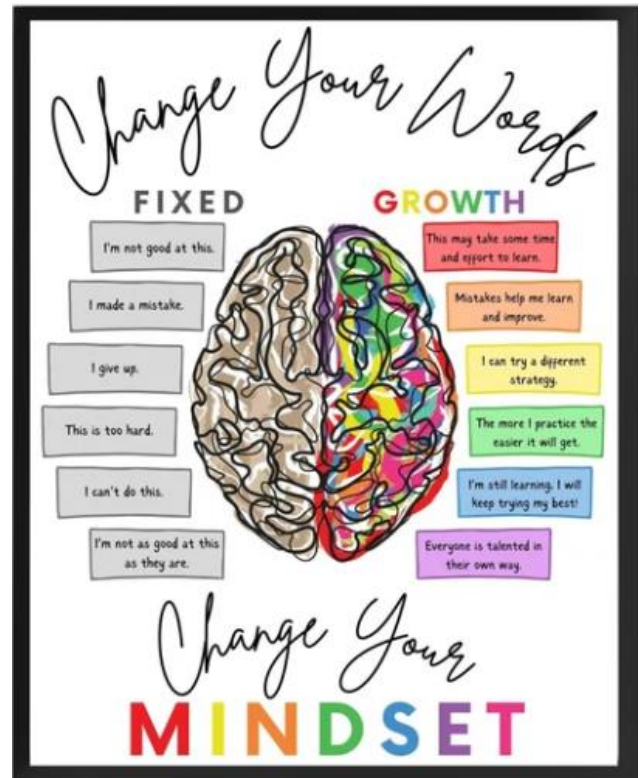
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September

This week's  
attendance  
was:  
89.80%

Dear Parents/Carers

Following announcement of our new leadership team, the children had their first meetings this week and have already begun to action some of their development points. It has been great to see the communication and collaboration between the children and their enthusiasm for the role. The groups have been creating their own action plans, which we will discuss in our meetings next week.

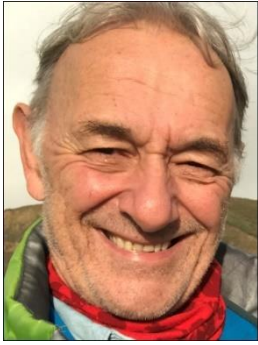
We were excited to welcome parents back into school last week for our first Celebration Assembly and today we opened school for our very first Book and Biscuit session of the year. We really do value our parental feedback and warmly welcome you to use Book and Biscuit sessions to discuss your children's learning with your child and their class teacher. We also welcome a comment/feedback sticker to be put in your child/ren's learning; these are available in the classroom and are a great reminder and words of encouragement for the children when talking with adults in school about their learning.



### Our New Chair of Governors for the Moorland Hub

After many years in Governance and Chair of Governors for the Moorland Hub, Bridget Down has decided to step down as Chair but will continue to be a part of the governing body as a Foundation Governor for Exbourne and Northlew and Safeguarding Lead across the Moorland Schools.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Bridget for all the work she has done and continues to do across our schools. We welcome Richard Hollingsworth as the new



Chair of Governors for the Moorland Hub. Richard graduated with a first-class degree in Physics and a masters in Geophysics and spent 30+ years working in the Oil Exploration business around the world for BP. He was also a non-exec director for a small oil and gas company. He has 2 children - one at Lydford Primary and one recently graduated from Edinburgh University. As a governor he is keen to make a difference and to help enrich the school lives of children in this area.

### Reading At Home

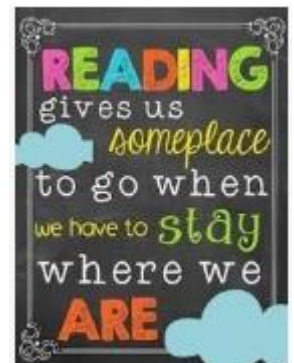
Studies show that reading for pleasure makes a big difference to children's educational performance. Likewise, evidence suggests that children who read for enjoyment every day not only perform better in reading tests than those who do not, but also develop a broader vocabulary, increased general knowledge and a better



understanding of other cultures. We ask that parents continue to support their child/ren by reading at home every night and recording this in their reading record books. Children in Littlemoor class who are following the RWi programme will have a book to practise at home, as well as a book from the library. All other children will have a banded reading book to continue to read, as well as a library book. Children in Oketor class will be supported to choose a book from the school library.



We will continue with our weekly reading basket raffle which will be drawn every Friday in our celebration assembly. Children will have their name entered into the draw for reading 5 times a week and get to take home a selection of gorgeous books, as well as snuggly blankets, hot chocolate and marshmallows! Definitely what is needed as the nights get darker and the weather gets colder.



### Parental Support

We are aware in the current climate that some families may be experiencing financial difficulties with the rise in cost of living and energy prices across the country. Please find below a link to a variety of support networks, including local food banks, food vouchers and housing support. If you would like any further information or support, please speak to myself or your child's class teacher.

