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Our Value of the Month for December is **KINDNESS**



Newsletter – December 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas Fair – Wednesday 4th December from 2.30pm – 4.30pm



Just a reminder that our Christmas Fair is on Wednesday 4th December starting at 2.30pm to 4.30pm. We are very grateful for all the donations we have received for this so far. We have a range of stalls at the event as well as refreshments. Children can also come along with parents and meet Santa Claus. We look forward to seeing you.

Icy Conditions



On icy days we have procedures in place to get children safely in and out of school. This involves using the side gate access into school and bringing children around the side of the building on the gritted path. Your support with this is greatly appreciated.

Christmas Post Box



Each year children can bring their Christmas cards into school for their friends and put them in our post box. This year our School Council will be sorting them out and delivering them to each class. Please ensure that each envelope has the pupil's name on and which class they are in so our delivery team can get them to the children.

Family Support Advisor

Just a reminder that our Parent Support Advisor is Claire Donnelly. Mrs Donnelly has been working in school for the last 2 terms and is keen to keep supporting children and families. If you would like to speak to Mrs Donnelly please contact school on 01913854291 and we can arrange an appointment. She is in school each Wednesday morning and is available to meet with children and families to offer support and advice.

Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 13th December



On Friday 13th December children can join in with SAVE THE CHILDREN Christmas Jumper Day to try and raise funds for this charity. We thought it would be good if children could wear their festive jumpers that day if they have one (please note non-uniform is allowed instead). Donations towards SAVE THE CHILDREN would be very welcome on that day and proceeds will be sent to help those who need it most.

Christingle Service



Due to increased numbers in our school we are amending our Christingle celebration this year. After discussion with the church, we have decided that children in Year 1 to Year 6 will go to St Barnabas on Wednesday 11th December for a 9.30am service. Pupils will sit at the front of the church with staff so they are close to the service. Any family members who wish to attend the service are very welcome but will need to sit at the rear of the church to allow children to leave with staff and return safely to school. Pupils in Reception and Nursery will remain in school and have their own Christingle celebration which will be led by Mrs Lees on Thursday 12th December at 9.30am. Please note this service is for children only.

Food parcel collection

This year we are supporting the Feeding Families project and are grateful for the food donations received to date. A full list of what can be accepted is on the home page of our website on our Twitter feed. Your generosity is appreciated as this charity provides food hampers to local families in need at Christmas time. The last day for accepting donations is 11th December.

Swimming Lessons – Year 4



Just a reminder that swimming lessons continue in January for Year 4. Children are required to bring in a swimming costume, cap and towel each Monday for their lesson. If you have any questions please contact the office. Swimming begins on Monday 13th January 2020 and we have again been given the afternoon session. Lessons are 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

Curriculum Grids and Helpful Guides



Just a reminder that our 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. Our next Parents' Evening will be in March but please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any questions.

Pantomime Performance in School – Morning of Friday 20th December



On Friday 20th December children can enjoy a pantomime in school to reward them for all their hard work this term. We hope every child will join in with the singing and fun while they watch the performance by Chaplins Pantomime Company. This will be a non-uniform day in school.

School Closure Procedures



In cases of extremely bad weather this winter we may have to consider school closure. We always avoid this option but at times it is required. If our school has to close because of adverse weather conditions, any announcements will be made by: text, via the school website (www.bournmoor.durham.sch.uk) and local radio stations i.e. Metro Radio and Radio Newcastle. Please make sure we have your up to date mobile phone number so you can be contacted.

A reminder of key dates for 2020:

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

**SCHOOL CLOSURES FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER 2019 AND RE-OPENS ON MONDAY 6TH JANUARY 2020.
WE WISH YOU ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.**

Yours sincerely, Mrs L A Snowdon (Headteacher)