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Our Value of the Month for September is **RESPONSIBILITY**



Newsletter – September 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome Back! 

Welcome back to our new academic year and I hope you all had a good summer. I would like to offer a warm welcome to our new Reception and Nursery pupils. It has been wonderful to see them settling in and they are enjoying being in their indoor and outdoor learning spaces. Also we wish our former Year 6 pupils good luck as they head off to secondary school. This term is always a busy one so it is great to see how all the children have come back to school ready to learn.

Ofsted Report

We are very pleased to announce that our Ofsted report has been released. We have been graded 'Good' again and the report reflects the many positive aspects of our school. It is available on our school website via our Twitter feed and also will be on the Ofsted website from next week.

Swimming Lessons – Year 6

Just a reminder that swimming lessons begin this term. Children are required to bring in a swimming costume, cap and towel each Monday for their lesson. A letter has been sent out but if you have any questions please contact the office. Swimming begins on Monday 9th September and we have again been given the afternoon session. All children in the Juniors will go swimming this year and we begin lessons with Year 6. Lessons will be as follows:

Autumn term 1	Autumn term 2	Spring term 1	Spring term 2	Summer term 1	Summer term 2
Year 6	Year 5	Year 4	Year 3	Year 3	Year 6

Parent Questionnaires

Many thanks for all the parent questionnaires returned at the end of last term. We received 22 replies which provide valuable feedback to us. The vast majority were overwhelmingly in support of what we offer. Some provided ideas for improvements which we have taken on board e.g. a few parents suggested that we could focus on homework (i.e. the amount given and the time to complete it). This is something that we are looking carefully at. We appreciate the time taken to return these and the comments given.

Curriculum Grids and Helpful Guides

The new curriculum grids for 2019-20 are on our school website www.bournmoor.durham.sch.uk which outline what your child will be learning in school across the year. Also on our website are 'Useful Guides' to help with Literacy, Phonics and Maths at home. Subject co-ordinators have written these to try and support learning at home. To provide information on how your child is learning we offer 3 Parents' Evenings (1 per term) and also you can speak to your child's class teacher informally. In addition to this we plan to offer reading workshops/support as this is something identified that could be beneficial to parents helping their child at home.

Earrings

We aim to be an earring free school to ensure the safety of our pupils. In PE lessons children are not allowed to wear earrings and therefore we ask for your support in this. If your child has had their ears pierced in the summer holidays then please can they remove their earrings when the healing period has elapsed to allow them to be safe and enjoy their PE lessons.

SCHOOL IS CLOSED FOR HALF TERM ON FRIDAY 25th OCTOBER AND PUPILS RETURN ON MONDAY 4th NOVEMBER.
 Please note that the full list of school holidays for 2019-2020 is on our website to ensure holidays are not taken during term time.

Yours sincerely Mrs L A Snowdon (Headteacher)

Bournmoor Primary School - Key School Diary Dates 2019-2020

4 September	School reopens to pupils at 9.00am
5 September	Music Works assembly
16-18 September	Y5/6 Residential to Robinwood
9 September	Clubs begin for Autumn term 1 (see the clubs letter on our website www.bournmoor.durham.sch.uk)
10 September	Swimming begins for Y6
24 October	Y3/4 Class assembly
25 October	School closes for half term at 3.15pm
4 November	School reopens at 9.00am
7 November	School photographs
21 November	Reception, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4 Flu vaccine
22 November	Staff Development Day. School closed to pupils.
25 November	Parents' Evening
26 November	Parents' Evening
13 December	Christmas Jumper Day for charity
16 December	Nursery Christmas show
17 December	Grandparents' Christmas show (pm)
18 December	Infant Christmas lunch and show (am)
19 December	Junior Christmas lunch and show (am)
20 December	Pantomime in school - please note this is a non-uniform day
20 December	School closes for Christmas holidays at 3.15pm
6 January	School reopens for pupils at 9.00am
6 February	Y2 Class assembly
13 February	Valentines Disco - please note this is a non-uniform day
14 February	School closes for half term at 3.15pm
24 February	School reopens at 9.00am
5 March	World Book Day – children are welcome to dress up as their favourite book character
23 March	Parents' Evening
24 March	Parents' Evening
1 April	Y1 Class assembly
1 April	Easter lunch for nursery & infants
2 April	Easter lunch for juniors
3 April	School closes for Easter holidays at 3.15pm
20 April	School reopens at 9.00am
6 May	Reception assembly
8 May	Bank Holiday – School closed
May	KS1 SATs test period
W/C 11 May	SATS week for KS2
22 May	School closes for half term at 3.15pm
1 June	School re-opens at 9.00am
W/C 8 June	Year 4 times tables tests (across 3 weeks)
June	Phonics testing period
June/July	New Reception visits – visits across June/July - dates to follow
19 June	Staff Development Day. School closed to pupils.
29 June	Parents' Evening
30 June	Parents' Evening
July	End of year disco (date to be confirmed) – please note this is a non-uniform day
6 July	Sports Day (AM) – children come into school in their PE kits wearing a t-shirt in their team colour
9 July	Transition morning to meet the teacher for the next academic year
13 July	Attendance Trip
15 July	Y6 Leavers' Show with Year 5

Please note any additional dates will be sent out throughout the year.
Please ensure we have your up to date mobile number so you can receive text messages.