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Our **Value of the Month** for October is **POSITIVITY** and for November is **FRIENDSHIP**

October and November 2021 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Good Luck to Mrs Davison – we will miss you!



We would like to wish Mrs Davison the very best of luck in her new job at Westgate Hill Academy in Newcastle. Mrs Davison will be leaving our school at half term following her successful interview. Her new role in this very large school will bring lots of new experiences. We know that Mrs Davison is so fantastic at her job that she will relish the challenges and rise to them. She has been at Bournmoor Primary for the last 11 years and has been such an amazing member of our team so it is exciting for her to lead a large team of her own. Mrs Davison has been supporting Mrs Pinnington to develop her role in our school office in preparation for her leaving next week. Good luck and we know you will be fantastic!

Photos



Just a reminder that the school photographer will be in **tomorrow Thursday 14th October** to take class and individual photographs. We will also ask for family groups in school so photos of siblings can be taken. Unfortunately, we will not be able to have any younger sisters or brothers who do not attend our school come in for this and we appreciate your understanding with this. The photos will be taken across the school day so your child just needs to attend in uniform as usual.

Halloween Disco



On Thursday 21st October we will be having a Halloween disco in school. This will be during the afternoon so children will go home at the normal time. Infants will have the hall first and then juniors second. Children can come in costume or non-uniform for this and it is free. Everyone has worked so hard this half term and it is lovely to have a treat!

Remembrance Day Poppies on Sale



After half term we will be selling poppies to mark Remembrance Day and all donations are appreciated. Members of the School Council will be selling them and all donations go to the British Legion. We will be sending two members of our School Council with a member of staff to represent school at the Cenotaph at Shiney Row at the Remembrance Service to lay a wreath.

Fire Safety Message



As part of our ongoing safety work, we will be talking to children about bonfire night safety. We visit this work each year to reinforce the message about safety to ensure all children understand the Firework Code.

Value of the Month Champions

Well done to our 'Value of the Month' Champions who were awarded certificates in our achievement assembly. Our value of the month for September was 'Responsibility' and the children who achieved the award showed great maturity and positive attitudes throughout September. This month children are encouraged to show great 'positivity' in all they do.

Updating our Records



Many thanks to all the parents who have returned the EV4 form which authorises your child to go on trips and visits. Also, thank you for returning the 'Collected By' form which lets us know who can collect your child. We have had a

few instances recently where an adult has turned up to collect a child and they are not on our list. We are always happy to phone parents to confirm collection, but it means the family member has to wait. You can email the office to add additional adults to your 'Collected By' form or you can call in to do this in person.

Applications for School and Nursery Places



The application process for admission to Reception in September 2022 opened on 6th September 2021 and closes on 15th January 2022. For more information please visit: <https://www.durham.gov.uk/article/2188/School-places-important-dates>. Please note that if your child comes to our nursery you still need to apply through this process via Durham Local Authority to request a place in our school. If you would like a place in our school nursery please contact us directly on 01913854291 and speak to Mrs Snowdon as we are able to complete our own admission for our nursery.

School Dinners



If you would like your child to change from packed lunch to school dinners (or vice versa) then the office requires one week's notice. Your support with this is appreciated. Just a reminder to parents who are paying dinner money on ParentPay to ensure the account stays in credit.

Ice and Snow 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. Let's hope we don't have to do this but best to be prepared just in case.

Family Support Advisor

Just a reminder that our Parent Support Advisor is Claire Donnelly. Mrs Donnelly works in school each week and is keen to support 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. In addition, if you have a concern or query please telephone, email or speak to a member of staff so we can listen and try to resolve any issues raised. We really appreciate the opportunity to talk about any concerns you have and to work with parents and families to support.

Key Dates



Below is the list of school holidays for your information. This will ensure that holidays are taken out of term time to allow your child to attend school – you can find full details of holiday dates on the Durham County website.

School Holiday Dates

Autumn half-term 2021	Friday 22 October 2021 to Monday 1 November 2021
Staff training days (school closed to pupils)	Friday 19th November 2021 and Monday 22nd November
Christmas 2021	Friday 17 th December 2021 to Tuesday 4 th January 2022
Spring half-term 2022	Friday 18 th February 2022 to Monday 28 th February 2022
Staff training days (school closed to pupils)	Monday 21 st March 2022
Easter 2022	Friday 8 th April 2022 to Monday 25 th April 2022
Bank Holiday 2022	Friday 29 th April 2022 to Tuesday 3 rd May 2022
Summer half-term 2022	Friday 27 th May 2022 to Monday 6 th June 2022
Staff training day (school closed to pupils)	Friday 17 th June 2022 and Monday 20 th June 2022
Summer 2022	Thursday 21 st July 2022

Yours sincerely, *L A Snowdon* Mrs Laura Snowdon (Headteacher)