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Our **Value of the Month** for January is **DETERMINATION** and for February is **HONESTY**



## Newsletter – January/February 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome Back!



Happy New Year and welcome back to our new term. I hope you all had a good Christmas. We look forward to beginning our new value of the month which is 'determination'. Children who demonstrate great effort with the value will be acknowledged in our Achievement Assembly at the end of January. This week in assembly we have focused on making determined changes that can improve our lives and children identified that healthy eating and exercise are good choices. The following website has great ideas on how to support with this: <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life>

### Year 4/5 Class Assembly – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Just a reminder on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 9am Year 4/5 (Mr Seaton's class) will be presenting their class assembly. Parents, carers and family members are very welcome to come along. We look forward to seeing you there.

### Support from Local Business

In the last week of term children enjoyed watching 'Aladdin' performed in school. They sang along and joined in the right places making it a fun experience for all! We would like to thank our local Nisa Store in Fencehouses who very kindly donated money to our school to help pay for such treats for pupils. Their donation of £250 was a significant help towards the cost of hosting this production and we are pleased to have such a supportive business in our local area.

### 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. We also have helpful Literacy, Phonics and Maths guides on our site to help with homework and to support at home. Year 3/4 for example will be learning about the Stone Age this term and already Miss Purdy has planned a Stone Age day and the class have made their own Stonehenge. We look forward to seeing history brought to life in the Year 3/4 class! You can follow our twitter feed on our school website homepage to keep you updated with what we do at school.

### Chinese New Year Celebrations



On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February it will be the start of the new Chinese New Year. We will be looking at the traditions and cultures so children can learn about the forthcoming 'Year of the Dog' for 2018-2019. On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February Lip Lee, a member of the Chinese community, will be in school presenting an assembly and demonstrating some fantastic origami skills.

### Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February



Pupils will focus on how to be safe on-line on Safer Internet Day on 6<sup>th</sup> February. The aim of the campaign this is 'Create, Connect and Share Respect: A better internet starts with you.' As well as our on-going e-safety curriculum work, we will look at internet safety through discussion and activities on the day. We know that many children access devices and sites for school work as well as connecting with friends and we need to ensure they are skilled in recognising what is safe and unsafe on-line and how to report it. For more information on this global day visit [www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2018](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2018)

### St Barnabas Church - 150 Years Old



In February St Barnabas Church will be 150 years old. We will be marking this event by completing work in school which will be displayed in the church. Mrs Lees, our school governor, will be kindly supporting us with this by helping us to display the work the children produce. If you are involved within our local church community, or know someone who is, we would love to hear from you in the next couple of weeks with memories or any stories you have that we could include in our project work.

### Supporting our Local Wildlife



You may have seen adverts on the television for the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds. Each year the RSPB encourage adults and children alike to feed birds and help them over the winter months and join their big birdwatch. In the past we have had some amazing feeders and boxes that children have made at home as homework projects. These have been placed in our nature area in school to encourage birds into our grounds. They have remained in use over the Spring months when fledglings arrive and need food to help them grow and thrive. If you would like to make a bird feeder or bird box then we will put them up around our school. More information and ideas can be found on [www.rspb.org.uk](http://www.rspb.org.uk)

### Local Offer Website



If you have any queries regarding support you may need to help your child or would like information about access to services, you are welcome to talk to our SENCO (Miss Purdy). In addition to this each local authority provides information for parents/carers on their 'Local Offer' website to ensure that support for families is available. The Durham Local Offer outlines services and advice for families with children who have additional needs. This can be accessed by visiting [www.countydurhamfamilies.info/](http://www.countydurhamfamilies.info/)

### 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 CLOSURES AT 3.15PM ON FRIDAY 9<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY FOR OUR HALF TERM HOLIDAY.**

**WE RE-OPEN ON MONDAY 19<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY.**

Yours sincerely, Mrs L A Snowdon (Headteacher)