



# NEWSLETTER - 14<sup>th</sup> APRIL

Dear Parents

## Reception Places

Last week we asked parents to notify school by email to confirm acceptance of Reception 2020 offers. However, on Thursday Birmingham City Council provided us with information indicating that they will be dealing with this process this year as a result of the current coronavirus outbreak and the impact on Birmingham schools. As a result of this information **you do not need to email school to confirm that you wish to accept the place offered.** Offers of Reception places for September 2020 are due to be emailed out to parents on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April, letters are being posted out 1<sup>st</sup> class on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April. Attached is the information explaining what action you need to take once you receive an offer of a school place. This information is also available on [www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

## Nursery Places

Nursery places have been offered for September 2020. Please note that the deadline to accept or decline the offer of place is **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2020**. Email your reply to [enquiry@boldmere-inf.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@boldmere-inf.bham.sch.uk) attaching proof of address and reply slip. Please mark your email as NURSERY SEPTEMBER 2020.

## New Resources On The School Website:

The illustrator Alex Scheffler has released a digital book for primary school age children, free for anyone to read on screen or print out, about the coronavirus and the measures taken to control it. Published by Nosy Crow, and written by staff within the company, the book has had expert input: Professor Graham Medley of the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine acted as a consultant, and the company also had advice from two head teachers and a child psychologist.

The book answers key questions in simple language appropriate for 5 to 9 year olds:

- What is the coronavirus?
- How do you catch the coronavirus?
- What happens if you catch the coronavirus?
- Why are people worried about catching the coronavirus?
- Is there a cure for the coronavirus?
- Why are some places we normally go to closed?
- What can I do to help?
- What's going to happen next?

A parent who works for the nhs has kindly shared a guide from the Australian government that is simple to use with your children if they have questions about what the virus is (please note that the social distancing guideline is slightly different to ours- 2m not 1.5m)

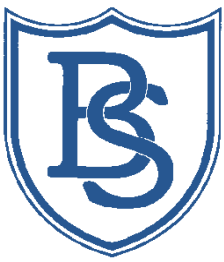
A template for a time capsule or learning journal for children to document their time in lockdown. This is a template that you may use parts of, refer too to create your own or use fully.

You will find these on the school website under Reception, year one and year two home learning pages. However Junior parents may also find these resources useful.

## Home Learning

We have uploaded lots of information and home learning resources on our school website under the Home Learning tab. Please take a look, it will be updated regularly.

The Summer term overviews for each year group will be added on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April.



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## Our Place

In response to the current pandemic, Our Place Support have set up a **Covid-19 information service** to help individuals and families to the access support packages available from the Government and give information on **Benefit entitlements, Housing and Employment matters**.

We are aware that some individuals and families that have been affected either directly or indirectly by Covid-19 have not yet looked at the support available to them. We encourage anyone that anticipates they will need to access these support packages to do so now so that they don't find themselves in a situation with no income at all as a result of benefit applications/support schemes taking longer than usual to register for and be considered.



## Covid-19 Information Service

Benefits • Employment • Housing

Monday to Friday 10am-12noon



07545 378 181  
(To arrange a call back)



Covid19info@ourplacesupport.org



[www.ourplacesupport.org/advice-service](http://www.ourplacesupport.org/advice-service)



Our Place Support

## Free School Meal Vouchers

Free School Meals vouchers for term time have been distributed by a company called "Edenred", on behalf of school (Government funded). All those eligible have been contacted by school prior to the vouchers being distributed. An email was sent to all eligible families on the 1st April. Please check your "spam" emails if you have not yet received your voucher codes. Free School Meal vouchers for the Easter holidays are to be provided by Birmingham Authority, via a company called 'Sodexo'. School will distribute these vouchers via Parentmail, to all those families eligible, as soon as they become available to us.

## Bedtime Stories

Bedtime stories read by your teachers will be uploaded every night (Monday to Friday)! Parentmail links will be sent out each day, giving a code to access our private school YouTube channel. Log on each day to hear one of our teachers read a bedtime story!

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