



Starcross Primary School

May 2024 Newsletter



The school year is flying by! I can't believe that I have been the Head at Starcross for almost a whole year.

This half term lots of moments have made me really proud to work at Starcross; seeing the whole school community come together in yesterday's cake sale to raise money to support children in Nyamba school was a very special moment, enjoying the talents of our children in Stars Assemblies when the children share trophies and certificates showing their achievements outside school, the maturity of our year 6 children in how they faced the national tests last week with courage and determination to do their very best, supporting the phonics booster class this week and seeing how enthusiastically the year one children have come into school early to practice and finally, overseeing the installation of some new signs with the new logo on has rounded the half term off nicely.

Starcross Primary School is a very special place. You are all a part of that. We hope you have a lovely half term break and we will see you all on June 3rd.

Mrs Trail



PTFA NEWS—THANK YOU!

£483 raised from Mothers & Others Day sale

£462 raised from the horse racing evening

£125 from the bag2school collection

Thank you for the donations in aid of our Fathers & Others Day Sale, more info to follow soon.

Please keep baking and freezing cakes for us for our stall at Dawlish carnival on Thursday 15th August, we need as many as we can get our hands on! Thank you.



PE NEWS

A group of our Year 3 and Year 4 children played some football matches against teams from Cockwood Primary School, on the Starcross field. We were very proud of all of the children and they represented the school very well. They played brilliantly and showed excellent teamwork and sportspersonship too! We had some children from both schools who had not taken part in such an event before and they all got stuck in!

Well done, everyone.



DIARY DATES

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3.6.24	Back to school—Summer Term 2
14.06.24	Fathers and Others Day Sale (during school)
1-3.7.24	Y4 Pixies Holt residential
10.7.24	Sports Day for Pre-School (am) and School (pm) timings tbc
16.7.24	Y6 Leavers performance matinee and evening—times tbc
17.7.24	Reserve Sports Day for Pre-School and School — times tbc
18.7.24	Pre-School Graduation—times tbc
19.7.24	Y6 Graduation - times tbc

Help needed!

We hope that your children have been telling you all about the new equipment we have on the playground as part of the OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) project. It has been a great success so far but we need your help to make the children's playtimes even better! We are asking for donations of items that the children can use such as:

Wooden pallets and strong planks – these are the next things we would like to introduce to the playground. As with any new equipment, we risk-assess their use and take the time to teach the children how to use them safely. Wooden pallets and planks strong enough to stand on are very good for children to build low bridges with or obstacle courses.

Old tyres – these have been very popular with the children and so we would love to have some more. If anyone is able to get some, please let us know. We would have to check that they are not too worn that the wires are poking out before we let the children play with them.

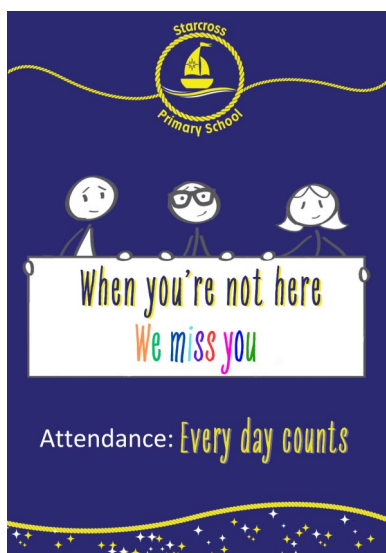


Plastic pipes or tubes – these are great for den building but we have found that regular drainpipes are too easily broken. Anything that is thicker and sturdier would be very welcome.

Wooden cable reels – the children have been using these as bases for den building but also enjoy rolling them around.



Large plastic barrels or water butts – the children have been very imaginative in how they play with these so we would love to have some more. As with the plastic pipes, they would need to be made of heavy-duty plastic so that they are strong enough.



HUGE THANKS from Miss Godbeer to all parents who either baked, bought or gave their child money to buy cakes to raise funds for Nyamba school in Zambia.

The total raised was a massive £205.00 which will be gratefully received and used for reading books and resources when Miss Godbeer visits.

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