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Newsletter – April and May 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after the Easter holidays. It is hard to believe that we are entering our final term already! This is a busy time of year as we have the Year 1 Phonics test (week commencing 13th June), Year 2 SATs (taken in May) and Year 6 SATs (week commencing Monday 9th May). In addition we have the transition visits for Year 6 to their new secondary schools and our new starters' visits in June. We also have fun events like Sports Day and our Summer Fair to look forward to. We aim to keep everyone informed through newsletters and texts. If you have recently changed your mobile phone, please let the office know so you can be kept informed through our text messaging service.

Science Week

At the end of last term children took part in our science week entitled 'Brilliant Biology'. Our Science ambassadors had said they would like each aspect of Science made more explicit so we are going to have weeks which focus on three key areas of Biology, Chemistry or Physics. The children took part in a range of biology related work and activities during National Science Week. Science and food linked together in our biology week through activities such as a science and food cooking workshop. The feedback from pupils was very positive and we look forward to our next science week.

Red Team Winners

Well done to Red Team who had the most stars at the end of last term. They earned their non-uniform day on the final day and all looked very smart. We are always so impressed with how hard the children work both in school, and at home, to earn stars and help their team win.

Non-Uniform for Birthdays

Just a reminder that two years ago our School Councillors asked for a non-uniform day for pupils celebrating their birthday. This idea was so warmly received that it stayed in place after the School Councillors had finished their term in office. If your child has a birthday during the school holidays, or on a weekend, they can still wear their favourite clothes on the Friday before or the Monday after.

Football Victory!



Congratulations to our football team who won their first match just before the Easter holidays. Mr Seaton and Mr Dent reported that they played extremely well against other local teams and secured a 2-1 win. The children have all worked very hard to become a competitive team, learning the skills needed to win against other local teams that have been playing much longer. We are all very proud of them and look forward to their next match.

Tennis Open Day



Sticking to the theme of sports...Bournmoor Tennis Club recently secured funding from Durham Council's Neighbourhood Budget to upgrade the surface on their hard court. This means that they now have a good quality hard court that can be used over the autumn/winter period to add to the six grass courts used over the spring/summer. To officially commemorate the work and mark the occasion, the committee is planning a celebration day on Saturday 16th April to which everyone is invited. The plan is that there will be a fun day of tennis from 2pm for current members and for those who may wish to consider joining. They look forward to seeing some new faces. If you would like to find out about this local event see www.burnmoortennisclub.wordpress.com.

Planter Competition



To launch our new garden area, we extending our gardening competition which gives a prize to the family who brings in the most unusual planter! This could be as simple as an old colander adapted to be a hanging basket, an old pair of wellies with drainage holes drilled in or any other 'creative' container that will be suitable for plants to grow in. You can choose to decorate them or leave them as they are – it's up to you! Mrs Parks wanted to give all budding gardeners a chance to enter now that the lighter nights are here. Good luck and please have your entries into school in the next two weeks.

Easter Egg Winners



Well done to all the Easter egg entries we had this year. The standard was very high and it was a tough job for our Chair of Governors to judge it. We had a 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize in each year group. The winners were announced in a special assembly where the prizes were handed out. The powerpoint showing all the eggs (and winners) is on our website. Parents who attended our Easter lunch were able to see them and had many positive things to say about the designs and ideas.

Reception Assembly



A reminder for parents/carers of children in Reception class that their assembly is on Thursday 26th May. This will be the first assembly for some of our Reception parents and it is a chance for you to see what your child has been learning about when they perform to the whole school. Our assembly starts at 9am and all family members are welcome to come along.

May Half Term Holidays: school closes at 3.15pm on Friday 27th May and re-opens 9am on Monday 6th June. Please note that Monday 2nd May is a Bank Holiday and school will be closed on that day. We re-open on Tuesday 3rd May at 9am.

Yours sincerely Mrs L A Snowdon