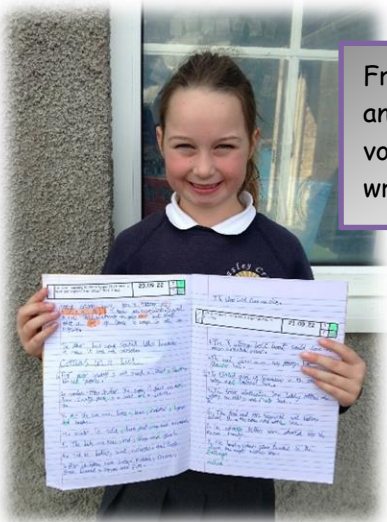
[EARLY HELP SIGNPOSTING - COST OF LIVING.docx \(sharepoint.com\)](#)

Mrs Davey will be absent from the school office for a period of time whilst she recovers from surgery. Miss Maunder, the school administrator at Northlew will be covering the admin role in her absence, together with support from administrators across the Moorland Hub. Please be aware that the school office will not always be manned. If you do need to discuss something, please speak to your child's class teacher or myself at the gate or alternatively call Northlew directly on 01409 221420. I'm sure you will join me in wishing Mrs Davey a speedy recovery, we will miss you!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Mrs Cook

## Our Star Learners this week



Freya for the ambitious and sophisticated vocabulary used in her writing.



Mason for his determination with his maths task, he just kept going even when it was difficult.

## Our School Value Certificates this week

### 'Resilience'



Charlotte was finding a task tricky but she persevered, asked for some help and she kept going until it was finished.



Louis for showing great resilience by recognising ways to become an active learner.



# Notice Board

Remember to book your  
child's school meals.  
Week beginning 26th September:  
Autumn Menu Week 1

## School Diary

### September 2022

<b>Monday 26th</b>	OCRA Dance after school club 3-4pm
<b>Tuesday 27th</b>	Y6 Junior Life Skills event 9.30-12.15pm Parklands, Okehampton Netball after school club 3-4pm
<b>Wednesday 28th</b>	OCRA Martial Arts after school club 3-4pm Kodaly Music & Movement after school club 3-4pm
<b>Thursday 29th</b>	Whole School PE with Mr Pugh OCRA Tag Rugby after school club 3-4pm
<b>Friday 30th</b>	Celebration Assembly 2.40pm



- Tues 27<sup>th</sup> September Y6 Junior Life Skills Parklands, Okehampton 9.30-12.15pm
- Tues 4<sup>th</sup> October Y6 Moorland Hub Residential meeting Boasley Cross 3.45pm
- Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Oct 2022 Okehampton College Open Evening (details to follow)
- Tues 11<sup>th</sup> October Parents Forum 3pm
- Wed 12<sup>th</sup> October Apple Tales Workshop (FOBCS)
- Wed 12<sup>th</sup> October Parents Evening - booking through Arbor
- Fri 21<sup>st</sup> October Half term
- Mon 31<sup>st</sup> October All children return
- Fri 4<sup>th</sup> November Tempest individual & family photos
- Tues 29<sup>th</sup> November Whole School Flu Immunisation programme
- Tues 6<sup>th</sup> December Parents Forum 5pm
- Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> December Naturemakes Workshop (FOBCS)
- Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> December 'Robin Hood' Pantomime Northcott Theatre
- Fri 16<sup>th</sup> December Last day of term

## School Leadership Groups

School Council - Our first meeting is scheduled for Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September when we will look at important dates coming up in the school diary which the council will want to support, as well as capturing pupils' ideas for After-School Clubs, along with ideas for how we can incorporate the Forest School Area into our learning topics.

Sports Leaders - Our sports leaders have been busy organising our equipment this week and we have had a meeting to look at utilising equipment during PE lessons and also at break times.

Librarians - The Librarians have met with Mrs Cook this week and we are seeking to develop an outside reading area so that children can further their love of reading outside of the classroom as well as in. We are looking at developing this reading and craft area within our outstanding Forest School Area.

Wildlife Champions - I will be meeting with our wildlife champions next week when we'll be looking at prioritising areas in our wildlife settings that need attention. We will be looking to plant some spring bulbs in our sensory garden and would really appreciate any small donations of bulbs that you may have going spare - thank you!

Mrs Ogborne

**Friends of Boasley Cross Primary School (FOBCS)** will be holding their AGM at the Clovelly Inn at 8pm on Monday, September the 26th. All are welcome! We will be making plans for the forthcoming year; your opinions are valued. We are a friendly bunch and typically enjoy a drink, a natter and perhaps a few snacks as we meet. Hope to see you there.

