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 Our **Value of the Month** for October is **POSITIVITY** 

Newsletter – October 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Value of the Month Champions

Well done to our 'Value of the Month' Champions who were awarded certificates in our achievement assembly last week. Our value of the month for September was 'Responsibility' and the children who achieved the award showed great maturity and positive attitudes throughout September. This month children are encouraged to show great 'positivity' in all they do.

Photos – Monday 9th October

Just a reminder that our school photographer will be in on Monday 9th October. Family photos will be taken from 8.30am in the main hall. This tends to be popular so your patience with this is always appreciated. Class, team and individual photos will be taken in school across the morning. Nursery children will also have their photos taken and children who attend the afternoon sessions are invited to join us from 9am. Please note that Mr Football's 8am club will not be on that morning and Year 3 swimming is cancelled to allow everyone to get their photographs taken.

We are on Twitter

To help us keep in touch with parents/carers and share our news we have joined twitter. Our aim is to share photographs to show some of the events and activities that we take part in, both in and out of school. Mr Seaton has just set this up and is in the process of working with staff to ensure everyone knows how to upload our news. If you would like to view our twitter page then please search **bournmoorps** and follow us for regular tweets and updates.

Year 6 SAT evening for Parents/Carers

Mrs Kershaw is presenting a SAT evening for parents/carers of our Year 6 children on Monday 6th November from 3.20pm. We hope you are able to come along and find out about the KS2 national tests, which begin on Monday 14th May 2018, and ideas to help at home.

Year 1 and 2 Soccer Tots Trip

Pupils in Year 1 and 2 started the term with a trip to the Soccer Tots event at the Riverside, Chester-le-Street. They completed ball skills and football work with qualified FA coaches. The children were also joined by Sports Leaders from Park View Academy who came along to support. Mrs Parks and Miss Watson report that the children enjoyed themselves and were enthusiastic.

Our Elected Groups

We are pleased to announce that school councillors have been voted for and will be working with Miss Watson this year. Previous school councillors have had many great ideas on how to improve our school so we can't wait to see what they achieve across this academic year. We are also going to organise play leaders over the next couple of weeks. Junior age children will get the chance to apply for the post which involves organising games and activities for younger children at lunchtime.

Football Team News



Our football team have had a great start to the season. On 4th October 2017 we hosted a tournament at our school and played against teams from Birtley and Sunderland. The squad were a credit to our school and their team spirit prevailed with more experienced players encouraging our newest members. Many thanks to the parents/carers who offer such amazing support at all our matches – regardless of the weather!

Music Works Demonstration



On Thursday 7th September children were able to enjoy a music concert given by staff from Music Works. The aim of this was to allow children to experience music in school and find out more about how they can get lessons themselves if they would like to learn either guitar or keyboard. A flyer was sent out that day to children in Year 2 to Year 6 which gave the contact details and costs involved. If you didn't receive the information, please contact the school office.

Year 2 Class Assembly – Wednesday 18th October



Just a reminder to parents/carers of children in Mrs Parks' Year 2 class, you are invited along to their class assembly on Wednesday 18th October at 9.00am. We look forward to seeing you then.

Netball Team News



Well done to our netball team who have made a flying start to the season. They played at Park View, Chester-le-Street recently and won the first match with a very convincing score. Mr Seaton said the whole team played so well it was difficult choosing his 'most valuable player'!

Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths News



Children in upper juniors have started this academic year with fantastic STEM opportunities. Firstly in school Year 4/5 have been working with Mr Nelson from Park View Academy to complete robotics project work in teams. Year 6 children have also just attended the 'Bring it On' when they visited the Stadium of Light. This event aims to inspire and encourage children to explore a career in engineering. The Year 6 pupils who attended had a wide range of experiences across the day. Photos from this can be viewed on our twitter page.

School Dinners



Just to say thank you to all the parents who are paying dinner money on a Monday for the week ahead. Durham County Council politely request that all parents, who pay for their child's lunch, pay on a Monday in full for the week ahead. Also if you would like your child to change from packed lunch to school dinners (or vice versa) then the office requires one weeks notice. Your support with this is appreciated.

Fire Safety Message



The fire brigade will be in school on Tuesday 17th October to talk to children about bonfire night safety. Their aim is to work with local schools to spread a message about safety to ensure all children understand the Firework Code.

SCHOOL IS CLOSED FOR HALF TERM ON FRIDAY 20th OCTOBER AND PUPILS RETURN ON MONDAY 30th OCTOBER

Yours sincerely, Mrs L A Snowdon, Headteacher