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Our Value of the Month for September is **RESPONSIBILITY**



Newsletter – September 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome Back!



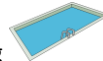
Welcome back to our new academic year and I hope you all had a good summer. I would like to offer a warm welcome to our new Reception and Nursery pupils. They are settling in very well and are enjoying getting to know their indoor and outdoor learning spaces. This term is always a busy one so it is great to see how all the children have come back to school ready to learn.

Curriculum Grids and Helpful Guides



Over the summer holidays the new curriculum grids for 2017-18 were put on our school website www.bournmoor.durham.sch.uk which outline what your child will be learning in school across the year. Also on our website are 'Useful Guides' to help with Literacy, Phonics and Maths at home. Subject co-ordinators have written these to try and support learning at home. To provide information on how your child is learning we offer 3 Parents' Evenings (1 per term) and also you can speak to your child's class teacher.

Year 3 Swimming



Just a reminder that swimming lessons for Year 3 begin this term. Children are required to bring in a swimming costume, cap and towel each Monday for their lesson. As Chester-le-Street baths are closing for refurbishment, pupils will swim at Freeman's Quay leisure pool in Durham. A letter has been sent out but if you have any questions please contact the office.

Staff News



We welcome Miss Pigg to our school as our Early Years teacher, Miss Watson as our Year 1 teacher and Miss Forster our Nursery Nurse. They have enjoyed their first week getting to know the children and meeting parents. Also we would like to say 'congratulations' to Miss Knox who got married in the summer holidays. She is now called Mrs Kershaw. We wish her and her husband happiness in their married life together. Finally Miss Purdy will be taking on the role of Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO). She has already received training with the Durham SEND team to prepare for the role and has more booked in to ensure we continue to provide effective provision for our SEND pupils.

Earrings



We aim to be an earring free school to ensure the safety of our pupils. In PE lessons children are not allowed to wear earrings and therefore we ask for your support in this. If your child has had their ears pierced in the summer holidays then please can they remove their earrings when the healing period has elapsed to allow them to be safe and enjoy their PE lessons.

Parent Questionnaires



Many thanks for all the parent questionnaires returned at the end of last term. We received 25 replies which provide valuable feedback to us. The vast majority were overwhelmingly in support of what we offer; some provided ideas for improvements which we have taken on board (for example a list of dates for the year ahead which we have provided overleaf). We appreciate the time taken to return these and the comments given.

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

Please see over for a list of dates for events/activities. More dates will be added across the year and information will be sent out.

Yours sincerely, Mrs L A Snowdon, Headteacher

Bournmoor Primary School - Key School Diary Dates 2017-2018

Date	
5 September	School reopens to pupils
7 September	Music Works assembly
11 September	Clubs begin for Autumn term 1 (see the clubs letter on our website www.bournmoor.durham.sch.uk)
11 September	Swimming begins for Y3
9 October	School photographs
18 October	Y2 Class assembly
20 October	School closes for half term
30 October	School reopens
15 November	Reception, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4 Flu vaccine
24 November	Staff Development Day. School closed to pupils.
27 November	Parents' Evening
28 November	Parents' Evening
18 December	Nursery Christmas show
18 December	Grandparents' Christmas show (pm)
19 December	Infant Christmas lunch and show (am)
20 December	Junior Christmas lunch and show (am)
21 December	Christmas Party Day (panto am and disco pm) – please note this is a non-uniform day
22 December	School closes for Christmas holidays
8 January	School reopens for pupils
February	Valentine's disco (date to follow) – please note this is a non-uniform day
8 February	Y4/5 Class assembly
9 February	School closes for half term
19 February	School reopens
1 March	World Book Day – children are welcome to dress up as their favourite book character
24 March	Red Nose Day – please note this is a non-uniform day
22 March	Y 3/4 Class assembly
19 March	Parents' Evening
20 March	Parents' Evening
27 March	Easter lunch for nursery & infants
28 March	Easter lunch for juniors
29 March	School closes for Easter holidays
16 April	School reopens
7 May	Bank Holiday – School closed
May	KS1 SATs are taken in May
W/C 14 May	SATS week for KS2
24 May	Y1 Class assembly
25 May	School closes for half term
4 June	Staff Development Day – School closed to pupils
5 June	School reopens
W/C 11 June	Phonics week
June/July	New Reception visits – visits across June/July - dates to follow
28 June	Reception Assembly
25 June	Sports Day (AM) – children come into school in their PE kits wearing a tee-shirt in their team colour
2 July	Parents' Evening
3 July	Parents' Evening
July	End of year disco (date to be confirmed) – please note this is a non-uniform day
12 July	Transition morning to meet the teacher for the next academic year
16 July	Attendance Trip for the class with the best overall attendance
17 July	Y6 Leavers' Show
18-20 July	Y5/6 Residential to Robinwood
20 July	School closes for Summer holidays.

Also note that letters and information regarding class trips will be sent out throughout the year.