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Our **Value of the Month** for May is **SELF-BELIEF** and for June it is **RESPECT**



Newsletter – May and June 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that we have already reached the summer term of this academic year. The children have returned to school and are so hard-working and polite. They have been through a lot of change during this past year and it is amazing to see their resilience and ability to settle back to school life. We are so pleased to be fully open to all pupils every day and we are so grateful to all parents who continue to support us with keeping everyone safe.

Parent Code of Conduct

Durham County Council have produced a new Parent Code of Conduct that schools can adopt and use. The aim of this document is to set out the guidelines for appropriate behaviour. We are very fortunate at Bournmoor Primary School that we have such good support from our families and local community. We are sharing this document to outline the expectations for Durham County as a whole so all parents/visitors to our school, and schools in our region, are aware of the standards set. We would like to thank parents and families who respect our school staff and follow the guidance set out by our local authority. The Parent Code of Conduct can be accessed by clicking this link: <https://www.bournmoor.durham.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/50/2021/04/Parental-Code-of-Conduct.pdf>

Test Centres in Durham for Lateral Flow Tests

Durham County Council has launched its Lateral Flow Device (LFD) Community Testing programme, where rapid Covid-19 tests are now available for people without symptoms of coronavirus. We have been advised that residents who wish to take a test can book a slot at one of the 14 new LFD sites across the site. Walk-in slots are also available. Please click the following link for more information: <https://www.bournmoor.durham.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/50/2021/04/Lateral-flow-testing-sites-information-pdf>

Online Safety Advice

One of the side effects of lockdown has been the increased use of technology. Most children have really benefited from this when in lockdown but unfortunately sometimes it can go wrong. The misuse of technology that some primary aged children have experienced includes, bullying, fraud and child abuse. We now need parents to take an active role in keeping their children safe in the online world, just as they would in real life. The best way of protecting your children is to talk with them about how they use technology, find out about the apps, websites and games they use and make sure they can share any worries they have with you. Both the net-aware and internetmatters.org websites are full of helpful advice. As a school we take online safety very seriously and children are taught about keeping safe throughout their time in school, so they develop the skills and resilience needed to keep themselves safe on line. We should remember that they are still children, they will make mistakes and they will need your support not only to stay safe but to grow and flourish both online and offline. Below we have listed five useful websites to help support your child staying safe. Please take some time to talk to your children and find out more on the websites below. Parents and carers are also welcome to discuss issues and get support from the school.

Website	Comment
www.internetmatters.org	Really useful website covering parental controls, apps and all aspects of supporting parents with technology.
www.net-aware.org.uk	Great website for parents, written by the NSPCC that explains about individual apps and the safety measures they have in place for children
https://www.childline.org.uk	The website for children to get support themselves
https://www.itai.info	Support with radicalisation
https://www.getsafeonline.org	More for parents – this site explains how to protect yourself against online fraud – which is an increasing problem.

Hoodies for Year 6

A letter was text out to Year 6 parents on 26th April with information regarding the Year 6 Leavers' hoodies. It gave the sizes so parents can choose which one they would like to order. You can do this by phoning the school office. Once we receive all the orders we will get the hoodies made and returned as soon as possible. It would be good if our Year 6 pupils could wear them in school for the last few weeks. If you require any further information please contact the office.

Reading Ideas

We continue our focus on the importance of reading in our school to develop a life-long love of texts and stories. 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 especially linked to History, Geography or Science. Also try looking at:

BBC Bitesize: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/this-terms-topics>

Specific reading lessons aimed at Key Stages One and Two.

Book Trust: <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/storybooks-and-games/Games,activitiesandvideosofstoriesaimedatEYFSandKeyStageOne>

Oxford Owl: <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/>

Free downloaded e-books for all ages.

Football Club

Mr Seaton and Mr Dent have been brushing up their football skills recently when the Year 5/6 football lunchtime club started. We know how much children enjoy being on the school field and it has been wonderful to see this club restart. We have had the football pitch marked out on the main field for our club. Also, a smaller pitch was marked out for our younger pupils so they can play together at lunchtime. It is really positive to see a return to some normality and we look forward to when all clubs and mixing of bubbles can resume.

Parents' Evening and End of Year Reports

You will receive your child's academic report towards the end of this term. We are also planning to hold a Parents' Evening where you can come to school to speak your child's class teacher and see their work. So far this year we have provided information on attainment, progress and general comments through written reports to ensure parents have been updated. Further information will be provided closer to the time as to how we can invite parents in safely. We know that you have supported us so well during Covid that we are able to do this with careful planning.

Sun Cream and Hats

At this time of year, the weather can change quite quickly from sunny to cooler temperatures. However, we always hope to see the sun so please ensure your child has sunscreen applied before they come to school on warmer days and bring a sun hat and water bottle. If you could please ensure that your child's clothes are labelled in case they take jumpers off when they are on the field, it makes returning the items much easier and it can be done during the school day so they can take them home.

New Parent Governor



We are very pleased to welcome our new parent governor Mrs Grey. She has recently joined our governing body and has just completed her induction. Mrs Grey has a background in Human Resources and will bring her excellent skills to our already strong governing body. This is such an important role within our school and we are pleased to ensure the high skill level remains.

Photos

Parents have asked us if we are planning on having the school photographer in this year as we have done previously. We decided to wait until we deemed it was safer to do this. We know that parents look forward to getting their individual child's photograph or class photo and therefore the school photographer will be in school on Friday 28th May. To ensure pupils remain in their bubbles, we will be unable to offer family photographs or have younger pre-school children come in as we have done previously. Your understanding with this is greatly appreciated.

Applications for Reception Class Places in 2021 and Nursery



We are very pleased to have the list of places offered for Reception class this September. We look forward to welcoming our new starters and information packs have just been sent out to parents. Usually we offer transition visits but as yet we have no dates for this. Many children who have been given places already attend our nursery so we are pleased to welcome them to the next phase of their education. Also, our new nursery starters will receive their information packs soon and we look forward to welcoming them too.

Key Dates



Below is the list of school holidays and some key dates. We have provided the holiday dates to ensure that holidays are taken out of term time to allow your child to attend school. Children have missed so much of their education that it is vital they attend.

May Day 2021	Friday 30 April 2021 to Tuesday 4 May 2021
Friday 28 May 2021	Photographer in school
Summer half-term 2021	Friday 28 May 2021 to Monday 7 June 2021
Friday 25 June 2021	Staff training day (school closed to pupils)
Term ends for Summer 2021	Tuesday 20 July 2021

PLEASE NOTE WE ARE CLOSED TO PUPILS ON FRIDAY 25TH JUNE FOR OUR STAFF TRAINING DAY

Yours sincerely, *Mrs Laura Snowden* (Headteacher)