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Our **Value of the Month** for February is **HONESTY**



### Newsletter – February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

After an initial sharp rise in Covid cases following our return from Christmas, I am so pleased to report that we are returning to normal. We hope to have parents in school for Parents’ Evening and also to welcome our new nursery and Reception starters for visits at the end of the term. We fully anticipate the planned trip to Robinwood for older pupils will go ahead at the end of the year, we are restarting clubs after February half term and we are now able to welcome visitors to school to enhance the learning taking place in the classrooms. As always, your ongoing support and kind words are greatly appreciated.

#### **Year 6 SATs**



The government have confirmed that tests will go ahead this year and this includes the Year 6 SATs. The data will not be included in league tables but will be reported to Durham County as part of our usual data returns each year. Our Year 6 pupils continue to work so hard and show such dedication to their studies. Currently they are invited each Wednesday to stay back after school for a revision class and the attendance is very high. This year SAT week starts on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May.

#### **Leavers’ Hoodies**

It is that time of year already when we start ordering Year 6 Leavers’ Hoodies! Parents of Year 6 pupils should receive a letter with sizes on so you can order for your child if you would like using ParentPay. Please phone the school office with the size required for your child and we can then place the order once all the details are collected.

Once your child receives their hoodie we hope they will wear it for school with pride.

#### **Chinese New Year Celebrations**



As part of work on Chinese New Year, we looked at the traditions and cultures so children can learn about the ‘Year of the Tiger’. We had planned to have Lip Lee, a member of the Chinese community, in school presenting an assembly and demonstrating some fantastic origami skills but Covid cases prevented this. We have postponed Lip Lee until later in the year and look forward to welcoming him in.

#### **Mental Health Week in Schools**



Children’s Mental Health Week takes place from the 7<sup>th</sup> to 13 February 2022 across the UK with the theme of “growing together”. We continue to support pupil’s mental health through a wide range of approaches in our school including:

- Offering a range of interventions around social, emotional and mental health and opportunities to talk.
- Our Parent Support Advisor is available to talk to children to support their emotional well-being.
- Key events such as Anti-Bullying Week, Mental Health Week and Internet Safety are celebrated to ensure children know where to get support and what their rights are.
- Values of the Month are promoted in our school and celebrated to ensure children are encouraged to develop key skills such as resilience, determination and safety to name but a few.
- Our PSHE curriculum is developed to allow pupils to learn about aspects of well-being including Anna Freud’s mental health resources to talk about ‘Big Feelings’.
- We develop pupils’ ability to share their views through class comment boxes, elected School Councillors, etc.

## Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February



Pupils will focus on how to be safe on-line during Safer Internet Day on 8<sup>th</sup> February. As well as our on-going online safety curriculum work, we will look at internet safety through discussion and activities. The theme for this year is 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online'. For more information on this global day visit the NSPCC website for ideas on how to support your child's online safety and also see <https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2022> In school we teach internet safety through our PSHE curriculum and Computing curriculum and by tackling this together, we can share the same messages at home and school.

## Disco – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February



Our next school disco will be on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February and all pupils are invited. The Infant and Junior disco will be on the afternoon in school time and children can be collected as usual at 3.15pm. There is no cost for this and children are welcome to wear non-uniform all day and we request that you ensure your child has suitable footwear on. School council are meeting this week to decide if they would like a theme.

## Swimming Lessons



Just a reminder that swimming lessons this term are for Year 5 and this will continue until the Easter holiday. Children are required to bring in a swimming costume, cap and towel each Monday for their lesson and can wear goggles if they would like to.

## Attendance Information

As result of Covid and illness, we recognise that many children may have been off this year and will not achieve their usual high % attendance. We continue to look at attendance and offer support to families when needed. Thank you for keeping your children off when they are ill, letting us know the reasons and for sending them in every day they are well. Please get in touch with us if you need any advice why or support and this includes our 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](http://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.

## Key Dates



Below is the list of events 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.

### Events and School Holiday Dates for 2022

School disco	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> February – non-uniform day
Spring half-term 2022	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February to Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February
World Book Day	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March
Staff training days (school closed to pupils)	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> March
Easter 2022	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April to Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April
Bank Holiday 2022	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> April to Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May
SATs week for Year 6	Begins Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> May
Summer half-term 2022	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May to Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June
Staff training day (school closed to pupils)	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> June and Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> June
Summer 2022	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July

**JUST A REMINDER THAT SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 3.15PM ON FRIDAY 18<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY FOR OUR HALF TERM HOLIDAY.  
WE RE-OPEN ON MONDAY 28<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2022.**

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