

Boldmere Junior School – Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Guardians

30 June 2020

Year 6 Leavers' Photos

A letter was been sent out via Parentmail on Monday of this week to all our year 6 parents/carers regarding the above. Please email the year 6 team with your photographs to year6leavers@boldmere.bham.sch.uk The closing date for receipt of these photographs is Tuesday 7 JULY 2020.

Year 6 Secondary Schools – September 2020

We are aware that some year 6 families are going through the appeal process regarding secondary schools for September 2020. Should your child be successful in the appeal process, please advise the school office immediately of the secondary school your child will attend in September. You may do so by contacting the school office on 0121 464 3656 or by emailing us through enquiry@boldmere.bham.sch.uk, using the heading 'Secondary School'

Annexe Design Competition

We are going to change the mural on the side of the annexe and we need your help! Keep an eye out for more information that we will send out later this week in a parent mail. The deadline for competition entries will be the 15th July.

Kingswood Residential Trip – September 2020 – (Year 6 September 2020)

As you are aware, due to the present circumstances, we have been liaising with Kingswood regarding the proposed residential trip for September 2020. As soon as we receive final clarification regarding this booking, we will be in touch with parents/carers.

Whitemoor Lakes Residential Trip (February 2021) (Year 4 September 2020)

A reminder that as indicated in our letter dated 10 June 2020, the next payment for this trip will be due by 10 July 2020 in the amount of £40 via ParentPay. If you have not already done so, please return the consent slip attached to the letter confirming that you have read the conditions of the booking. All returned forms to be sent to enquiry@boldmere.bham.sch.uk Please put in the heading 'Whitemoor Lakes 2021'. Thank you.

Information previous circulated - COVID-19

On the 24 June 2020, a letter from our Chair of Governors, Mr Greg Bloom and information relating to frequently asked questions associated with COVID-19 were circulated via Parentmail last week. If you have not yet had the opportunity to view this information, it can also be located on our school website under the letters section of the COVID-19 tab at the top of the webpage.

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Transition- Looking ahead to September

We are hoping and planning to welcome all children back into school in September.

Next steps for transition include:

- Wednesday 1st July, you and your child will find out new class teachers via Parentmail.
- Week beginning Monday 6th July, end of year reports will be available. This year we are asking for reports to be collected from school wherever possible. We will be sending reports home with children who are currently in school (Keyworker class, Year 6). If your child/children are in school and have a sibling at home, we will be sending their reports home at the same time. There will also be the usual feedback form for parents/ carers to complete. Please note that this feedback will be a vital tool this year for communicating any information which may be of use for new class teachers. For the year 2, the feedback forms and 'All About Me' sheets can be delivered back to school and put into our collection box (through fence by the path to the main office). Alternatively please post back to school.

Please see below for further details on report collection.

• Wednesday 8th July transition resources to support children with their transition back to school will be available on the school website. These will be under the Transition Tab. This will be for all year groups across the Infant and Junior school.



You will find:

- -videos from class teachers welcoming children to their year group short team video
- -Advice on how you can support your child to prepare for their return to school in September.
- -PowerPoint presentation for new Reception children
- -Booklet for new Year 3 children, along with a copy of the junior school prospectus and other forms
- -Summer essentials

Please continue to access the bedtime stories (links should have been sent to you weekly via Parentmail so that you can access our private YouTube channel)

Report collection

Monday 6th July- Parents and carers of children in years 3 and 4 (and reports for older siblings in years 5 and 6 will also be available for collection) and will be able to collect reports between 9.30 am- 11 am and 1.00- 2.00 pm.

Tuesday 7th July- Parents and carers of children in the BIB, years 5 and 6 will be able to collect reports between 9.30 am- 11 am and 1.00- 2.00 pm.

Any reports not collected will be posted.

<u>Collection system:</u> Please come to school via the main reception area, where you will see directions.

Any PE kits or personal belongings left in school prior to school closure can be collected at this time.

Silly Squad Reading Challenge

The Reading Challenge is a really good way of keeping children reading over the summer holidays. The challenge is normally to read and review 6 books and take your record sheet into the library to get prizes. This year however due to the current situation it has all moved online. Children can join at https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/

On the site there are lots of quizzes and games as well as rewards. Normally all children that complete the challenge in Sutton get a £5 book token at a ceremony in the library. This year, you still have the opportunity to win a £5 book token. If you complete the challenge you need to print off the certificate and take it to school when you return next term. If you show your certificate to your class teacher, school will inform the library and they will send us a £5 book token for you to spend at a local bookshop. Watch this space for the deadline! The school that has the most number of children who have completed the challenge will receive a trophy from the library. Let's see if we can win the trophy. Happy Reading!

<u>Free School Meal Vouchers – End of Term/Summer Holiday</u>

Free School Meal vouchers for the last two weeks of term (w/c 6/7/20 & w/c 13/7/20) will be sent out on 6/7/20.

In regards to the COVID Summer Food Fund (Government scheme covering FSM over 6 weeks holiday), these will be sent out on 17/7/20.

All vouchers will be distributed via 'Edenred' on behalf of school. Due to the volume of vouchers going out across the country there may be a delay in the vouchers reaching you, so please be patient and a reminder to check your spam/junk email as vouchers may appear in those folders.

If you are having issues with using the Edenred system, you can contact them direct:

- Phone 0333 400 5932
- Email freeschoolmealsparentscarers@edenred.com

Yours sincerely

Mr C Glasgow Executive Head Teacher

Busy Bodies Parents/Carers – Important Information

A warm 'Hello' to our Busy Bodies families and we hope you are all safe and well. It certainly has been a very strange few months and we are looking forward to seeing you all and meeting our new families in September.

Baby News

Our newest team member arrived on Wednesday, 28 April. Baby Tao was born strong and healthy, a beautiful baby boy to parents Kerema and Bruce. Congratulations on the safe arrival and a warm welcome from all your Aunties and Uncles and Busy Bodies families.

September Registration fees/Booking Forms

We have today on ParentPay set up the new registration year for 2020/21. All parents wishing to register their child/ren from September must make payment of £25 per child (third child £12.50), no later than **Monday 6 July**. Please note anyone registering after this date may have to go on to our waiting list as we have a number of Reception children registering for September.

At present, we are anticipating and indeed planning, for the wider return of all our pupils in September, pending the release of what we hope will be robust guidance from the government. Along with this wider return we also anticipate resuming our Before and After school provision through Busy Bodies. We would, of course, like to commence the offer of this much needed provision/service as soon as the pupils return on 3 September 2020 and this is indeed what we are planning for.

However, we do of course need to be mindful that this date of resuming Busy Bodies in some type of normal capacity, may of course not be possible. As this decision to resume services will rely heavily upon the much needed government guidance that we are still waiting for, please bear with us and we will of course let you know of future arrangements in relation to accessing Busy Bodies. For now, please register for a place and complete booking forms as per normal requirements, so at least we have the information required to plan provision accordingly. Thank you in advance of your continued patience and understanding.

<u>New Reception Children</u> – We will contact parents/carers when our system is updated with your child's details, to allow you to register.

September Payment Forms/Information

Information regarding September forms will be available via Junior and Infant school Receptions, Busy Bodies and online from Wednesday 1 July 2020.

Finally, our Busy Bodies team are so looking forward to welcoming children and parents, old and new, back in September.