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## Newsletter – April/May 2015

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Year 2 Assembly



Spring term ended well as Year 2 performed their assembly on the theme of 'Castles'. Parents, carers, staff and pupils imagined that we were in Bournmoor Castle and it was hundreds of years ago! It was great fun to watch and impressive how much the children had learned during this topic.

### Easter Egg Competition



We had a fantastic response to the Easter Egg competition. Mrs Bell, our Chair of Governors, had a difficult decision but after some deliberation she chose 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> from each year group. We had a special assembly where the prizes were handed out to the winners and their designs were shared with the whole school.

### Science Week



Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March marked the beginning of our whole school 'Science Week' which was an initiative led by Mrs Parks, Science Co-ordinator. During the week pupils were able to work scientifically to complete a range of activities and investigations. Amongst some of the favourite investigations were 'which nappy is the most absorbent?' and 'which biscuit is best for dunking?' The feedback from pupils was very positive. We now have Science Ambassadors who will help to come up with great ideas to promote Science in our school. These pupils were chosen because of their fantastic skills and passion for the subject.

### Letters from Ghana



Pupils will get the opportunity to learn more about Ghana through letters Mrs Lees, our school governor, brought back from her recent visit to the country. The letters were written by pupils in Sirigu School and are in reply to some we sent out earlier this year. The letters will be shared in assembly so everyone can hear the news from Ghana; copies will also be available in each class so children can read them.

### Teddy Bear Picnic



Reception pupils ended the Spring Term with an indoor picnic with their favourite teddy bear. Their food skills were developed as they made sandwiches for themselves and their bears, then they all sat down together to enjoy songs and stories.

Friends of Bournmoor Meeting Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April



The rescheduled Friends of Bournmoor meeting is on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 9am in school. Plans for the Summer Fair, to be held on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June, will be shared at this meeting.

New members are welcome.

Green Team Winners – Spring Term



Congratulations to Green Team who earned non-uniform day on the last day of Spring term. They achieved the most stars and were extremely proud to have done this twice in a row.

Well done to all the teams who worked so hard last term. Already we have stars on the board so it looks like it is going to be another high achieving term.

Netball and Gymnastics – Y5/6



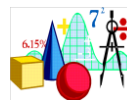
Recently some pupils from Year 5 and 6 were chosen to represent Chester-le-Street in the County Finals. They played extremely well and showed great team spirit. We are proud to report that Eleanor in Year 6 came 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in the gymnastics competition which was an excellent achievement.

Year 6 SAT week – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May



We wish our Year 6 pupils the very best of luck when they take their SATs in the week beginning Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May. They have all worked very hard and say they are determined to do their very best. Good luck to you all!

Maths Challenge at Park View Academy



A small group of Year 4 pupils were chosen to work with a member of staff and sixth formers from Park View Academy. The aim of the sessions was to offer a higher level of challenge to develop pupils' mathematical thinking. Children reported they enjoyed the lessons and rose to the challenges extremely well.

Reminder about 'No Smoking' in School Grounds

Just a reminder that our school is a non-smoking environment and it is illegal to smoke on our premises. Durham County have confirmed that this also applies to e-cigarettes and therefore parents/carers cannot smoke those, or tobacco products, in any part of the school grounds. Many thanks for your co-operation with this legal requirement.

**SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MAY (BANK HOLIDAY)**  
**SCHOOL IS CLOSED FOR HALF TERM ON FRIDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MAY AT 3.30PM AND PUPILS RETURN ON**  
**TUESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> JUNE.**

Yours sincerely, Mrs L A Snowdon, Headteacher