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



## Newsletter – January/February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Welcome Back

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. It was lovely to see the children enjoying their end of term party day and completing Christmas activities. The children looked great in their Christmas outfits and jumpers! We were so impressed by how hard all the children worked for the Christmas performances and the team work shown. We would like to say a huge thank you for last term and all the support we received, including the kind words and gifts for staff.

### School Rebuilding Programme

We start the year with the exciting news that we are one of 7 schools in County Durham to be chosen for the School Rebuilding Programme this year. This means that we will get a rebuild or full refurbishment and look forward to finding out more about this, including when this will be starting. So far, we have had guidance on the 'School Rebuilding Programme' which explains that the ten-year programme was announced in June 2020.

In 2022 the Department for Education selected 300 schools for the programme, with the aim being they are completed at a rate of 50 per year over the next 5 years. The Department for Education, who completed the site survey prior to choosing our school, say the aim is that the programme will ensure we have a 'modern educational environment' and we very much look forward to the programme starting.

When we have more information regarding start dates and how the work will be carried out, we will let you know. In the short term we have been provided with a general guide to schools as part of the School Build Programme which outlines the overall aims of the programme and lets us know what the roles of the project team will be.



### Show Racism the Red Card

As part of our work in school on equality and inclusion, we will be working with the 'Show Racism the Red Card' team in February. Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 will each have a workshop to develop a greater understanding of tackling racism in society. We already focus on equality and inclusion through our PSHE curriculum but these sessions will deepen children's understanding. We look forward to welcoming the team for their session on 13<sup>th</sup> February.



### 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 'Year of the Rabbit'. We look forward to welcoming Lip Lee, a member of the Chinese community, in school presenting an assembly and demonstrating his fantastic origami skills. He is due in school on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January.

## 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.

## Class books and reading

We promote reading in our school as it is such a vital skill which supports children in all their learning. Whether children are reading in history, geography, science or a story book, developing a love of reading supports them in primary school and beyond. Each class has their new class novel that they will be reading as follows:

-  Early Years: As part of their topic of 'Space' children will enjoy the stories of 'Whatever Next' by Jill Murphy, 'Aliens Love Underpants' by Claire Freedman and 'Alien tea on Planet Zum-Zee' by Tony Mitton during this half term
-  Year 1 & 2: The Kiosk by Anete Melece
-  Year 3 & 4: Charlotte's Web by E B White
-  Year 5 & 6: Holes by Louis Sachar

If you would like some ideas for books that your child might like then you could look at [www.booksfortopics.com](http://www.booksfortopics.com) as this site has lots of suggestions especially linked to History, Geography or Science. This may help with the new topics your child will be learning about this term (see the 'Curriculum' section of our website for these).

Also try looking at:

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

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/storybooks-and-games/>

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



## Marking pupil's work in our school











To support children's learning, class teachers mark their class work using ink stamp designs and also provide positives and next steps. Adult feedback can be both verbal and written to help pupils to improve their learning. We use the stamps as they provide a simple and effective visual clue for children. The table on the next page shows the stamps that teachers use and they are used appropriately depending of the age of the child.



**JUST A REMINDER THAT SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 3.15PM ON FRIDAY 17<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY FOR OUR HALF TERM HOLIDAY. WE RE-OPEN ON MONDAY 27<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY.**

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

## Our School Marking Stamps

	Form letters correctly		We talked about...
	Form numbers correctly		Check your answer ( <i>maths</i> )
	Use finger spaces		Join your letters
	Use capital letters correctly		Spelling mistake
	Use full stops		Use punctuation ( <i>higher level</i> )
	Start in the correct place		Use connectives
	Sit letters on the line (descenders and ascenders)		Use paragraphs
	Keep your presentation neat!		Bright ideas for next steps in learning
	Sound out to spell		Change the word / use a more exciting word
	Use a dictionary		Writing content matches the genre
	Use capital letter for proper nouns		Target reached
	Read through your work to check it makes sense		Excellent work Your teacher will say why