



NEWSLETTER - 23rd JUNE

Dear Parents

Summer Closure

Both Boldmere Schools will close on Friday 17th July and anticipate re-opening to children on Thursday 3rd September. Any changes in relation to the return to school date, will of course, be communicated as soon as we have a better understanding of what the future return to school may look like.

The decision to close both schools to all pupils, even those of keyworkers, for the summer holidays, has been made by the Full Governing Board. The decision for summer closure has not been taken lightly and government guidance has also been carefully considered. The update from the Regional Schools Commissioner is that "the Governments' ambition is that providers running previously planned clubs and activities for children over the summer holidays in school, will be safe to open, if the science allows". On this basis, we do not intend schools to open for vulnerable children and children of critical keyworkers over the summer period.

Many of our staff in school are employed term time only and we all played our crucial role to keep the schools open over the Easter and Whitsun holidays, so we feel that we have played our part in dealing with the prolonged effects of the pandemic.

The Governing Board of our Federated Schools unanimously agreed that we all need a break now, including the children who have been accessing school or working hard at home with you.

We feel that by informing you now of our summer closure, it allows you as much notice as possible to make whatever arrangements you will need in place for your families over the summer.

Home Learning

We want to reassure all families that our home learning expectation is; do what you can!

We are all in this together. Many of our staff are parents and we fully understand how difficult it is balancing everything (trust us working in a school doesn't give us an advantage... mum or dad teaching is not the same as the class teacher!)

There are no rules during this unprecedented time except to say that our wellbeing should dictate our daily expectations as far as home learning is concerned. If your child is having a 'good' day then try home schooling, but if this is not the case, then go outdoors, play, bake, or get crafty together! Home learning resources are there for you to refer to when you can. It is not to be completed in its entirety. If your child is disengaged then please don't force it, we don't want to lose the enjoyment of learning, children's wellbeing must be prioritised.

If you are experiencing challenging behaviour at home then please take a look at the website 'Action for Children' as they provide some clear and useful advice. See information below.

Supporting Challenging Behaviour At Home

Action for Children website have some useful articles particularly around managing children's behaviour at home during the pandemic. All children are being affected by the pandemic in some form and they all respond differently and deal with their emotions in different ways.

Please take a look at our wellbeing tab under the home learning section of the school website for links.



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Message From Boldmere Junior School:

Mrs Silverwood's Continued Absence

I would like to thank all those kind and supportive parents/carers who have been enquiring about the welfare of Mrs Silverwood.

You may already be aware that, unfortunately, due to ill health reasons, Mrs Silverwood continues to be absent from school. Please accept my apologies for not letting you know sooner, but Mrs Silverwood will not be returning to school or working in any capacity in this academic year.

It is very unfortunate that Mrs Silverwood has not been in school. However, it is important for me to reassure parents/carers that Mrs Silverwood's prolonged absence is not related to any life threatening illness. Her ongoing medical assessments by the hospital and by her doctor have confirmed that she is unable to work. Mrs Silverwood has certainly been missed as the Head of School and I am sure you will join us in wishing her well.

Boldmere Infants Book Club

We hope the children are still enjoying the bedtime stories read by staff at the Infant and Nursery School. As of this week, stories will now be sent out 3 times a week (Monday, Wednesday and Friday). We hope to continue with the stories for the rest of the term.

Reception And Nursery September 2020 Intake

Welcome letters and information packs have now been sent out to all of the new Reception children. Nursery welcome letters and information packs will be sent out this week.

Transition information will be available on the school website under Transition/Reception and Transition/New Nursery from the 8th July. Please check regularly for updates.

Year 2 Parents: Year 2 to 3 Induction Information for Year 3 in September 2020

Information for our new Year 3 parents/carers, including a copy of the junior school prospectus, will be uploaded onto the school website on 8 July 2020.

School Term Dates 2020-2021

Attached to the newsletter is a full list of term dates for the next academic year.

School Games Challenges

The School Games Challenges are still taking place and we would like as many of you as possible to represent TEAM BOLDMERE!

You can sign up for the School Games at: www.sgochallenge.com

Our school code to enter is: WILSON

We hope you enjoy the challenges. Good Luck!

Summer Reading Challenge 2020...

The nation's most popular reading challenge has now been launched. You can find details of this at <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>. There is also a link to these resources on our school website under 'Home Learning' □ 'General Home Learning Resources and Ideas' □ 'English'.

School Book Explorer Challenge

Well done to those of you who are continuing with this, please keep your explorer log sheets and rewards will be awarded in September.

Mrs S Kenny
Head of School
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