



Lambourne Close, Bournmoor, Houghton-le-Spring, DH4 6HF 0191 3854291
e-mail: bournmoor@durhamlearning.net web: www.bournmoor.durham.sch.uk



Our **Value of the Month** for December is **KINDNESS**



Newsletter – December 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Cyber Bullying Advice

To support parents with concerns or questions they have about on-line safety (including cyberbullying) the Department for Education has produced a guidance document that can support families to stay safe on-line. This is particularly important at this time of year when children may have asked for devices for Christmas which can connect to the internet. The advice can be downloaded by searching google (or an alternative search engine) for **advice for parents and carers on cyberbullying gov uk** or you can ask school for a paper copy.

Maths Evening



Many thanks to the parents who attended our recent Maths Evening where Mrs Parks and staff talked about how we teach maths in school. Just a reminder that our school website has helpful information to support learning at home which can be found on www.bournmoor.durham.sch.uk / parents / our curriculum and then click on the maths link.

Electric Car Competition Winners



We are proud to announce that Mr Seaton's class have AGAIN won the competition judged by a panel of professionals at Newcastle University Advanced Propulsion Centre. Their submission was fantastic and introduces children to basic mechanics as the electric car we have contains instructions and needs to be constructed and tested. Well done to our fantastic car designers.

Attendance Awards



Each term we look at attendance as part of ongoing monitoring. This term there are a number of pupils on track to achieve 100% by the end of term (Friday 22nd December). On the last day of term all pupils with 100% will receive their wrist band in recognition of this great achievement. Attendance at school is vital to allow children to achieve their full potential and we continue to monitor the attendance of pupils that fall below government guidelines. We have noticed an increase in families taking holidays during term time and would kindly remind parents to avoid this to ensure children are in school each day.

Icy Conditions



On icy days we have procedures in place to get children safely in and out of school. This involves using the side gate access into school and bringing children around the side of the building on the gritted path. Your support with this recently has been greatly appreciated.

Christmas Post Box



Each year children can bring their Christmas cards into school for their friends and put them in our post box. We have a group of Year 6 pupils who will be sorting them out and delivering them to each class. Please ensure that each envelope has the pupil's name on and which class they are in so our delivery team can get them to the children.

Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 15th December



On Friday 15th December children can join in with SAVE THE CHILDREN Christmas Jumper Day to try and raise funds for those in need. We thought it would be good if children could wear their festive jumpers that day if they have one (please note non-uniform is allowed instead). Donations towards SAVE THE CHILDREN would be very welcome on that day and proceeds will be sent to help those who need it most.

Christmas Fair – Thursday 7th December from 3pm – 5pm



Just a reminder that our Christmas Fair is on Thursday 7th December starting at 3pm. We are very grateful for all the donations we have received for this so far, including those that we will take to the Food Bank in Chester-le Street. Children can wear non-uniform on Thursday and we would politely ask for a donation in return for our raffle/tombola/cake stall, etc. We have a range of stalls at the event as well as refreshments.

Children can also come along with parents and meet Santa Claus. We look forward to seeing you.

Aladdin Pantomime Performance in School – Morning of Thursday 21st December



On Thursday 21st December children can enjoy a pantomime in school. We hope every child will join in with the singing and fun while they watch the performance by Chaplins Pantomime Company. On the afternoon the infants will have a disco while juniors have fun activities in their classroom. After school from 3.15pm it is the junior disco until 5pm. You only need to contact school if your junior child is not able to attend the disco. This will be a non-uniform day in school.

Christingle Service – Wednesday 20th December 2017 at 2pm



Just a reminder that all families are welcome to join us at the Christingle Service starting at 2pm on Wednesday 20th December. We look forward to seeing you there if you are able to come along. Please meet us at St Barnabas as staff will bring the children to the service.

Carol Concert at St Barnabas Church – Sunday 17th December at 6pm



A letter recently was sent home to junior pupils asking for children who are able to come along and join in with the carol concert at our local church. We very much hope to receive enough of a response to let us join in with the carol concert and sing two or three songs on the evening. Further information will follow if we are able to do this.

**JUST A REMINDER THAT SCHOOL CLOSSES FRIDAY 22nd DECEMBER 2017 AND RE-OPENS ON
Monday 8th JANUARY 2018.**

WE WISH YOU ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY HOLIDAY

Yours sincerely, Mrs L A Snowdon (Headteacher)