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Our **Value of the Month** for February is **HONESTY**



Newsletter – February 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

World Book Day



We will be celebrating World Book Day in school on Thursday 2nd March 2017. On that day children can dress up as a book character of their choice and bring in a favourite book if they would like. Our reading workshops celebrate the work of William Shakespeare this year so children may want to be different and dress up as a Shakespearean character or as someone from the Tudor times. We look forward to seeing the range of costumes the children come up with. In addition to this Miss Knox, our Literacy Leader, has also booked two fantastic workshops for children on the 28th February so we can start our world book day celebrations early!



PE Update

As we start to leave the winter weather behind us and move into spring, Mr Seaton has been working hard on developing more and more competitive sporting opportunities for all children at Bournmoor. On Wednesday 8th February a team of KS2 children will be representing school at Freemans Quay in Durham for the Chester le-Street schools' swimming gala. This is the first gala we have entered and we can't wait to compete against other local schools. Looking forward, we are also booked onto a number of sporting events including: the Durham Dash, High Five Netball tournament, Judo festival, Cricket festival and the Mini Olympics. Fingers crossed for a successful season of competitive sport!

Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 7th 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.

Year 5 and 6 Residential Visit to Robinwood on 19th, 20th and 21st July 2017

Pupils in Year 5 and 6 are being offered the chance to go to Robinwood for a residential visit which will promote skill building and resilience while completing fun, physical activities. Pupils who have been previously enjoyed it and recommend it highly. So far we have a lot of interest in places and you can find out more on **Tuesday 14th February** at 3.15pm where we are offering an information session for parents and pupils.



Key Maths Homework Sheets

Homework plays an important part in your child's learning and helps them to develop skills and confidence to support them in school. As a staff, we have created 'key maths' as part of your child's homework. This initiative has been led by Mrs Parks, our Maths Leader. For each year group, there are facts that your child is expected to learn and know by heart. Each week, you will be guided as to which 'key maths' activities you could complete with your child at home along with activity suggestions and games you can play to support their learning. The 'key maths' sheets will start coming home after February half term.



School Disco – Monday 13th February 2017

Just a reminder that our next school disco will be on Monday 13th February 2017 and all pupils are invited. The Infant disco will be on the afternoon in school time (please collect at 3.15pm as usual) and the Junior disco is 3.15pm-4.30pm. Please let the office know if your child will not be attending the Junior disco. There is no cost for this and children are welcome to wear their disco clothes all day.



Rights Respecting School Award (RRSA)

We are proud to announce that all our hard work towards the Level 1 Rights Respecting Award is paying off! Mrs Martindale received a letter this week telling us that we have achieved the 'Recognition of Commitment' which is the first step towards Level 1. Well done to Mrs Martindale, our Rights Champions, pupils, staff and governors for all their input to get this far.

Year 3/4 Class Assembly – Thursday 16th February 2017

Just a reminder on Thursday 16th February at 9am Year 3/4 will be presenting their class assembly. Parents, carers and family members are very welcome to come along. Mr Purvis looks forward to seeing you there.



Parent Pay Update

Further to our previous letter regarding 'Parent Pay', letters will follow with passwords and instructions to help parents use this system. Any parent/carer who requires assistance with the setting up, or would like further information, should contact the school office on 0191 3854291 and speak to Mrs Davison.



School Uniform

I am pleased to report that almost all pupils continue to wear school uniform. We appreciate that at this time of year children may want to wear additional layers to keep warm but the vast majority of pupils are still managing to come to school in uniform and support our policy of wearing school clothing. We appreciate your support with this. It was agreed by a previous school council that non-uniform was a special treat for children enjoying their birthday. Please help us to keep this fantastic, democratically voted for, treat in place by adhering to our uniform guidelines.

JUST A REMINDER THAT SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 3.15PM ON FRIDAY 17th FEBRUARY 2017 FOR OUR HALF TERM HOLIDAY AND RE-OPENS ON MONDAY 27th FEBRUARY 2017.

Yours sincerely, Mrs L A Snowdon (Headteacher)