BOURNE ELSEA PARK CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY

Executive Headteacher: Mrs L Jordan
Email: BEP.enquiries@abbeyacademies.co.uk

Sandown Drive
Bourne

Tel: 01778 426968



30th March 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

NIGEL VARDY, MOUNTAINEER VISIT – YEAR 3

As part of our exciting geography topic, children in Year 3 will be studying the theme 'Dream Big.'

We have been extremely lucky to have secured a visit from Nigel Vardy, 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 our school on the afternoon of **Tuesday 5th May** to introduce our topic 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.

We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £3.74 per child towards the cost of the visit. Payment should be made via ParentMail +Pay by **Friday 1st May 2026.** Please do bear in mind that +Pay offers a part payment option which allows payment in instalments if needed.

Please be aware that as a school we cannot go ahead if we run the risk of making a loss and this visit will not therefore 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.

We are all really looking forward to an exciting day.

Yours sincerely,

Miss B Blyton
Class Teacher