## **FOBCS sponsored walk!**

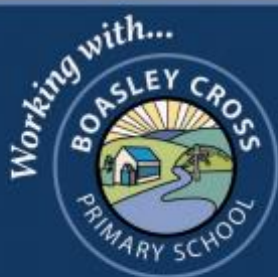
**Saturday the 24th September at 2pm.**

**Join us at Bratton Clovelly Parish Hall to walk the Packhorse Trail and raise funds for Boasley Cross Primary School.**

**Teas/coffees and cake available at the parish hall after our walk.**



- Sponsorship form will be sent home from school with your child.
- The Packhorse trail is about 2 miles; walk will start and finish at Bratton Clovelly Parish Hall (EX20 4JT).
- Well behaved dogs on leads are welcome.
- FOBCS members will help guide round the route, however parents and carers are responsible for the children in their care.



**F O B C S**

***Friends of Boasley Cross School***

fobsfundraising1@gmail.com Charity number: 1125936



# APPLE TALES

## A Seasonal Celebration for Schools : Pressing Apples and Storytelling



The workshop is a practical exploration of how to make apple juice using choppers, a scratter and a barrel press. As the apples are pressed we tell stories celebrating the magic of apples from different cultures and the seasonal cycle of blossom, pollination and fruit.

*Kevin and Jo were inspirational in their storytelling and all of the children enjoyed seeing the journey from an apple to lovely apple juice. It was a magical day in school.*

*Ide Primary*

Kevin and Jo Cotter have worked with schools and community groups for many years and this project is part of the outreach work of the Okehampton based Harvest Workers Coop.

Each workshop lasts an hour. We can work with one class or across the whole school! Cost is based on £2 - £3 per child but does depend on travel, the number of workshops and whether you can supply your own apples. Hagglng is welcomed! Apple Tales is COVID risk assessed.

For more information and booking  
contact [kevin@harvestworkerscoop.org.uk](mailto:kevin@harvestworkerscoop.org.uk)

We are a **non-profit workers' co-operative** made up of farmers, educators and storytellers. We grow and source good organic food for our little farm shop in Okehampton. We create opportunities for our community to explore all things food and farming and to celebrate **Good Mood Food!**

Harvest Farm Shop, Red Lion Yard, Okehampton

[www.harvestworkerscoop.org.uk](http://www.harvestworkerscoop.org.uk)



## **Help Needed – School Governors – Moorland Hub Local Stakeholder Board.**

To support the work of schools and the Trustees, Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust ensures the local stakeholder voice is represented and heard through our Local Stakeholder Boards.

The Moorland Hub is one of these, and includes the 6 Primary Schools of Boasley Cross, Bridestowe, Exbourne C of E, Highampton Community, Lydford and Northlew & Ashbury Parochial C of E.

The local stakeholder board provides local access for our parents and carers, and has a group of diverse Governors who work cooperatively to fulfil the following roles:

- To advise/act as a critical friend to the principal's
- To advise the Trust Board about local issues they need to consider that might affect the schools
- To represent the interest of the community within the Trust
- To represent the school in its community
- To ensure that each school's co-op identity is supported by listening to the pupils, parents, staff and the local community

Our board can accommodate people with differing desires and skills. Governors do not need to have an education sector background, nor do they necessarily need to have children at one of our schools. In addition to the basic roles above, there are also lead roles available for those with specific interests or skills.

For an application form please contact  
**[j.hooper@dmatschools.org.uk](mailto:j.hooper@dmatschools.org.uk)**.

To find out more, or to arrange an informal chat, please  
email **[j.hooper@dmatschools.org.uk](mailto:j.hooper@dmatschools.org.uk)** or the Chair of Governors  
**[RHollingsworth@dmatschools.org.uk](mailto:RHollingsworth@dmatschools.org.uk)**





# LYDFORD FOXES AFC

## Session for 5 - 8 year olds

The exciting session for our popular 'Fox Cubs' will return as of

**Saturday September 17th 2022**  
**9am - 10am**

Established in 2016 this small, friendly local youth football club with a strong family feel offering fun training sessions to focus on the development of skills for the beautiful game.

Sessions to run at Lydford Sports Field, EX20 4BE each Saturday.  
To register your interest please contact us.

[play@lydfordfoxes.com](mailto:play@lydfordfoxes.com) or [www.lydfordfoxes.com](http://www.lydfordfoxes.com)

Lydford Foxes currently have U10s and U16s teams playing in the Adrenalin Devon & Junior Minor League as well as the U18s that are now focusing on a pathway to lead into training and playing with nearby local adult team, FC Tavyside.



**Plymouth Children's Book Group**  
Federation of Children's Book Groups [fcbg.org.uk](http://fcbg.org.uk)



# Autumn



## Bedtime Stories & Activities

for 4-7 year olds

### Monday 3rd Oct

### 5.00 - 6.00 pm

**Keyham Green Places**  
Renown Street, Plymouth PL2 2DT

Accompanied children only  
Yummy hot chocolate  
and snacks



**Book your FREE place  
by Friday 30th Sept**

[plymouthchildrensbookgroup@hotmail.com](mailto:plymouthchildrensbookgroup@hotmail.com)

**See you there!**

*This event is funded by Plymouth Together [plymouthtogether.co.uk](http://plymouthtogether.co.uk)*