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



Newsletter – March and April 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Breakfast and our school wraparound

Our free daily breakfast has been going for a short time and is proving very popular. Working with the Greggs Foundation, our aim is to provide each child who attends our school with a free breakfast from 8.40am each day. Also, we have set up our new after school wraparound care which now means we offer this to parents from 8am to 6pm. Bookings for our wraparound are via ParentPay and our school office staff can assist with any questions you have. Parents can book for the week ahead for the number of sessions they require.

School Sports Partnership Intra event 17th March



On Monday 17th March we have an Intra school sports event in school led by a coach from the Schools Sports Partnership. Children in KS1 and KS2 will work with one another on a range of sporting activities with the coach. Children can come into school in their PE kit in readiness for their activities on 17th March.

Red Nose Day – 21st March



Comic Relief's Red Nose Day this year is on Friday 21st 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 from Monday 31st March



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 31st March through the 'Living Eggs' project. This popular 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 on Friday 11th April. 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 7th to 9th April



Each year we hold our very popular Easter Egg competition where children can bring in their own home-made entry to be judged by our Chair of Governors, Mrs Bell. The standard is very high each year and it reflects the children's great imaginations. The eggs will be judged on Wednesday 9th April so the entries can be brought in on Monday 7th April and Tuesday 8th April. There will be Easter Egg prizes for the winners and we wish everyone who enters the best of luck.

World Book Day and reading in our school



Thank you for your support for World Book Day in our School this year. Our younger children read with our older ones so they could share a story together. We encourage a love of reading in our school and always enjoy hearing about children's favourite author, book or topic. As part of World Book Day, teachers set 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. We have set this as a competition with a winner in each class - please see the end page of this Newsletter to see the homework sheet.

Also, we appreciate the return of our scheme reading books back to school each week so children can change them and also use them as part of their group reading. Thank you to all the parents who return the books each week and

read with their child – your support is greatly appreciated. We have a system in place to contact parents to ensure books are returned and this has had a positive impact to date but our aim is to have no texts or letters to send each week.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a parent 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 a parent 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.

Nurture training for staff

Staff have completed training with the Durham SEN team on developing a nurture group within our school. This would be in addition to our drawing and talking therapy and zones of regulation that we currently offer. We are in the process of designing this space within our school, working under the guidance of our SENCO Miss Purdy. Any donations of unwanted LEGO would be appreciated as we can use this within our nurture group as one of the activities.

School Policies and Curriculum Information



You can access our school policies by clicking the following link in the 'Policies' part of our website:

<https://www.bournmoor.durham.sch.uk/key-information/school-policies/>

The following link lets you see what your child is learning across the year (including this term's topics) so you can continue to help at home. Your support with this is greatly appreciated:

<https://www.bournmoor.durham.sch.uk/our-curriculum/curriculum-content/>

Dates for statutory tests

| Year 6 SATs | |
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| Monday 12 May 2025 | English grammar, punctuation and spelling papers 1 and 2 |
| Tuesday 13 May 2025 | English reading |
| Wednesday 14 May 2025 | Mathematics papers 1 and 2 |
| Thursday 15 May 2025 | Mathematics paper 3 |
| Year 4 MTC | |
| 2-week period from Monday 2 June 2025 | Year 4 multiplication check |
| Phonics Check | |
| 1-week period from Monday 9 June 2025 | Year 1 phonics |

Dates for all statutory tests in primary schools can be found on <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/primary-assessments-future-dates>

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

<https://www.durham.gov.uk/schoolholidays>

We close on Friday 11th April at 3.15pm for the Easter Holidays and we re-open to pupils on Monday 28th April 2025.

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

Bournmoor 'Extreme Reading'



BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

What is the challenge?

To celebrate World Book Day on the 6th 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!

- Each entry will be gifted with **1 book** of your choice.
- Runner ups will get **5 books** of your choice.
- Winners will get **10 free books** of your choice.

Need inspiration?

Google the phrase 'Extreme Reading Challenge' into google to see a range of images for motivation.

Please bring in a photo of your entry or you can also upload it to Tapestry / Teams.