

Parent Consultations

Thank you to all the parents who came to their Parental Consultation appointments. If you were unable to arrange a meeting with your child's teacher, please contact them to see if there is an alternative time you can make, as these meetings are extremely important, and allow us to share ways to help your child learn and improve.

Bourne Maths and Reading Challenges

The Maths Challenge has had a very positive impact on Maths in the school, and the children are really keen to learn their tables and progress through their tests. Please make sure you support this at home – only ten minutes a day can make all the difference.

Likewise, please read with your child for at least ten minutes a day, and note this in their reading journal. Older children who are confident readers do not have to read to an adult, but should discuss what they are reading, and be forming an opinion about the book and its author. For every ten sessions like this, they will have a book ticket to place in our end of term prize draw.

House Points

Centaur	237	points
Phoenix	233	points
Dragon	214	points
Gryphon	213	points
Unicorn	181	points
Minotaur	175	points

Well done **Centaur!**

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.

Our Panda and Penguin

The panda and the penguin finally have names! This was a search we started over a year ago and Mrs Evason met with the School Council before the holidays, and they voted on a shortlist of suggestions. I was really surprised and pleased by the final decision:

Our penguin is going to be called **Laika**, which is Latvian for 'on time'.

We pronounce this 'Lay-ka'



Our panda is going to be called **Zhun Shi**, which is Chinese for 'on time'.

We pronounce this 'Jhun She'

I thought these were great names, and their English meaning was absolutely spot on. Well done School Council, and thanks to Panthers Class for proposing these names.

Rewarding Good Attendance and Punctuality



In Fang's family Hedgehogs had the best attendance this week, and Red and Green Butterflies were the most punctual class.



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



Well done to all four classes!

Diary Dates

Make a note in your diaries!

- Healthy Eating Workshops for Years 3 and 4
Wednesday 26th April
- May bank Holiday – school closed
Monday 1st May
- Year 6 SATs Week
Monday 8th – Friday 12th May
- A Special Event instead of the Dance Concert
Thursday 22nd June
- Staff Training Day – school closed
Friday 23rd June
- Transition Day
Tuesday 4th July

The Insider's Guide

The Insider's Guide is a free 5 week course for parents and carers of children with special needs.

This course will cover things like understanding and managing difficult behaviours, practical help, support and tips to handle tricky meetings, survival strategies and lots more, plus a chance to meet other parents in a relaxed atmosphere.

The course will run on Fridays from 10am to 1pm in the Community Meeting Room at Bourne from 21st April until the 19th May.

If you would like more details, please call Cleo Kitcher on 07710 764936

Funding for Schools and Pupils

If you have not yet had a chance, please write to your MP to explain that schools are having to look very hard at our provision for pupils and we are considering decisions that, for Bourne, are likely to result in:

- Increasingly large class sizes and fewer teachers
- School buildings falling into further disrepair
- Cuts to the number teaching assistants and support staff
- Outdated computer equipment

Your support is vital – thank you.

