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Saying Goodbye for a While



I have very mixed emotions today: I am feeling very proud of everything we have achieved at Bourne since I started here in 2013, but I am also feeling very sad that I won't be here every day to see all of you and your fantastic children. I am excited about a new challenge ahead for me for the next four terms, but I am also pleased to know that the plan is for me to return to Bourne in September.

Under Mrs Evason's leadership, I am confident that the school will continue to flourish, and I look forward to hearing about Bourne's many successes as we will stay in contact while I'm away – we already work very closely with both Stafford and Roselands, so I am sure I will keep up to date with all the Bourne news!

I would like to thank you all for your support for me, for the staff, and for the whole school. It is a wonderful school, which serves to educate and look after these exceptional children.

Cinderella

As is traditional at Bourne, we took a large group of our Infants along to the pantomime at the Devonshire Park Theatre yesterday. It's such a pleasure to support such a long-standing British tradition, and the children had a great time. Their behaviour was excellent, as always.

The children thoroughly loved the whole experience, including the ice cream, and I have heard very excited tales of a flying horse in the show!

My thanks to all the volunteers who came along on the trip, as we would not be able to run it without them, and to Miss Martin for organising it.



The cast of Cinderella

Parent Questionnaires

I am pleased to be able to feed back to you on the questionnaires you completed last term. We were really pleased with the feedback we received. Some headlines are:

- 99% of the parents who responded liked seeing the teachers on the playground before school
- 97% agree that their child is taught well and makes good progress
- 96% agree or strongly agree that school is led and managed well, and that their children are happy here
- 95% of parents either strongly agree or agree their child is well looked after and 94% agree or strongly agree that their child feels safe at Bourne

All of the responses showed that the vast majority of parents felt positively about Bourne. This is very reassuring, but we also want to continue to work with you to make the school even better.

The lowest rated answers were about the website (83% found it useful) and about clubs (82% thought we offered a range of clubs). Both are areas we are looking at to make improvements over the coming months – I know Mrs Evason has lots of ideas about both, and also wants to get our Facebook page back up to speed.

An Important Consultation

As you may know, schools and local authorities are facing many financial challenges, and East Sussex has been in the news a lot recently about the challenges it particularly faces.

We have been asked to invite all of you to take part in a consultation about the future of the English as an Additional Language Service (EALS), which offers us huge amounts of support. The service may have to close, and so East Sussex are collecting parents and carers' views before making their final decision.

If you would like to take part in this consultation, and share your views with East Sussex, please visit this link (sorry it's so long!):

<https://consultation.eastsussex.gov.uk/childrens-services/copy-of-copy-of-copy-of-youth-cabinet-tell-us-abou/consultation/subpage.2018-11-22.4825383376/>

House Points for this Week

Each week, we give a special cup to the house with the highest number of points, which are earned for good behaviour, honesty, responsibility, etc.

Unicorn	171	points
Phoenix	162	points
Gryphon	158	points
Dragon	152	points
Centaur	134	points
Minotaur	126	points

Well done **Unicorn!**

Mrs Smith



Today is Mrs Smith's last day at Bourne for a while – she starts her maternity leave after the Christmas holidays.

I am sure you will join me in sending her our very best wishes.

Diary Dates

- Staff Training Day - [school closed](#)
Thursday 3rd January
- Staff Training Day - [school closed](#)
Friday 4th January
- Start of Term 3 - [school starts at 8.45am](#)
Monday 7th January
- FOBSA Cake Sale
Friday 18th January
- Leopards Class Assembly
Tuesday 22nd January at 9am
- Giraffes Class Assembly
Tuesday 5th February at 9am

Rewarding Good Attendance and Punctuality

Attending school regularly, and being punctual, is really important, and we want all children to be in as much as possible so they don't miss any important learning.



In Fang's family Hedgehogs had the best attendance, while Leopards were the most punctual class.



Hawks were the best attenders in Miss Lilac's family, and Panthers were the most punctual class.



Well done to all four classes!

Reception 2019

Remember, if your child is due to start Reception next September, please fill in an application form by 15th January 2019. Paper forms are available from the school office, or you can easily apply online by going to www.eastsussex.gov.uk and filling out the form electronically.

Even if you have an older child already in the school, or your child is already in our Nursery, you must still make a formal application and submit it to East Sussex County Council by this deadline. If you don't get the application in on time, it will mean that you may not be offered a place at the school. We already have a large number of first choices for a place here, so don't get left off the list!

A Reminder about What We Do if It Snows

If it snows, we do everything we can to stay open. We only close the school on snow days for two reasons:

- If it would be dangerous for the children to attend school
- If too many members of staff (many of whom live far away or in places which do not have gritted roads) cannot travel because of the snow, which would mean that we couldn't offer adequate supervision.

If we do decide to close, we will let you know by text and email and on the website – please make sure we have your up-to-date contact details. If you are signed up and do not hear from us, assume we are open.

Christmas Wishes!

On behalf of the staff, I would like to thank you for the many kind words, cards and gifts we have received this week. They are very much appreciated.

We would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas, and a happy, peaceful and successful New Year. Have a good rest! **Please remember that the children will return to school at the usual time (8.45am) on Monday 7th January 2019.**

