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### Diversity Day at Bourne

We are very proud to be a diverse school. The uniqueness of every child and family makes Bourne such an exciting place to work and learn. This diversity comes in range of forms – the languages each of us speak; our heritages which have brought our families across the world or from different parts of the country; the differences in our families; the beliefs and/or faiths we have; and the variety in the colours of our skin, hair, eyes etc.

We want to celebrate this diversity, and the fact that we live together in the UK, in a way which means these differences are not barriers between us.

We are therefore inviting every child at Bourne to come to school in one of the following outfits on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February:

- In red, white and blue to celebrate the United Kingdom and the Union Flag
- In clothes which represent the colours of the flag of a country of their family's origin
- In rainbow colours to celebrate the fact that February is LGBT awareness month, and this is also an important and valued part of our community's diversity
- In traditional clothes from a country of their family's origin

We look forward to celebrating the diverse world of Bourne with you all!

### House Points

<b>Phoenix</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>points</b>
Minotaur	77	points
Gryphon	66	points
Dragon	63	points
Centaur	57	points
Unicorn	47	points

Well done **Phoenix!**

### Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

Once again this year, Sainsbury's are helping schools to collect vouchers which can be used to buy sports and play equipment for the school. We make good use of this opportunity to improve our provision and resources even further, and would encourage you to collect the vouchers if ever you – or family, friends, or neighbours - shop at Sainsbury's stores, and bring them into school.

[www.facebook.com/bourneprimaryschool](https://www.facebook.com/bourneprimaryschool)

**FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY 2017**

### Seaside Rec. Development

The children were invited to help the Eastbourne Council planners decide on the best design for the development at Seaside Rec. A total of 528 children, (of whom about 350 were from Bourne) were consulted and at the end of voting, there were two designs with exactly the same number of votes.

The planners then looked at best value for both cost and play opportunities, and the design below was chosen:



Thank you to all the children who expressed their views to help with this project.

### Rewarding Good Attendance and Punctuality



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



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



Well done to all four classes!

### School Fleeces

Another reminder from Mrs Bannister that you that you can still buy Bourne School fleeces from the office for only £12.50 each. Given the recent spell of very cold weather, you may think that this is a very good idea!

### Polite Requests from the Office

A few reminders and requests for you:

- We need parents to call in every morning of a student absence, and we do need you to tell us why your child is off school.
- All students who arrive at school after **8.55am** must go to the school office to sign in.
- Please can students who are attending appointments before they come to school call the school on the morning of the appointment to order school lunch (if needed) for that day.

### Diary Dates

*Make a note in your diaries!*

- Hedgehogs Class Assembly  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 9.00am
- Healthy Eating Workshops for Years 5 and 6  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February
- Diversity Day at Bourne  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February
- FOBSA Cake Sale  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February
- Half term holiday – school closed  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February
- First Day of Term 4  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February – school starts at 8.45am
- Hawks Class Assembly  
Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 9.00am
- Healthy Eating Workshops for Years 1 and 2  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March
- Giraffes Class Assembly  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 9.00am

### Another Request for Spare Clothes

Sometimes, children have accidents at school and need a change of clothes. We like to keep a stock of good quality uniform for this purpose, however we have been running low on several items.

If you have any good quality second hand uniform that you no longer need, please bring it to the office. We are looking for all items, but particularly trousers, and for all ages (3 to 11). Thank you.

### Working with the School

One thing that is often said about Bourne, is how welcoming it is, and how hard we try to support the children and their families. I often see teachers and other staff talking to parents long before or after their working day has started and finished.

If you do have a concern, please speak to the member of staff calmly and politely. Sometimes, parents come to school to discuss an incident with a teacher, upset that they think it hasn't been dealt with, and it turns out that they might have got the wrong end of the stick! This can cause very straightforward conversations to become difficult and heated, which often solves nothing.

We are all very committed to helping the children to be as happy as they can be at Bourne, and ask that you support us by reminding your children regularly that they should tell an adult immediately if they are hurt or upset by another child, or by talking us to find out the facts of an incident. Thank you.

### 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 – please make sure we have your up-to-date contact details. If you are signed up and do not hear from us, please assume we are open.



## FOBSA Cake Sale

Don't forget that we will be holding a FOBSA cake sale on the last day of term, Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February. All donations of cakes, buns, cupcakes, muffins, etc. will be gratefully accepted!