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Newsletter – December 2015

Dear Parents and Carers,

Friends of Bournmoor Christmas Fair



Many thanks to the Friends for organising a fantastic Christmas fair for children and families. It was very well attended and raised a total of £412.19. Lots of children got to meet Santa in his grotto and tell him about their wish list. It was great to have such a wonderful community event in school.



Attendance Awards

Each term we look at attendance as part of ongoing monitoring. This is completed with our Education Welfare Officer, Terry Robson. This term she noted our attendance was very good and that there are currently an impressive number of pupils on track to have 100% by the end of term (Friday 18th December). On the last day of term all pupils with 100% will receive their wrist band to recognise this great achievement.

Letters from Ghana



We have received letters from pupils in our partner school in Ghana (Sirigu School) which will be shared with children. When our school governor, Mrs Lees, went there recently she took over our letters to share with the children. Mrs Lees supports the 'Lets Read UK' project in Ghana, helping pupils develop their reading skills. By swapping letters it allows pupils there to have exciting information to read and in return it allows our pupils to learn first-hand what it is like to live in another country.

Change of Time



Just a reminder that from Tuesday 5th January school ends at 3.15pm for both infants and juniors. Many thanks for all the feedback forms we received regarding this matter and for all the comments provided. A letter has been sent out on behalf of the governing body (4/12/15) to thank you for feedback and offer comments in response. If you haven't received your copy of the letter please contact the office.

Christmas Party Day – Thursday 17th December



Each year in school we have an activity day where children wear non-uniform, take part in a range of fun activities and have a party lunch. This is to acknowledge and reward our hard working pupils. There is no charge for this day which includes a free disco during the afternoon where pupils can dance and play party games.

Linking with Tesco for our Science Curriculum



We are very pleased to announce we are working with Tesco as part of our science work. So far Year 2 have been to Tesco in Durham to make bread and visit the bakery. They found out all the processes involved in making bread and enjoyed trying lots of testers. Year 3 have been part of the 'Farm to Fork' project and went to Tesco to learn about where food comes from and healthy eating.

Stone Age Day



Year 3 had a fantastic time when they took part in a practical Stone Age Day. They worked with staff from an outside company to complete a range of activities showing them what it would be like to live in Stone Age times. In our new outdoor area they cooked and ate smoked trout on the fire pit and they built a mini shelter in the style of a Stone Age house. Also they made jewellery and found out about clothing and dress in Stone Age times. The children were fantastic and asked lots of detailed questions. The next real life project will be in January when Year 5 and 6 will see what it was like to live during World War II.

Wellies and Change of Shoes



We really want pupils to use our newly developed areas but in order to do this, with our current wet weather, they will need a change of shoes. Please could you send in old shoes/wellington boots which are clearly named in a labelled carrier bag. The children can then change into these and access the area.

Year 4 Visit to Ivy House Care Home



In their Religious Education lessons Year 4 have been looking at the key question of 'How and why do people show care for others?' with Mrs Middlemas. Our Year 4 pupils have shown great empathy for others and as you may recall organised a cake sale earlier this term. In addition to this pupils went to visit the older residents at one of local care homes, Ivy House in Fencehouses. They went along to meet the residents, sing Christmas songs and share stories. The residents reported how lovely it was to spend time with young people who showed such great manners and interest.

Pantomime – Friday 18th December



We have organised a pantomime for pupils to celebrate the last day of term. This year the pantomime is called 'Ella Smelly and the Naughty Sprouts' and will be held in school from 9.30am for approximately one hour. There is no charge for this and we very much hope children enjoy this lively and entertaining show where they will be encouraged to join in and sing along!

Carol Concert at St Barnabas – Sunday 20th December at 6pm



Many thanks to all the responses we have had about the carol concert at our local church. All responses received to date will be allocated a place in the choir. The choir will begin rehearsals soon in school ready for to join in with this well attended community event. All families are welcome to come along.

**JUST A REMINDER THAT SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 3.30PM ON FRIDAY 18TH DECEMBER AND RE-OPENS ON TUESDAY 5TH JANUARY 2016
WE WISH YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY HOLIDAY**

Yours sincerely, Mrs L A Snowdon (Headteacher)