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Our Value of the Month for December is **Kindess**

December 2026 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Miss Purdy's Retirement

We start this newsletter with the news that Miss Purdy is retiring in August at the end of this academic year after working at Bournmoor Primary School for an impressive 35 years. Miss Purdy has dedicated her working life to this school and served the community relentlessly, always having the best interests of the children and families at the heart of what she does. She will be greatly missed both as an outstanding SENCO and a very respected, beloved colleague. However, after 35 years Miss Purdy has definitely earned the right to a more sedate pace of life.

It is wonderful to see the pupils that she taught as a younger teacher still coming over to share family news and catch up with her. Miss Purdy finds it hard to believe that these children she taught at the start of her career are turning 40! We hope that her last few months in school create yet more wonderful memories for her as she ends her time here with our school community.

End of term school disco with Santa Thursday 17th December

Autumn term is well underway and this is always a busy time with the lead up to Christmas approaching. On the last Thursday of term (17th December) the children will be having a free disco in the afternoon. This year Santa will be coming to see the children at the disco rather than at our school fair. On that day, children can wear Christmas jumpers or party clothes if they would like but please ensure they are wearing sensible shoes or trainers.

Bournmoor Village Christmas Tree Light Switch on Friday 27th November 5.00pm

On Friday 27th November at 5.00pm families are invited to the annual Christmas tree light switch on which will happen at 6.00pm in the grounds of St Barnabas' Church. Children and families are invited along to sing carols and see the lights switched on. Everyone at St Barnabas' would love to see you there for hot chocolate and to see Santa too.

Christmas Post Box from 1st December

Each year children can bring their Christmas cards into school for their friends and put them in our post box. This year our School Council will be sorting them out and delivering them to each class. Your child can post their Christmas cards from Monday 1st December. Please ensure that each envelope has the pupil's name on and which class they are in so our delivery team can get them to the children.

Christmas Fair Wednesday 2nd December from 3.15pm to 5.00pm

This year our Christmas Fair is on Wednesday 2nd December starting at 3.15pm. We are very grateful for the donations for our raffle/tombola/toy stall, etc which have been steadily coming in. We have a range of stalls at the event and if children want to wear non-uniform on 2nd December they are very welcome to. We look forward to seeing you there.



12 Days of Christmas Attendance Prizes

We will be having our daily prize draws for the 12 school days leading up to the end of term. The 12 days of Christmas starts on Thursday 3rd December going through to Friday 18th December in our school. To be in the daily draw children just need to be in school on time each day and their name will automatically be put in. We draw one prize each day for infants and one each day for juniors. Good luck everyone!



Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch 10th December

On Thursday 10th December children can join in with Christmas Jumper Day and raise funds for St Cuthbert's Hospice. This is also the day that children get their Christmas lunch. If your child is on packed lunch and you would like them to have a dinner, please contact the office by this Friday 27th November. On that day children can wear their festive jumpers if they have one and please note non-uniform is also allowed. Donations towards this would be very welcome on that day and we will pass all proceeds on to the charity.



Christmas Performances for Infants and Juniors – Tuesday 15th & Wednesday 16th December

Our Christmas performances are on Tuesday 15th December and Wednesday 16th December. As we are a small school, we are going to have Christmas performances again this year with all the children in it together. This means that children in Early Years through to Year 6 will be in the same show and we hope you like this new approach for this year. So each child has someone there for their performances, 2 adults can come along on the Tuesday per family and 2 adults can come along on the Wednesday per family. This means that no tickets will be needed as we will admit the correct number of adults on the day for each family. We look forward to seeing you for our Christmas performance of 'A Rootin' Tootin' Christmas Nativity'.



Policies and Information

We keep a range of policies and helpful information on our school website. We hope you find this useful and please ask the office if you require a paper copy. Please click this link to access the 'Policies' part of our website: https://www.bournmoor.durham.sch.uk/key-information/school-policies/



Class Star Pages on our Website Homepage

We update our Class Pages for EY, Y1/2, Y3/4 and Y5/6 with photos so follow this link to our homepage to see what the children have been doing by clicking on their Class Star: https://bournmoor.durham.sch.uk/

We have lots planned and this newsletter provides dates and times for events but as always, please contact the office if you would like any further information. **Here is a summary for you**:

Tuesday 1st	Christmas post box put up in school for children to post cards to friends (please add name and class on envelope)
Wednesday 2nd	Christmas fair from 3.15pm in school
Thursday 3rd	12 Days of Christmas attendance prizes start from today – every child in school on time is entered in daily
Wednesday 9th	Christingle Service for pupils
Thursday 10th	Christmas Jumper day – donations for St Cuthbert's Hospice welcome and Christmas lunch
Tuesday 15th	Christmas performance 9.30am
Wednesday 1th	Christmas performance 9.30am
Thursday 17th	End of term disco (pm)

We close on Friday 18th December 2026 for the Christmas Holidays and re-open to pupils on Monday 4th January 2027.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Christmas when it arrives and all the best for 2027.

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