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Our Value of the Month for January is **DETERMINATION** and for February is **HONESTY**



Newsletter – January/February 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome Back

Happy New Year and welcome back to our new term. The children all worked so hard last term so I hope you all had a good Christmas and they had a well-earned break. We look forward to beginning our new Value of the Month which is 'Determination'. Children who demonstrate great effort with this value will be acknowledged in our achievement assembly at the end of the month.

Goodbye to Mrs Pallin our Caretaker 🙌

After many years of dedicated service to our school, Mrs Pallin is retiring in March. Mrs Pallin has been a huge part of Bournmoor Primary School for so many years and has worked tirelessly to keep us all safe and well in school through her hard work and dedication. She is often the first person that parents and staff see each morning so her positivity and friendly personality has been wonderful and greatly appreciated. We will all miss her very much and we wish her a very happy retirement. The caretaker post is currently being advertised and once we have appointed we will let you know who will take over from Mrs Pallin in March.

Year 6 SAT Evening



On Monday 20th January parents of children in Year 6 are invited to a SAT information meeting at 3.20pm in school. Year 6 parents will be given information about SAT week itself and the test timetable along with ideas on how to continue your valuable support at home. We very much hope you can come along to Mr Seaton's presentation.

Chinese New Year Celebrations



As part of work on Chinese New Year, we will be looking at the traditions and cultures so children can learn about the forthcoming 'Year of the Rat'. On Thursday 23rd January Lip Lee, a member of the Chinese community, will be in school presenting an assembly and demonstrating some fantastic origami skills.

Reading Ideas



Last term we introduced the 'Rocket Reader' initiative to reward children each Friday in our Achievement Assembly for improvement and effort in their reading. This is proving very successful and we would like to thank you for your continued support. If you would like advice or information on how to continue to support at home please speak to the class teacher or alternatively our Literacy Lead (Mrs Kershaw) can provide excellent ideas. If you would like some ideas for books that your child might like then you could look at www.booksfortopics.com as this site has lots of suggestions.

Curriculum Guides for the Spring Term



Each class will be starting their new topics for the Spring Term. Our curriculum grids are available on our website www.bournmoor.durham.sch.uk and show you what your child will be learning. We also have helpful Literacy, Phonics and Maths guides on our site to help with homework and to support at home. You can also follow our Twitter feed on our school website homepage to keep you updated with what we do.

Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 11th February



Pupils will focus on how to be safe on-line during Safer Internet Day on 11th February. As well as our on-going e-safety curriculum work, we will look at internet safety through discussion and activities on the day. For more information on this global day visit www.saferinternet.org.uk

Year 2 Class Assembly – Thursday 6th February 2020

Just a reminder on Thursday 6th February at 9am Year 2 (Mrs Kershaw's class) will be presenting their class assembly. Parents, carers and family members are very welcome to come along. We look forward to seeing you there.

School Disco – Thursday 13th February 

Our next school disco will be on Thursday 13th February and all pupils are invited. The Infant disco will be on the afternoon in school time (please collect at 3.15pm as usual) and the Junior disco is 3.15pm-4.45pm. Please let the office know if your child will not be attending the Junior disco. There is no cost for this and children are welcome to wear their disco clothes all day however we request that you ensure your child has suitable footwear on.

Swimming Lessons 

Just a reminder that swimming lessons continue this term. Children are required to bring in a swimming costume, cap and towel each Monday for their lesson. Swimming begins on Monday 13th January in the afternoon session. All children in the Juniors will go swimming this year and we continue lessons with Year 4. Lessons will be as follows:

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

Attendance Information

Our target is for each child to reach at least 96% attendance so we regularly monitor to see which pupils/families may need some support with this. Well done to the children who achieved 100% attendance last term. We appreciate that some classes are lower due to the viruses that many children had at the end of last term. Our attendance for Autumn term was:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
87.94%	95.19%	92.66%	94.33%	94.31%	94.84%	95.55%

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

23 January	Lip Lee in to complete Chinese New Year work across the school
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 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

**JUST A REMINDER THAT SCHOOL CLOSURES AT 3.15PM ON FRIDAY 14th FEBRUARY FOR OUR HALF TERM HOLIDAY.
WE RE-OPEN ON MONDAY 24th FEBRUARY.**

Yours sincerely, Mrs L A Snowdon (Headteacher)