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Newsletter – July 2015

Dear Parents and Carers,

Sports Day



Sports day was very well attended this year as parents/carers came to cheer their children on. We were lucky with the weather too which meant that all the events could take place. All the teams tried their very best and the final results were as follows:

1st Blue Team with 497 points, 2nd Green Team with 455 points, 3rd Yellow Team with 433 points and 4th Red Team with 365 points

Many thanks go to the School Sports Organisation Crew who helped prepare the children through their rounders and bounce ball competitions.

Reception Hall Hill Farm Trip



Reception children enjoyed their trip to Hall Hill Farm. When they returned to school they wrote an email to the owners thanking them for a lovely day. Their favourite things were milking the cow, riding on the tractor and meeting all the animals. Well done to our Reception children for being such enthusiastic learners.

Weardale Residential Trip



Year 5 and 6 pupils went to Weardale for their residential trip in June. They reported that the range of activities were excellent and they had opportunities to really challenge themselves. Mrs Nicol reports they were a credit to the school. She said it was a great chance to see the children enjoy a fun filled few days together. Photos from this are on display in our school hall and can be seen if you come along to Parents' Evening on 6th and 7th July.

Music Event At Park View



On 30th June pupils from Year 5 and 6 were invited to attend the 'King with Cold Feet' music event at Park View Academy. We joined together with other local primaries to sing in this fantastic production. Mrs Nicol reports that the children sang their hearts out and were enthusiastic members of the cast.

Year 1 Seaside Visit



Year 1 pupils visited Blue Reef Aquarium and Tynemouth beach as part of their topic on the Seaside. They got the chance to find out about creatures in the sea at the aquarium and then visit the beach to find out first hand. The children report that they really enjoyed the trip.

Summer Fair



Our Summer Fair in June was very well attended. The Friends of Bournmoor worked very hard to organise this fantastic event. Altogether they raised a total of £1,000! The next Friends meeting is on Friday 10th July at 9am and all are welcome.



Football Tournament

On July 8th we will be hosting a football tournament. Our football team, coached by Mr Colling and Mr Dent, will play against Woodlea Primary in a friendly match. Pupils in Year 4, 5 and 6 have been training for weeks and building their skills. They are very much looking forward to this local derby game.

Absence Policy

Our Absence Policy has been agreed by governors and is now on our website (or a paper copy from the office). The aim of the policy is to continue to promote the good level of attendance we have and to support any parent/carer who may have issues bringing their children into school. Please note that we now require parents/carers to ring on each day of a pupil's absence.



Elba Park Science Trips

Year 2 and Year 3 went to Elba Park in June to focus on developing their Science investigation skills. They undertook a range of activities including plant identification and pond dipping. They even saw a rare water scorpion!



School Disco

On Thursday 9th July the Friends of Bournmoor are organising a disco for pupils. The infant disco will be from 2.30 – 3.30pm and the junior disco will be 3.30 – 5pm and Mark Brown, Youth Worker, is providing the music for us. Letters will follow but please note this will be a non-uniform day for all pupils.



School Council Improvements

Our School Councillors have been very pro-active this year. They have suggested many things they would like and one idea was better outdoor equipment. I am pleased to say that the £10,000 Awards for All Lottery Bid, which the Friends of Bournmoor initiated for, is to be used for a new outdoor stage area and climbing frame.

Many thanks to our excellent School Council and Friends of Bournmoor for all their hard work this year.



School Dinners

We have worked with the School Nutrition Action Group (SNAG) to look at pupil views on our school lunches. One of the things considered was if the new 'free choice' system or the previous 'ordering' system was better. In an opinion pole completed on the whole school it was found that pupils are 2:1 in favour of the new 'free choice' system. Many thanks to our hardworking SNAG team who listen to pupils and bring their ideas to meetings with Ruth Slavin from Taylor Shaw Catering.



Goodbye to Year 6

Finally as we come to the end of our school year we would like to say goodbye and good luck to our wonderful Year 6 pupils. They have all been hard working students who have always been willing to get involved in school life. The Year 6 leavers' show for parents/families will be at 9am on the last day of term (Friday 17th July). We wish our Year 6 all the very best.

SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSE ON FRIDAY 17TH JULY AT 3.30PM FOR THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS.

WE RE-OPEN ON WEDNESDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER AT 9AM.

A reminder that all our holiday dates for 2015 – 2016 are on our website or available from the school office.

Yours sincerely, Mrs L A Snowdon, Headteacher