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Our **Value of the Month** for March is **RESILIENCE**



Newsletter – March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Mrs Pallin's Retirement**

We are sorry to say goodbye to Mrs Pallin after 34 years of dedicated service to Bournmoor Primary School. She retires this Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March and we wish her a very relaxing and well-deserved break after all her hard work. She has worked here for many years and is such a huge part of our school community. Mrs Pallin has been such a valuable member of our team for so many years and her friendly greetings at the gates each day, helpfulness and sense of humour will be a huge miss. We hope you will join us in wishing her the very best when she leaves us this week.

**World Book Day Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March**



Our theme for World Book Day this year is 'Favourites'. The aim is for children think about their favourite type of book, favourite story or author to promote their love of reading. We hope that children will join in the fun and dress up or come in non-uniform. More information can be found on [www.worldbookday.com](http://www.worldbookday.com).

**Easter Lunch for Parents/Carers**



A letter will be coming out soon about our Easter lunch where parents/carers are invited in to join their child (ren) in school. The Infant lunch will be on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 11.45am and older siblings are invited in for this too. Junior pupils will also have their lunch on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 11.45am.

**Easter Egg Competition**



It is time to start thinking about designs for our Easter Egg competition as it getting closer! Each pupil can enter an imaginative design (maximum A4 size please) that they have made at home. There is a prize for the winner in each year group. Entries need to be in on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March or Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March so 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes can be awarded. Good luck and we look forward to seeing what the children come up with this year.

**If You Care, Share Workshops**



On Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March members of the 'If You Care, Share' team came into school to talk to the children. This continued from our work in Mental Health Week where children were encouraged to share their feelings. The team talked about how we can develop our emotional resilience and strategies to support with this.

**Parents' Evenings – booking via text**

Parents' Evenings this term are on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March and Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March. If you would like to arrange an appointment please respond to the text that will be sent out soon so you can choose your appointment slot. Please note that due to time constraints it is only one appointment per child. If you have any issues booking a slot please contact the school office who can support with this.

**Attendance Information**



At the end of last half term we completed our regular attendance monitoring. Our target (in line with the government expectation) is for each child to reach at least 96% attendance so we regularly check to see which pupils/families may need some support with this. The highest attending class (and children achieving 100%) are rewarded with an end of year trip to in July. Our attendance for September up to February half term was:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
91.75%	96.08%	93.99%	95.75%	94.63%	95.31%	96.28%

Please get in touch with us if you need any advice or support and this includes our Family Support Worker (Claire Donnelly) who can be contacted through school.

### **Nursery Stay and Play Coming up for the Easter Starters**



Since opening our nursery we have had many children join us in our new provision. Children can join the term after their third birthday for free morning or afternoon sessions as well as free 30 hours for eligible parents. We look forward to meeting our Easter starters in due course when they are invited in for their stay and play session.

### **Safer Internet Day 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020**



We continue to develop pupils' knowledge of how to be safer on-line. The aim is always to ensure children are aware of both the positives and negatives of the internet and have the skills to know what to do if they are uncomfortable with what they see or feel unsafe. For example, TikTok is introducing a new "family safety mode" designed to give parents tighter control over teens' mobile phone habits. It will let parents link their own TikTok accounts to their child's - and turn features on and off remotely. There are many sites that can support parents to keep children safe on-line including [www.childnet.com](http://www.childnet.com) and the NSPCC. Both sites offer advice on how to set up parental controls to protect children and how to report on-line abuse.

### **Junior Bake Off Competition**



Is your child amazing at baking? If they have culinary skills that deserve to be recognised then the 'Junior Bake Off' is looking for applications for young people aged between 9 to 15 years old. Applications close on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2020 and enquires can be addressed to: [applyforjuniorbakeoff@loveproductions.co.uk](mailto:applyforjuniorbakeoff@loveproductions.co.uk) – good luck!

### **Just a reminder of some key dates to put in your diary:**



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 for Year 2
W/C 11 May	SATS week for KS2 for Year 6
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

**Easter holidays: school closes at 3.15pm on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April and re-opens 9am on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020.**

**We hope you have a very happy Easter holiday.**

Yours sincerely Mrs L A Snowdon (Headteacher)