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Dear Parents

This week...

Safeguarding

This week, Mr Rix led training for the whole staff on Protective Behaviours following the course he attended earlier in the term. The idea of Protective Behaviours is based on creating a physical and emotional safe space for all, where connection and relationships can flourish, and all children feel they belong. The session explored the two key principles:

'We all have the right to feel safe all the time'

'We can talk with someone about anything, even if it feels awful or small'

Our safeguarding governor, Andrew Newland also focussed on these principles when visited on Friday. 'It was a most enjoyable morning in the school; I especially enjoyed my time in the classroom with the children. It was an illustration of the ethos of Boscastle and a supporting illustration of your approach and execution of our responsibilities towards Safeguarding, it was lovely to hear the children's response to my questions about their times in school and enthusiasm for coming to school. In short, they love their school; being there and have some wonderful and reassuring comments on relationships with the staff.'

Andrew Newland



Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility

[Protective Behaviours - Home to PBPeople and the Protective Behaviours Association](#)

EYFS The children have continued exploring based around the story, 'We're going on our bear hunt', using their senses to describe the different parts of the story. In Literacy, they have innovated from the text, making a story string and spotting some interesting clues about what was lurking in our Wild Valley! They hope to share this next week.



They have continued work on matching objects to numerals and ordering in maths.

The message bureau has been a big hit; making and posting notes to family and friends.



Year 1 and 2 have been finding out about the life of children's author, Roald Dahl to be able to write a biography in the coming weeks.



In Geography, the children have been learning how to use an atlas and to use a key to locate features on the map of South-West England such as main towns, rivers and airports. In PSHE, they were discussing the topic of kindness and in art, they've been exploring colour mixing using primary colours to create secondary colours.



Year 3 and 4 enjoyed exploring aspects of life in Bronze Age Britain during our afternoon in the Wild Valley. The children learnt about farming, tools, settlements and found remnants of pottery that they examined.



In writing, we have begun learning the features of a newspaper report ready to write our own reports about a former pupils exciting discovery... we look forward to sharing these with you soon. In Science, the children have sorted animals according to their skeleton type: exoskeletons, endoskeletons or no skeleton, and have considered the advantages and disadvantages of each one.

Year 5 and 6

We have finished our reviews of the class text and have now started researching significant artists within black culture. We are looking at artists who have had an impact upon our culture and society. In History, we've been looking at what life was like for enslaved people after the abolishment of slavery. We have been learning about our differences in PSHE and how to make informed decisions about difference in specific scenarios. We have also looked at our safety online through the use of Gooseberry Planet.



Next week ...

No Cooking Club on Wed 29 Dec – due to a staff meeting.



Peter Pan Theatre Trip at the Hall For Cornwall **on Friday 15 December**

Letters will be sent home next week with further details.

Please ensure permission slips are returned to school, or emailed to Jeanette by **Friday 08 December**.

Coming up ...



We've teamed up with Scholastic again this year to bring you a "Half Price" Book Fair.

The Fair will be held in Class 2 on the following dates:

Monday 4 December 2.45 to 3.30pm

Tuesday 5 December 3.15 to 3.45pm

Should you wish to order any of the titles on offer we have been assured they will be delivered well before the end of term. Every purchase you make will generate rewards for us to purchase books for school.

Also:

Pre-loved School Uniform Exchange - all donations welcome & many sizes of uniform available. Please help yourself from the growing amount of uniform items we now have.



Swap Shop Christmas Jumpers

Bring along any jumpers which have been outgrown and swap for another.

Pre-loved Uniform and Christmas jumper donations can be left in reception from Monday next week. Many thanks.

Christmas Cards

This year, our reception children will be setting up a post office in the classroom so they'll be in charge of our Christmas post this year. The post office will be open for business from **Monday 04 December**, when children can post their Christmas cards if they wish to. Reception will then sort and do a daily delivery to each class. Please ensure the name is written clearly on the front of the envelope to help them out. This is optional and just if children wish to send cards to classmates.



**Wreath making afternoon
in the Wild Valley**
Thursday 07 December From 2.00pm

We'd love for parents to come and join us.

We have plenty of willow for wreath making. Please could parents bring your own greenery, fir/ pinecones and anything else you may wish to use e.g. decorations, fabric, etc. Thank you.

Refreshments: Mulled wine & mince pies for adults. Cakes & juice for the children.



**BOSCASTLE
CHRISTMAS
LIGHTS
SWITCH-ON**

FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2023
SHOPS OPEN UNTIL 6:00PM

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS
SWITCH-ON 6:30PM

FOLLOWED BY CHRISTMAS CAROLS LED
BY THE BOSCASTLE BUOYS

FREE SHUTTLEBUS AVAILABLE

SHUTTLE FROM 4:30PM, 5PM AND 5:30PM FROM THE
DOCTORS' SURGERY, BUS SHELTER, THROUGH TO THE
JUNCTION OF GREEN LANE & PENTARGON, JUNCTION
OF TREFLEUR CLOSE & LANGFORDS MEADOW. RETURN
JOURNEY IS OFFERED FROM 7PM FROM THE CAR PARK.

 **Boscastle**
Chamber Of Trade & Commerce

We're delighted to be invited to join in and sing at the Christmas Lights Switch-On again this year.

6.20pm

Children to meet up with staff at the end of the Car Park beside the Cornish Stores.

6.30pm

Christmas Tree light switch on, followed by the Christmas Carols by the Boscastle Buoys and Boscastle School Singers.

6.40pm

Parents to meet children after the singing.

Thank you so much to Louise Smith for co-ordinating our involvement in this event.

Kind regards
Sara Haden
Headteacher