

## END OF TERM SPECIAL EDITION

### 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 felt that their children were happy at Bourne
- 97% agree or strongly agree that school is led and managed well
- 97% of parents either strongly agree or agree their child is well looked after and also agree or strongly agree that their child feels safe at Bourne
- 94% of parents agree or strongly agree their child is taught well and 96% either strongly agree or agree their child makes good progress at Bourne

We also asked you for feedback on what we do well, and what issues you see in the school. We are hoping to address some of these over the coming weeks and months. As always, the feedback is extremely useful, and very gratefully received.

### What is Mindfulness?

Some parents told us that they are not sure what mindfulness is, and asked us to explain.

Mindfulness is a calming and focusing exercise, which helps children and adults focus on their breathing and on their senses, in order to step away from emotions and worries, and instead to be present in the here and now.

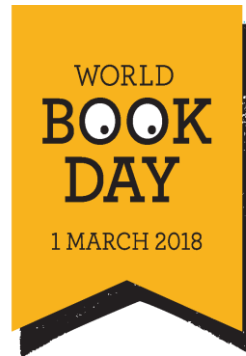
The children at Bourne undertake mindfulness twice a day, for no more than 5 minutes at a time. The teachers might talk them through a simple exercise, or they might listen to a recorded piece. Nobody is forced to do mindfulness, but the vast majority of the children tell us it is very useful, and really helps them manage their learning and their emotions.

### House Points for this Week

<b>Phoenix</b>	116	points
Unicorn	110	points
Minotaur	101	points
Dragon	99	points
Gryphon	91	points
Centaur	88	points

Well done **Phoenix!**

### World Book Day Reminder



Remember that Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March is World Book Day 2018. We are inviting all the children to dress as a character from a book by the author their year group is studying – we have a list below.

Every child who dresses up will receive 5 house points, and they will get another 5 house points if their costume is clearly linked to a book by their year's identified author.

The authors for each year group are:

- Year 6: *David Walliams*
- Year 5: *Enid Blyton*
- Year 4: *Roald Dahl*
- Year 3: *J. K. Rowling*
- Year 2: *Claire Freedman* ("Aliens Love..." series, etc)
- Year 1: *Julia Donaldson*
- Nursery and Reception will be looking at Traditional Tales

We will also have a special certificate for the best World Book Day costume in each class.

### Rewarding Good Attendance and Punctuality



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



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



Well done to all four classes!

### Fundraising for the NSPCC

Thank you to everyone returned their sponsorship money in support of the NSPCC. We raised a **FANTASTIC £960.58**

Thank you for supporting this great cause!

### Half Term Holidays

Next week is half term. We hope you have a safe and enjoyable week.

The school will open again to the children on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February at 8.45am – don't be late!

### Diary Dates

- First Day of Term 4 – school starts at 8.45am  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February
- **WORLD BOOK DAY**  
Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March
- Giraffes Class Assembly  
Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 9am
- Koalas Class Assembly  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 9am
- Parents Evenings for Nursery to Year 6  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March
- Zebras Class Assembly  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 9am
- Kangaroos Class Assembly  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 9am
- End of Term 4  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March – school ends at the usual time

### A Reminder about the Maths4Parents Course

Do you have a child in Key Stage 2? Would you like to be able to support them with their learning? Would you like to improve your own maths skills?

Come along to this welcoming, friendly and free course:

- Keep one step ahead of your children!
- Learn more about the maths curriculum in KS2
- Led by an experienced instructor and primary school teacher

This is a 4 week course taking place from 10:30 – 12:30 on the following Tuesdays:

27<sup>th</sup> February and 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> March at

**Sussex Downs College**, Cross Levels Way,  
Eastbourne, BN21 2UF

*PLACES ARE LIMITED – PLEASE BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT*

To find out more information, or to book a place on this course, please call 030 300 38212 or email [community.info@sussexdowns.ac.uk](mailto:community.info@sussexdowns.ac.uk)

# FOBSA

We have some exciting FOBSA events planned for the rest of the year:

- FOBSA Cake Sale – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February (all donations gratefully received)
- Non-uniform day Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April – (£1 donation to FOBSA from every child who comes in in 'mufti')
- School Discos – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April
- Summer Fair – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July

### End of the Day in the Playground

Please remember that Junior children must only be collected from their cone in the playground, not from the line as they walk out of the building or through the playground. Infant children are still collected as they have been in the past.

From the feedback I still receive, the end of the day is much better than it used to be, and this will only continue if all parents collect their children from the correct locations. Thank you.