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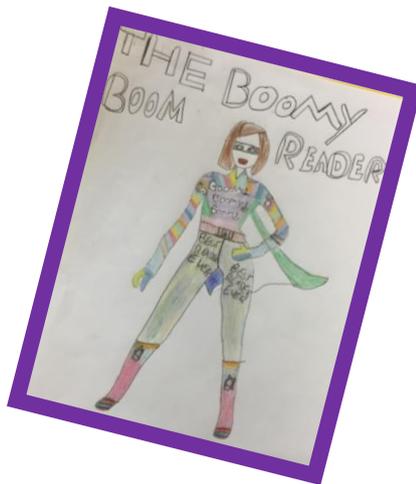
Our **Value of the Month** for October is **POSITIVITY**

Newsletter – October 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Rock Star Reader

As part of our drive to support children develop a life-long love of reading Mrs Kershaw, our Literacy Co-ordinator, introduced a reading competition. The children were asked to design their own superhero character that would become our new school reading mascot. The winning design will be on our 'Rock Star Reader' certificates that are handed out each week in our achievement assembly to our reading superheroes. The aim is to reward the children who try hard with their reading and ensure that we recognise their commitment. To support with this we are purchasing more books to offer greater variety to our readers. The entries were excellent and below is the winner, which was designed by one of our Year 6 pupils, along with other entries.



The winning design



To help our local wildlife and environment we will be working with The Woodland Trust this year. They are donating saplings to our school to plant in the grounds. The children have been learning about this in assembly and we look forward to receiving our trees early in the Spring ready for planting. Rachel Locke from the Woodland Trust will be coming into school after half term to talk to the children to explain more about their work and the positive difference we can make to our local area.

Parents' Evening for Parents/Carers



Just a reminder that our Parents' Evenings for this term are on Monday 25th November and Tuesday 26th November. A text will be sent out in due course so you can book a time to see your child's teacher and also look at their work from Autumn term.

Year 3 & 4 Class Assembly – Thursday 24th October



Parents and carers of children in Miss Purdy's Year 3 & 4 class are invited along to their class assembly on Thursday 24th October at 9.00am. We look forward to seeing you there.

Our Elected Groups



We are pleased to announce that school councillors have been voted for and will be working with Miss Hartley this year. Previous school councillors have had many great ideas on how to improve our school so we can't wait to see what they achieve across this academic year.

Applications for Reception Class Places in 2020



The application process for admission to Reception in September 2020 has opened and will close on 15th January 2020. An offer of a school place will be made on 16th April 2020. For more information visit

www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Please note that if your child comes to our nursery you still need to apply through this process via Durham Local Authority to request a place in our school.

Photos – Thursday 7th November



The school photographer will be in on Thursday 7th November. Family photos will be taken from 8.30am in the main hall. This is only for pre-school children and their siblings who attend our school. This tends to be popular so your patience with this is always appreciated. All other children with siblings already in school will have their photos taken during the day. Class, team and individual photos will also be taken in school across the morning. Morning nursery children will have their photos taken. Children who attend the afternoon nursery sessions are invited to join us from 9am and return for their usual afternoon session once they have had their photo taken.

Safeguarding

All staff and governors are committed to keeping all children safe at Bournmoor Primary. There is an updated version of the government's 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' which came out in September 2019. We have updated our safeguarding policies and procedures to reflect the changes in this document. If you have any concerns about a child you can speak to Mrs Snowdon, who is Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mr Seaton who is also a DSL or alternatively you can phone First Contact on 03000 267979.

Robinwood Activity Centre



At the start of this term children in Year 5 and 6 went to Robinwood Centre. Mr Seaton and Miss Hartley reported the children challenged themselves to try the adventurous activities and showed excellent behaviour and attitude throughout. Photographs of the activities have been placed on our twitter feed on our home page www.bournmoor.durham.sch.uk. If you would like to view our twitter page then please search **bournmoorps** and follow us for regular tweets and updates. Thank you for the positive feedback as we are keen to offer trips and visits that challenge the children and offer them new experiences.

School Dinners



Just to say thank you to all the parents who are paying dinner money on a Monday for the week ahead. Durham County Council politely request that all parents, who pay for their child's lunch, pay on a Monday in full for the week ahead. Also if you would like your child to change from packed lunch to school dinners (or vice versa) then the office requires one weeks notice. Your support with this is appreciated.

SCHOOL IS CLOSED FOR HALF TERM ON FRIDAY 25th OCTOBER AND PUPILS RETURN ON MONDAY 4th NOVEMBER

Yours sincerely, Mrs L A Snowdon, Headteacher