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Our Value of the Month for March is RESILIENCE and for April is COURAGE



Newsletter – March and April 2024

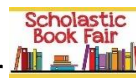
Dear Parents and Carers,

Just a reminder that our next teacher training day is on Friday 8th March so school will be closed to pupils on this day.



World Book Day on Thursday 7th March

Children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character or wear non-uniform to celebrate World Book Day on 7th March. We encourage a love of reading in our school and always enjoy hearing about children's favourite author, book or topic to learn about. We know that in our school pupils have a wide range of reading preferences and like to share this with staff and their friends. Miss Hartley has spent time reorganising our school library to make each section very clear and we hope that this further develops pupils reading for pleasure. As part of World Book Day, teachers will be setting a homework activity for pupils which is to take a picture of themselves reading in a funny or unusual place! The challenge is to have their pictures taken in this place reading their favourite book and we can't wait to see them! We are setting this as a competition with a winner in each class - please see the end page of this Newsletter to see the homework sheet.



Scholastic Book Fair

As part of our promotion of reading, the Scholastic Book Fair will be in our school from 3.15pm on Thursday 7th March and the last day for purchasing books is Wednesday 13th March. You will be able to come into the school hall on World Book Day 7th March (via the main office) to purchase a book with your child from 3.15pm and after that we will be opening our book fair each morning from 8.30am – 9am. Please note children must be accompanied by an adult. You are welcome to come in and browse and come back on another morning to purchase the books of your choice. Payment is via the Scholastic QR code and you can do this on the day by scanning it and following the payment instructions. Next show your confirmation email to a member of staff running the fair and you will be able to take your books.



Red Nose Day – 15th March

Comic Relief's Red Nose Day this year is on Friday 15th March and children can dress up, wear non-uniform or red clothes if they would like to. Any donations for the charity can be sent in on the day and we thank you in advance for your support with this.

Living Eggs Project



Children in Early Years will be learning about Spring changes and new life this half term so we have organised for a delivery of eggs on Monday 4th March through the 'Living Eggs' project. This exciting initiative allows children to look after eggs in an incubator and observe them daily while waiting for the chicks to hatch from the eggs. We will be able to keep the chicks for a little while until the Living Eggs staff come to collect them. They are then given to a local farm. We are looking forward to receiving the eggs and learning all about new life and we hope the children enjoy this fascinating experience.

Easter Egg Competition



It is time to start thinking about designs for our Easter Egg competition! Each pupil can enter an imaginative design (maximum A4 size please) that they have made at home. There are 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes for the winners in each class. Entries need to be in from Monday 25th to Wednesday 27th March so they can be judged by our Chair of

Governors. Prizes can then be awarded. Good luck and we look forward to seeing what the children come up with this year.

Online safety information - Yubo

Please be aware that we have been advised to let parents know of the dangers of Yubo. Despite it being for ages 13+, children can access this app which allows live streaming and interactions which have led to concerns about online grooming. Please see this link for more information and the concerns regarding this app:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/news-blogs/yubo-formerly-yellow-social-media-app-parents-need-know/>

Our local PCSO Dean Regan supported KS2 pupils during Safer Internet Day on 6th February with information on how to stay safe online and ensure safe communication. However, we know that there are always new apps and methods of communicating online being introduced and it can be difficult to stay up to date with this so we teach about online safety as part of our ongoing curriculum. A reminder for parents that there is an excellent website that offers lots of information about many of the games and apps that children can access. We hope you find this helpful as part of your ongoing approaches to keeping your child safe online. The following website provides rating and review information for parents to help ensure that sites, apps, movies, games etc are suitable and we hope this will be useful: <https://www.commonsemmedia.org/>

Parking outside school gates

We have had some feedback about parking issues when parents are collecting children from after school clubs. Please park responsibly and away from the school gates to ensure that all the children can get out of school safely. Your support with this is appreciated.

Parent Governor Vacancies

We have vacancies for parent governors to join our governing body. The role of governor is so important and ensures that we continue our school improvements through our meetings and training. Our governing body already has great expertise and we are looking for parents to join who can enhance the essential and strategic work carried out. If you would like to discuss this, please contact Mrs Snowdon who can explain the role in more detail.

Dates for statutory tests

Year 6 SATs	
Monday 13 May 2024	English grammar, punctuation and spelling papers 1 and 2
Tuesday 14 May 2024	English reading
Wednesday 15 May 2024	Mathematics papers 1 and 2
Thursday 16 May 2024	Mathematics paper 3
Year 4 MTC	
2-week period from Monday 3 June 2024	Year 4 multiplication check
Phonics Check	
1-week period from Monday 10 June 2024	Year 1 phonics (and Year 2 phonics retests)

Nursery Places

Children can join our nursery the term after their third birthday for their free 15 hours (as well as free 30 hours for eligible parents). If you are looking for a nursery place please contact our school to discuss this or arrange a visit. Our nursery was praised by Ofsted where it was noted that children in Early Years get off to a flying start so if you would like to speak to a member of staff about putting your child's name down for our nursery, please contact us.

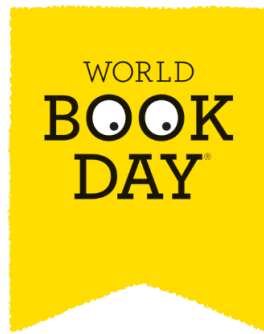
Key Dates

Our list of school holidays and PD days are available on our school website to ensure that family holidays are taken out of term time. You can also find full details of holiday dates on the Durham County website.

We close on Thursday 28th March 3.15pm for the Easter Holidays (Good Friday is Friday 29th March) and we re-open to pupils on Monday 15th April 2024.

Yours sincerely, *L A Snowdon* Mrs Laura Snowdon (Headteacher)

Bournmoor 'Extreme Reading' Competition



What is the challenge?

To celebrate World Book Day on the 7th March and our fantastic love of reading, we are asking you to take on the ultimate reading challenge.

We want you to take a photograph of yourself reading your favourite book in unusual places - the crazier the better!

The prize for the best entries will be a £5 voucher to spend at the Book Fair coming to school on World Book Day!

Need inspiration?

Type the phrase 'Extreme Reading Challenge' into google (with adult support to keep safe online) to see a range of images for motivation. Remember to find somewhere safe, fun and where you can enjoy reading your favourite story. We look forward to the entries and good luck!

