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A New Bourne Baby



Our congratulations go to Miss Bracuti – her son Albie was born on January 5th, weighing 7lbs.

Mrs Bracuti and Albie are both doing well, and settling into busy family life. We are looking forward to meeting the newest member of the Bourne family very soon.

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. Just ten minutes a day can make a difference.

Also, please read with your child for at least ten minutes a day, and note this in their reading journal. Children who are independent readers do not have to read to an adult, but should discuss their 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.

There are now some supportive resources on the school website to support you under the 'Curriculum and Learning' tab.

Adults' Behaviour in the Playground

A polite request to parents, carers and their friends – please remember that adults' behaviour is often copied by the children. Some adults have been noticed swearing or making inappropriate comments in the playground before and after school, and some of the children are becoming aware of this. These are things we don't want the children to copy, as they will get in trouble with us if they do something similar.

House Points for this Week

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| Unicorn | 128 | points |
| Gryphon | 118 | points |
| Centaur | 108 | points |
| Phoenix | 105 | points |
| Dragon | 102 | points |
| Minotaur | 97 | points |

Well done **Unicorn!**

Exciting News!

We have some exciting news about several members of staff:



Firstly, congratulations to Mrs Patton. She is pregnant with a little brother or sister for Jacob, and as her baby is due in the Summer, she will start her maternity leave during term 5. We all send her our very best wishes.

Secondly, our congratulations also go to Mr Hughes and Miss Iles, who are also expecting their first baby together. Their baby is due slightly later than Mrs Patton's, and Miss Iles plans to start her maternity leave during term 6. Again, we send them both our very best wishes.



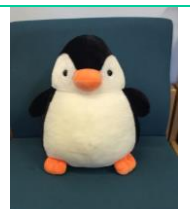
This is fantastic news, and we are looking forward to welcoming both babies to the Bourne family later on in the Summer.



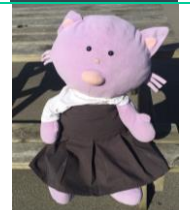
Rewarding Good Attendance and Punctuality



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



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



Well done to all four classes!

EAL Parents' Coffee Morning

Do you speak a different language at home? Please come to our coffee morning, which will take place on Thursday 25th January, from 8.45-9.20am in the Community Meeting Room.

- Tea/coffee available
- Meet other parents, ask questions



We would like to discuss:

- What is going on this term
- Good speaking and listening skills

Diary Dates

Make a note in your diary!

- Foxes Class Assembly
Tuesday 23rd January at 9am
- Coffee Morning for EAL parents
Thursday 25th January at 9am
- Badgers Class Assembly
Tuesday 30th January at 9am
- Rabbits Class Assembly
Tuesday 6th February at 9am
- FOBSA AGM
Wednesday 7th February at 2pm
- Half Term Holiday – school closed
Monday 12th – Friday 16th February
- First Day of Term 4 – school starts at 8.45am
Monday 19th February
- World Book Day – details coming soon!
Thursday 1st March
- Parents Evenings for Nursery to Year 6
Wednesday 7th March

What To Do If Your Child Is Absent

If your child is away from school, it is vital that you contact the school on the first day of their absence. This applies for all children, including nursery children. Please ring our dedicated attendance hotline as soon as possible, ideally in the morning before 8.45am and leave a message on the school answer machine with your child's name, class and reason for absence. The office staff listen to these messages each morning.

The hotline number is **(01323) 746337**

If you are not able to ring before 8.45am, please call the school as soon as possible after that. If you have not informed us of an absence then you will be called by a member of staff, as we operate a 'First-day calling' system. It is also important that you follow up any absence with a short note which explains why your child was off school. These notes should be given to your child's class teacher.

FOBSA

The FOBSA Annual General Meeting is on Wednesday 7th February at 2.00pm.

Everyone is welcome!

Did You Know?

Parents who are registered to receive Free School Meals are eligible to receive other benefits including:

- A free P.E. Kit and book bag once every school year from Reception to Year 6
- A 25% reduction on the cost of any class trip
- A 50% reduction on the cost of the Year 6 Residential trip to Blacklands Farm
- A reduction on the cost of instrumental tuition lessons

Even though all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are offered a free school dinner, this entitlement does not include these benefits.

ALL THIS FREE IF YOU REGISTER YOUR ELIGIBILITY:

