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Newsletter – October 2014

Dear Parents and Carers,

School Photos – Thursday 9th October



The school photographer will be in on Thursday 9th October to take individual and class photos. We will automatically take photos of siblings in school and also nursery children. If you have a pre-school brother or sister of a child in school then please come in from 8.45am (apologies in advance for any wait you may have but this tends to be popular so your patience is appreciated).

Friends of Bournmoor – Friday 10th October



All are welcome at the Friends of Bournmoor meeting on Friday 10th October at 9am. If you would like to help at events, and can spare some time, then please come along. You can get more information about the Friends, and what they do, on our website.

Reading Workshop – Wednesday 15th October



Reception parents are invited along to a workshop ran by Miss Purdy focusing on reading. This informal session gives tips and ideas on how you can help your child at home. The workshop starts at 9am.

Maths Information Evening – Thursday 16th October



Mrs Parks, our maths co-ordinator, is offering a helpful maths session for parents/carers. The aim of the session is to explain how we teach maths across the school. We hope this will be useful with homework and helping your child at home. The session will start at 4.30pm and all parents/carers are welcome to come along. Please note that this session is aimed at parents/carers and we politely request that children do not attend.

Year 3 Trip to Elba Park – Friday 17th October



Year 3 will be going to Elba Park as part of their science work on Friday 17th October. It would be helpful on that day if Year 3 pupils could have sensible outdoor shoes and a waterproof jacket. This will be a half day trip and no cost is involved.

Table Tennis



Pupils have had the opportunity to try table tennis after school this half term. This has proved very successful and children have reported that they are enjoying the chance to try something different.

Harvest Lunch – Wednesday 22nd October 2014



Parents/carers are invited to join their children on Wednesday 22nd October for a harvest lunch. Mrs Black has sent out letters asking if you would like to join us in school so if you haven't received yours then please contact the office. The last day for orders is 13th October so please return your slip before that date.

Reception Pupils Rhythm, Thyme and Story Time – 6th November to 4th December



A weekly drop in session for parents/carers and their children aged 2-4 (younger siblings welcome) will begin on Thursday 6th November in school. The sessions will be from 10.30-11.10am. For more information contact One Point, Bullion Lane on 03000 268643.

Tuesday 11th November 9am – Year 3 Class Assembly



Mrs Parks' Year 3 class will perform their assembly for their parents/carers on Tuesday 11th November from 9am. The theme will be 'Rocks Rock!' and we very much hope to see you there.

40th Celebration Day



Pupils enjoyed the celebration day in school to mark our 40th birthday. There was a party atmosphere with decorations, picnic lunch and games at the disco. We will end our 40th year with a school production where families will be invited along to share in the history of the local area. As the children all had the chance to have an early disco this term, the next disco is booked in for 4th December.

School Uniform



Some parents have reported their children are not always coming home from school with all their uniform and this is causing difficulties. Many of these items have names marked on them. In order to help with this issue we ask with your support in the following ways:

- 1) please label *all* items of uniform
- 2) Little Gems in Washington can sew names on the *front* of sweatshirts which may help
- 3) check all uniform at home to ensure your child has picked up the correct items

We hope that these measures will help reduce the issues.

Vegetable Competition Winner



Well done to all the children who entered the vegetable competition at Chester-le-Street Riverside. We are pleased to announce that Will in Year 2 won 2nd prize for his excellent lobster. All entrants received a medal.

Dates for your diary

Holiday date reminder for Autumn Term:

We close on Friday 24th October for half term and re-open on Monday 3rd November. In addition this term we have a Staff Training Day on Friday 28th November when school will be closed. A full list of our school holidays are on our website or available from the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs L A Snowdon (Headteacher)