

BOURNE ELSEA PARK CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY

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Dear Parents/Carers,

NIGEL VARDY, MOUNTAINEER VISIT - YEAR 3 & YEAR 5

As part of our geography topics, children in Year 3 and Year 5 will be studying 'Great Adventurers' and 'Magnificent Mountains.'

We have been extremely lucky to have secured a visit from Nigel Vardy at Bourne Abbey for our Bourne Elsea Park and Bourne Abbey children. Nigel is a passionate mountaineer, adventurer and motivational speaker who has climbed mountains in many of the world's great ranges, raced across glaciers, lived in tropical jungles, boiled, frozen, fallen, sunk and even been reported missing.

Better known as Mr Frostbite, in 1999 Nigel suffered severe frostbite on Mount McKinley in Alaska and aged just 30 years old his life changed forever.

He will be visiting Bourne Abbey on Tuesday 16th April to introduce our topics with the story of his expedition to attempt to reach the summit of this brutal mountain environment. In addition, Nigel will share his mountaineering equipment with the children to help them develop a clearer understanding of the risks associated with such expeditions. His story is truly inspirational, and we know that this will capture the children's interests in this topic.

Please ensure that your child has appropriate outdoor clothing as we will be walking the children there and back.

We are asking for a contribution of £2.30 per child, in order that Nigel's visit can go ahead. Please be aware that this visit will not go ahead without sufficient support. When deciding whether or not to run such an event, consideration has been given to the increased pressure on family finances due to the current economic climate. Please do let us know if you require any additional support in this respect by emailing BEP.enquiries@abbeyacademies.co.uk. **Payment should be made via ParentMail +Pay by Monday 15th April 2024.**

We are all really looking forward to an exciting day.

Yours sincerely,

Mr A Whiteway
Acting Head of School