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Newsletter - January 2015

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children all seemed very keen to get the new year started when they returned this week and have made a great start to Spring term. They all earned a well deserved break after their hard in the Christmas productions. Many thanks for all your positive feedback and warm comments.

Healthy Start to 2015



In order to help pupils have a healthy start to 2015 we are reminding parents to send in only healthy snacks for breaktime. We recommend fruit or vegetables (eg carrot sticks, cucumber, apples, bananas). Cereal bars are often seen as a healthy snack but can contain lots of sugar so health experts recommend fruit and vegetables. Parents can contact the office and purchase fruit/vegetables through school for only 13p per day and we also offer milk to pupils through the Cool Milk Scheme. Again details are available from the office. A leaflet is attached from Change 4 Life with information and ideas to help keep children healthy through reduced sugar and salt intake. In addition Lynn Stavers (our Parent Support Advisor) will offer a workshop for parents and pupils offering advice, ideas and tasters to ensure a healthy lunchbox. Details of this will follow. Pupils will also work with Lynn Stavers in school to learn all about healthy foods for snacks and meals.

Year 5/6 Computing Training



On Thursday 8th January pupils in Year 5 and 6 worked with Mr Hodgkinson, an IT specialist, to develop their computing skills further. He showed them how to use KODU which lets pupils create games on the PC via a simple visual programming language. KODU can be used to teach creativity, problem solving, story telling or many other areas of the curriculum. The pupils really enjoyed the chance to develop their programming skills.

Reception Class Music Lessons



Mrs James from the Durham Music Service will be working with Reception children each Friday starting on 16th January. The aim of the 'Little Fingers' sessions is to have fun with rhythm and song while developing their musical abilities. The weekly sessions will last for 5 weeks in total.

Friends of Bournmoor Meeting - Friday 23rd January



The next meeting for the Friends of Bournmoor is on January 23rd at 9am in school. If you are interested in joining please come along to the main office.

Parent Governors

We welcome Mr David Blythe and Miss Michaela King to the governing body as our new parent representatives. Our new goverors take over from the previous parent governors Mrs Debbie Nicod and Mrs Jenny Walmsley who have been excellent and dedicated to school improvement. We would like to extend huge thanks to them for all their hard work and a warm welcome to Mr Blythe and Miss King.

Mathletics



The whole school are now regularly accessing Mathletics to help improve core maths skills and complete mathematical challenges. This on-line website allows pupils to learn in a fun way and then get scores to see how well they are doing. Mrs Middlemas has introduced this across the school and reports that the children are enthusiastic to learn and enjoying this software.

Family Learning Sessions



The Sunderland Stadium of Light Foundation will be running family learning sessions in school. Parents who have returned the reply slips have been notified of the details. The aim of these sessions is to bring children and family member together while learning about maths skills.

Year 4, 5 and 6 Football Team



Mr Colling and Mr Dent will resume football training again on Thursday 15th February at 3.30pm for the Y 4, 5 and 6 team. The aim is to compete in local tournaments in the near future.

Change for Life Club



Miss Purdy, PE co-ordinator, has been working with Year 4 in the Change for Life after school club. The aim is to offer ideas and physical activities to help children have healthy lifestyles. The club will continue this year for Year 4 pupils after school.

Buddies



Many thanks to our excellent Buddies who have undertaken their role so well in the second half term. New Buddies will be voted for soon in each class.

Dinner Money



Just a reminder that dinner money should be paid on a **Monday morning** for the week ahead in a named envelope. Many thanks for your co-operation with this.

Forthcoming Events in School:

Safer Internet Day 10th February

Chinese New Year art work with Mr Lip Lee on Wednesday 25th February

Year 4 History curriculum - visit from a Roman soldier this term

Just a reminder for those booking holidays we close for half term at 3.30pm on Friday 13th Feb and return Monday 23rd February 2015.

Yours sincerely, Mrs L A Snowdon, Headteacher