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Our **Value of the Month** for January is **DETERMINATION**



## Newsletter – January 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Welcome Back!

Happy New Year and welcome back to our new term. I hope you all had a good Christmas. You may have noticed the decorated Christmas tree in Bournmoor over the holidays. The brightly coloured CDs were made by our pupils and kindly hung on the tree by the Bournmoor Conservation Group. We hope you enjoyed seeing them as much as we enjoyed making them! Also a huge thank you to the parents and families who came to the Carol Concert at the end of last term. St Barnabas Church was very well attended and the choir sang beautifully.

### Electric Car Update



Mr Seaton's class continue to build their electric car after winning the Newcastle University competition. Their bid, which showed what they thought travel might be like in 2050, wowed the judges. Dr Widner from Newcastle University has been in to talk to the children about the project. We look forward to seeing it completed in the near future and Dr Widner returns on 31<sup>st</sup> January to see how we are getting on. Year 5 will also be going to Nissan this term to learn about engineering on 20<sup>th</sup> January at the Monozukuri Caravan Event. This will support the Science and Technology work they have been doing this term.

### Winner of Durham Christmas Card Competition



We are pleased to announce that we were a runner up in the Christmas card competition for Durham Police Chief Constable Barton. PC Claire Kerr, and her police dog Ben, announced the winner in assembly at the end of last term and handed out the prize. Well done to Jack in Year 4 who was our winner. He really enjoyed meeting Ben and his handler and having his photograph taken together with them.

### 9<sup>th</sup> January Y6 SAT evening



Just a reminder that our Year 6 SAT evening is on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 3.15pm. All parents/carers of Year 6 are very welcome to come along and find out about the tests the children will take in May. SAT tests start on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017 and continue across that week.

### School Nutrition Action Group



Our School Nutrition Action Group met last term and had many great ideas to improve our lunchtimes. One of them was to have a 'golden table' where a nominated group of children would sit and have their meal served by staff at their decorated table. This will start this term and we look

forward to finding out who the first 'golden' children will be. The SNAG group are meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> January with Mrs Slavin from Taylor Shaw.

#### Year 3/4 Class Assembly – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2017

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

#### Rights Respecting Day - Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2017



As part of our application for the Rights Respecting Award, Mrs Martindale is planning to have a Rights Respecting day in school on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2017. As part of this she will be meeting with our 'Rights Champions'. We are very pleased to also be working with governors, as well as children, on our Rights Respecting application and look forward to hearing what the steering group come up with for our forthcoming event day.

#### School Disco – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2017



We are pleased to announce that our next school disco will be on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### Curriculum Guides for the Spring Term



Each class has started their new topics for the Spring Term. Our curriculum grids are available on our website [www.bournmoor.durham.sch.uk](http://www.bournmoor.durham.sch.uk) and show you what your child will be learning. Year 3/4 for example will be learning about Romans this term and already Mr Purvis has planned a Roman day with a Roman soldier visiting as well as an authentic Roman cookery day. We look forward to finding out how history is brought to life in the Year 3/4 class!

#### Chinese New Year Celebrations



On Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February it will be the start of the new Chinese New Year. We will be looking at the traditions and cultures in assembly so children can learn about the forthcoming 'Year of the Rooster' for 2017-2018.

#### School Closure Procedures



In cases of extremely bad weather this winter we may have to consider school closure. We always avoid this option but at times it is required. If our school has to close because of adverse weather conditions, any announcements will be made by: text, via the school website ([www.bournmoor.durham.sch.uk](http://www.bournmoor.durham.sch.uk)) and local radio stations i.e. Metro Radio and Radio Newcastle. Please make sure we have your up to date mobile phone number so you can be contacted.

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

Yours sincerely, Mrs L A Snowdon (Headteacher)