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



## Newsletter – May and June 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Mental health awareness week 9-15<sup>th</sup> May**

Mental Health Awareness Week is an annual event when there is an opportunity for the whole of the UK to focus on achieving good mental health. The Mental Health Foundation started the event 21 years ago. Each year the Foundation continues to set the theme, organise and host the week. Loneliness is one of the mental health problems most frequently reported by children. That's why the Mental Health Foundation made it the theme for Mental Health Awareness week 2022 and produced resources to help schools support children experiencing this form of stress. <https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/campaigns/mental-health-awareness-week>

If you would like to access support for loneliness please see NHS guide below:

<https://www.nhs.uk/mental-health/self-help/guides-tools-and-activities/five-steps-to-mental-wellbeing/>

### **Chinese New Year Day** 🏮

On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May we look forward to welcoming Lip Lee, a local Chinese resident, to our school. Lip Lee has traditionally come to our school each year around the time of Chinese New Year. The day will include an assembly where he talks about Chinese traditions and culture followed by craft activities in each class. It will be lovely to welcome Lip Lee back and find out more about the 'Year of the Tiger'.

### **SAT dates** 📅

Just a reminder that national tests take place in May and June in England. This includes the Year 2 SATs, Year 6 SATs, Year 4 times tables test and Year 1 Phonics check. **On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May Year 6 can come to school from 8.15am each morning (Mon-Fri) for a welcome chat and breakfast. We would encourage all Year 6 children to do this as a positive start to their day.**

### **Geography Day** 🌍

We are having a day of Geography on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May across the school. The aim is to provide opportunities to complete field work and develop map skills, data collection and presentation of the information. We hope children enjoy this day which has been organised by our Geography lead, Mrs Kershaw. We hope it will be a day of fieldwork fun!

### **Colour Run Activity** 🏃‍♀️



On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May children in Reception through to Year 6 will take part in a 'colour run' on our school field. This sports event is organised by Durham School Sports Partnership and will take place across the afternoon. Each class will get a time slot to run and be covered in bright colours! A letter will come out nearer the time but we ask that on that day children wear old clothing and trainers, preferably in lighter colours.

### **Year 1 visit from local firefighters** 🚒

On Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June we will be having a visit from local firefighters. They will be meeting Year 1 pupils to talk about fire safety and answer any questions the children have. The children will then get a chance to see the fire engine and learn about the equipment the firefighters use.

### **Jubilee Day** 👑

To celebrate Queen Elizabeth's platinum jubilee, we will be having a day of celebration on 10<sup>th</sup> June in school. Children can wear non-uniform and hopefully they will dress up in red, white and blue to mark this very special occasion on our national calendar. On this day, we will have the Big Foots Art company in working across the school

and there will be fun activities. Our local councillors (Phil Heaviside and Alan Bell) have kindly donated £300 to our school to spend on the day and we are grateful to be included in their local donations.

### **Sports Day**

We are very pleased to host our annual Sports Day this year on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June and look forward to welcoming parents along to this. For parents who have not been able to experience this due to Covid cancellations, the following information might be useful:

- Children come to school all day in their PE kit and wear their team colour T-shirts (teachers will remind children of their team).
- Parents drop their children off at 9am as usual on Sports Day and then go straight round to the field to wait for the children to come out and the events to begin.
- Parents can compete in a parents' race at the end of sports day while we add up the scores. We are just letting you know in case you want to dust off your running shoes!
- At the end of the event, children return to their classes and parents head off home or back to work.

### **Inclusion Quality Mark application**

As part of our ongoing commitment to inclusion in our school, we are completing an audit on our practice. We are pleased to be working with a parent governor as part of this audit. We know that by being reflective in our practice it helps ensure that we offer a supportive and caring learning environment, working closely with parents and carers. This will then be submitted to the Inclusion Quality Mark team with the aim of being accredited as a school dedicated to offering inclusion for all.

### **Y6 leavers show 15<sup>th</sup> July**

Just a reminder that our Year 6 Leavers' Show is on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July from 9am and we look forward to welcoming parents along to this.

### **Parents' Evenings**

Summer term reports will be sent out at the end of this year which will show your child's attainment and include general comments. We will also be holding Summer term parents' evenings and the dates for these are Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July and Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July. A text will be sent out nearer the time so you can book times for this.

### **Vacancies in our school**

Job vacancies for our school are advertised on our website. We currently have a vacancy for a suitably qualified and experienced Administration Assistant to work in our school office. You can follow this link to find out more information and see the relevant documents: <https://www.bournmoor.durham.sch.uk/about-us/vacancies/>

### **Earrings**

If you could please support us to be an earring-free school by removing your child's earrings before they come to school, this would be appreciated. This means they can safely join in with sports and activities.

### **Safeguarding Leaflet**

On our website there is a link for our leaflet entitled 'Safeguarding at Bournmoor Primary School - A Guide for Parents and Carers'. We hope the leaflet provides a guide for parents and carers to summarise key information about safeguarding in our school. Mrs Snowdon and Mr Seaton are our Designated Safeguarding Leads in school but if you have concerns about a child you can also phone First Contact on 03000 267979.

### **School Holiday Dates for 2022**

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 and you can find full details of holiday dates on the Durham County website.

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 (we close on Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July at 3.15pm as we have taken the last day of term as our additional bank holiday)

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