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Newsletter – September 2015

Dear Parents and Carers,



Welcome Back!

I would like to offer a warm welcome back to school from all the staff and governors at Bournmoor Primary. We especially welcome our new Reception pupils who have settled in so well. A warm welcome to other pupils who have joined us this year who have also settled into school life very well.



New Staff in School

We welcome the following new staff to our school, who visited in the Summer term to learn the routines and meet their class:

Miss Jones – Year 1 teacher

Mr Seaton – Year 4 teacher



Red Team Winners

Last term the team who were awarded the most stars for excellent work and positive attitude was Red Team. This meant they could come to school on the last day in non-uniform, which was the treat suggested by School Council. Congratulations go to Red Team. Many stars have already been handed out this term and this goes to show the hard working attitude of all our pupils in school. Keep it up teams!



Changes over the Summer Holidays

Over the summer holidays lots of work has been going on in Reception class. Miss Purdy and Mrs Measor have worked hard to get the room ready for the children coming in. It is now a brighter area for children to work in and enjoy. Our outdoor space is also being developed. The old equipment has been taken out and we are working with a consultant from the Science Trust to improve our outdoor provision over the next few weeks.



Attendance

Congratulations to the many children who were awarded their own mini version of 'Barney Bear' to take home and keep at the end of last term. This was a reward for achieving 100% attendance for the full year. In addition Year 4 won the 'Best Overall Year Group' attendance prize. Their treat was a trip to Adventure Valley in Durham. Well done to all our pupils for this and also to parents who continue to support us by not requesting holidays in term time. **Please note that all requests for Leave of Absence (including a holiday) must be submitted to school before a pupil is absent.**

Curriculum Grids



Teachers have devised Curriculum Grids for their year group which outline what pupils will be taught in each subject across their academic year. These are available on our website www.bournmoor.durham.sch.uk or a paper copy can be requested if required. In addition to this staff will send out a letter detailing key information such as PE days, spelling test day, when homework goes home etc. This letter is due out at the end of next week and we hope you will find this useful in helping to organise your week.



Harvest Homework!

Would you like to make a scarecrow for the Harvest display at St Barnabas Church? We have been invited to make scarecrows to display and wondered if we have any parents who are skilled and could help their children make one? It needs to be in school by 1st October at the latest so we can take it to the church. Reception children will be making scarecrows with Mrs Middlemas as a mini project about Harvest but they can still make one at home too. Also the Vegetable Competition is on again this year at the Riverside, Chester-le-Street on Saturday 3rd October. Pupils are welcome to make an entry which Mrs Snowdon will take down and enter on their behalf. Last year we had a winner! It needs to be an object/person made only from fruit and vegetables.

Let your imagination go and try these two fun projects at home!



Dates for your Diary

7 th September	Year 3 swimming lessons begin
11 th September	Year 3 Ukulele begins for the term
September	Start of Year 4, 5 and 6 Football Team each Thursday 3.30-4.30pm led by Mr Seaton
7 th September	Music Works assembly presentation to see if any pupils would like to take up keyboard lessons in school
8 th September	Junior Neighbourhood Watch lessons begin for Year 5/6 led by PC Rachael Haddon (10 weeks) as part of their Personal, Social, Health Education (PSHE)
23 rd September	Year 1 to visit St Barnabas Church as part of their RE work (letter to follow)
24 th September	Year 3 visit a Hindu Temple in Newcastle as part of their RE work (letter to follow)
30 th September	Hoopstarz assembly and activities across the school as part of our PE activities
1 st October	Scarecrows to St Barnabas Church for the Harvest Festival on Sunday 4 th October
1 st October	School Photographs (information to follow)
3 rd October	Vegetable Show at the Riverside, Chester-le-Street
8 th October	Bags to School are collected – part of the Friends of Bournmoor fundraising (bags sent out prior to this)
14 th October	Reading Workshop for Reception parents/carers led by Miss Purdy (letter to follow)
4 th November	Phonics Reading Workshop for Reception parents/carers led by Miss Purdy (letter to follow)
16 & 17 th Nov	Parents' Evenings (letter to follow)
December	Christmas Party Day for pupils (date to be confirmed)
December	Christmas Production by the Infants and the Juniors (dates to be confirmed)
December	Parents/carers Christmas lunch in school with their children (dates to be confirmed)

Holiday date reminder for Autumn Term 2015:

We close on Friday 23rd October for half term and re-open on Monday 2nd November. In addition this term we have a Staff Training Day on Friday 27th November when school will be closed. A full list of our school holidays are on our website or available from the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs L A Snowdon (Headteacher)