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Our **Value of the Month** for May is **SELF-BELIEF** and for June is **RESPECT**



**Newsletter – May and June 2024**


Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the Summer term where the weather gets warmer and we will soon be able to get on the field every day which children greatly enjoy. During the Easter Holidays Miss Hopper got married and we are pleased to welcome her back as Mrs Patterson! Congratulations and very best wishes to both Mrs Patterson and her husband Ben.

This is always a busy term, especially with SATs for Year 6, the Phonics Test for Year 1 and the Year 4 Multiplication Check. The dates for these are at the end of this newsletter. We will have a Parents’ Evening in July and dates for this will follow so you can discuss your child’s progress and attainment this year.

**New Breakfast Club**

We are opening a daily breakfast club and this will open from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> of May. The club times are as follows and it will be staffed by members of our own team. You will be able to book sessions for the week ahead on Parent Pay and this will provide our register for the children who are attending. Please note that children will need to be dropped to school by an adult at the school office at 8am. If you have any questions about our new daily club please speak to Mrs Snowdon.

<b>Breakfast Club</b>			
8am-9am	Arrive at the main office	Available Monday to Friday	Cost is £1.00 a day including a breakfast

**Parent Governor**

We are very pleased to welcome our new parent governor this term. Mrs Walsh will be joining our governing body at the next meeting in June and prior to this she will complete her induction. We look forward to working together and benefitting from the skills she brings. We still have one vacancy remaining for a Parent Governor so if you are interested please speak to Mrs Snowdon for more information.

**Sports Day**

This year our sports day will be on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June starting from 9am. On that day, children can come to school in sports clothes wearing a t-shirt in their team colour. After the class registers are taken, the children come outside to the school field to begin their competitive track and field events. If you are unsure of your child’s team colour you can ask the class teacher or phone the office. Each year we hold a race for parents so remember to wear your trainers if you want to take part!

**RSE education in school**

During the summer term, our PSHE curriculum includes work on Relationships Sex Education. Our PSHE Jigsaw Scheme ensures that each year group gets age appropriate learning in this area. Year 5 and 6 complete sessions on ‘Changes to our Adolescent Body’ and the letter explaining this and our RSE Policy is on our website. It can be accessed in the policy section by clicking here: <https://bournmoor.durham.sch.uk/key-information/school-policies/> Parents of Year 5 and 6 pupils have the right to withdraw their child from these sessions and can contact school with regards to this. Last year governors agreed to send out a puberty pack to all of Year 6 pupils following these sessions. We will be doing this again this year to ensure that children have a selection of personal hygiene items.

## Returning Reading Books to School

Children read regularly in school with adults and use books from the Pearson Bug Club Scheme or with texts chosen by our independent readers from the library or book shelves. **Unfortunately, books are not always returned from home so we are introducing a simple, whole school system to remind parents when this happens to bring the book in.** We buy these books for school so they can be used to support reading within the classroom, in our interventions and then taken home to be shared with parents. Through regular reading children develop the essential skills to become fluent and confident readers. The system for reminders is as follows:

- 1) If your child does not return the book on the day it should be in then you will receive a first text asking you to bring it to the office as follows:

***Polite reminder to bring your child's reading book to the school office today so they can read in school***



- 2) If your child does not return the book by the end of the week you will receive a second text asking to return it as follows:

***Your child has not had their book in school this week  
Please return it to school to support their reading***



- 3) If your child does not return the book then

***You will receive a phone call asking for the book to be brought to school***

We hope that by sending out reminders all children will return their books to school so they can read both at home and at school to develop their reading skills. Your support with this is appreciated and thank you to the parents who have already looked at home and returned the reading scheme books they have found.

### Prem Aware Award



Miss Purdy and Mrs Snowdon have completed training on how to become a premature baby aware school through awareness and understanding of babies born pre-term. The Smallest Things Prem Aware Award scheme raises awareness of the potential impact of prematurity on development and learning and helps schools to recognise and meet any specific learning needs of children born prematurely. As a result of our training, we have amended our Data Collection Forms for new starters to ask the gestational age at birth. We also aim to gather current pupil's information regarding if they were pre-term and we hope that when asked, parents will be willing to share this. You can find out more about this award and the positive impact it can have in schools by clicking:

<https://www.thesmallestthings.org/prem-aware-award>

### 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.

### Early Years Update



Children in Early Years have enjoyed learning about new life by having the chicks in their classroom. In addition, they are watching the development from chrysalis to butterflies to learn about changes. They are continuing their learning this term by growing beans and flowers and watching for the changes. They are also waiting for their potatoes to grow. As always, our Early Years children are very busy!

### Year 1 and 2 Trip



Year 1 and 2 are going to Seaburn on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May as part of their Geography topic. They will be looking at geological features and get first-hand experience through this field work. The children have been developing their field work experience this year so this will further enhance that. The trip will be on ParentPay and a letter with full details of the trip will be sent out to parents.

### Year 3 and 4 Visitor



On the 8<sup>th</sup> of May children in Miss Hartley's class will be working with Dr Leddra to learn all about rocks and soils. This is part of their Science work this term and this session will develop their ability to compare and group rocks according to their properties, learn how fossils are formed and what rocks are made from.

### Year 5



Year 5 are currently working with If U Care Share each Friday to develop their understanding of mental health and what we can do to support this. Each week they cover a different topic to develop a greater understanding of emotional health. Many thanks to Emma and Symone from the charity for bringing their expertise to our school to support children's mental health and wellbeing.

### Year 6



We wish our Year 6 pupils the very best of luck with their forthcoming SATs. To help them prepare, they have been attending SAT club after school each week, have completed interventions with Mr Seaton and Mrs Lowder and have accessed homework on Teams. To support from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May, we are offering a free breakfast club each morning from 8am to let Year 6 children meet, chat and get a positive start to their day. At the end of this very busy year, Year 6 will go on their Leavers' trip as a reward.

### Attendance

Each week the class with the highest attendance receives Barney Bear as an award. At the end of the year the class with the highest attendance (and pupils with 100%) go on a free trip to reward this achievement. Please ensure that you take holidays out of term time to support your child's education and prevent any class having reduced attendance for this unauthorised reason. Our aim is that each pupil attends school every day but we understand that children have illnesses and medical appointments. We appreciate that parents phone each day that their child is off to inform us and also provide evidence for appointments when requested.

### Key Dates



Our list of school holidays and PD days are available on our school website. You can click on the link below to find them. This will ensure that holidays are taken out of term time to allow your child to attend school. You can also find full details of holiday dates on the Durham County website. School holiday dates and PD days for 2023-24 and 2024-2025:

<https://www.bournmoor.durham.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/50/2023/05/School-holidays-and-PD-days-2023-2024-1.pdf>

### Dates for statutory tests

<b>Year 6 SATs</b>	
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
<b>Year 4 MTC</b>	
2-week period from Monday 3 June 2024	Year 4 multiplication check
<b>Phonics Check</b>	
1-week period from Monday 10 June 2024	Year 1 phonics (and Year 2 phonics retests)

**BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY is the 6<sup>th</sup> of May and school is closed on this day.**

**We close on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 3.15pm for half term and we re-open to pupils on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.**

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