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Newsletter – February 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

Chinese New Year Celebrations

On Monday 1st February 2016 we welcomed Lip Lee back to our school to share his knowledge of Chinese culture and traditions with pupils. The day began with a whole school assembly where he told children 2016 is the Year of the Monkey as well as sharing stories and Chinese traditions. Each class then got to work with Lip Lee to complete art and craft activities.

Football Team News

On the 1st of February Bournmoor Football Team had the opportunity to take part in a 5 a-side tournament held at Park View School. Although the standards were very high, the boys and girls taking part showed huge improvements and a great deal of determination. Mr Dent and Mr Seaton would like to thank all those who attended with the children, your support is really appreciated.

Year 5 and 6 Residential Visit to Weardale on 13th, 14th and 15th June

Pupils in Year 5 and 6 are being offered the chance to go to Weardale for a residential visit which will promote skill building and resilience while completing fun, physical activities. Pupils who went last year enjoyed it and recommended it highly. So far we have a lot of interest in places so you can find out more on **Wednesday 3rd February** at 3.15pm where we are offering an information session for parents and pupils.

Year 6 SAT Evening – Monday 8th February 3.30pm

Parents/carers of Year 6 pupils are invited along to a Year 6 SAT evening led by Miss Knox. This presentation will let you know more about SAT week which begins Monday 9th May. Miss Knox will talk about what happens during the week, how pupils are being supported in preparation for it and show examples of sample papers to allow parents to see the level of knowledge and skills required.

In addition to this Miss Knox is offering a one day SAT revision session in the Easter holidays on Monday 4th April where children can work in school receiving additional SAT tuition and support.

Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 9th February

Pupils will be able to focus on how to be safe on-line on Safer Internet Day. As well as our on-going e-safety curriculum work, we will focus on internet safety through discussion and activities on the day. We know that many pupils access devices and sites for school work as well as connecting with friends but we need to ensure they are skilled in recognising what is safe and unsafe on-line and how to report it. There are many sites which parents can use at home for advice i.e.

www.saferinternet.org.uk which offers tips and ideas for safe internet use for children.

School Disco on 10th February for Infants and Juniors

All pupils are invited to our Valentine's school disco on Wednesday 10th February. All **infant pupils** will have their disco between **2.10pm and 3.10pm** in school supervised by teachers. During this time they will play games and dance to music provided by our DJ (youth worker Mark Brown). There is no charge for this and all pupils can wear non-uniform on that day.

The **Junior disco** begins at **3.15pm until 4.30pm** and again this is free for pupils. All Junior pupils to be collected from the Main Entrance at 4.30pm. In the past we have asked parents to let us know if pupils are coming along. As most children in the Juniors do attend we have decided to make it easier to just let us know if your Junior child **cannot** attend and will be collected at 3.15pm as usual. Again this is non-uniform all day for pupils.

Year 4 Class Assembly – Thursday 25th February 9am



Parents/carers of pupils in Year 4 are invited in to their class assembly on Thursday 25th February from 9am. We hope you can make it as it promises to be full of facts and fun about The Romans. In addition to this pupils will be working with Cumbria Heritage for a Roman experience morning on Monday 8th February.

World Book Day – Thursday 3rd March



This year World Book Day is on Thursday 3rd March. We will be celebrating and sharing our love of reading on that day through activities which promote reading for pleasure. On this day all pupils are welcome to come dressed up as their favourite book character.

Goodbye to Mrs Middlemas

We would all like to wish Mrs Middlemas the very best of luck in her future as she sadly leaves us at the end of half term. Mrs Middlemas has been with us as our Higher Level Teaching Assistant since September 2014 and has worked very hard across the school. She is leaving to become a teacher and we know she will do very well in her chosen career. We welcome Miss Price who will be taking over the role. She has been into our school on several occasions working with different classes so we know she will settle in very well.

Spring Term Parents' Evening

This term our Parents' Evenings are on Monday 7th March and Tuesday 8th March. A letter will follow where you can indicate a preferred time to meet with your child's class teacher to discuss their progress and also look at their books.

Year 1 Class Assembly – Thursday 10th March

Parents/carers of pupils in Year 1 are invited to their class assembly on Thursday 10th March from 9am. This will be a chance to see what the children have been learning in the classroom. We look forward to seeing you there.

Extra-Curricular Clubs



The list of our next extra-curricular clubs was sent out last week. In case you didn't receive the letter it is also available on our website under 'Pupils/Clubs/February & March Clubs'. Our aim is to provide a range of activities which pupils will enjoy across the year and the feedback for this half term has been very positive. In February/March we are offering a wide range including drama, football, multi sports, singing and film club so hopefully there will be something there for everyone.

Half term holiday begins on Friday 12th February at 3.15pm and children return on Monday 22nd February at 9am.

Please note we also have a training day on Friday 11th March where school will be closed all day to pupils.