

Boldmere Junior School – Newsletter COFIELD ROAD, SUTTON COLDFIELD, B73 5SD Telephone: 464 3656 Fax: 0121 464 1344 Website: www.bldmerej.bham.sch.uk



Dear Parents/Guardians

7 July 2020

September return for all pupils

You may well be aware that on the 2 July 2020, the government published their much anticipated guidance for the full opening of schools in September. (a copy of the government's guidance will shortly be uploaded onto the school website under COVID-19). This guidance is gratefully received by school leaders as, like you, we are keen to return to some type of educational normality. The school leadership teams, governors and I will be using the guidance to plan for a safe return for all pupils and staff to our schools.

There is a great deal to consider when making our plans to allow for the safe return of all to school. When taking into account the guidance, this will lead to changes in the day to day operational procedures of our schools. The task of making all the arrangements for pupils to return is certainly a challenge, but one we are determined to achieve using the government guidance.

We want to make you aware that we are looking at the logistics that will need to be carefully considered, which will impact upon the daily organisation of the school. Please bear with us as we begin to effectively implement the requirements of the guidance, so that we are as prepared as we can be for the September return.

Hopefully, in the early part of next week, we will circulate information in relation to our 'bubble classes' that are going to be needed and the logistical information that you will need to know and be adequately prepared for.

Once again, we thank you for your continuing support and understanding.

Annexe Design Competition

A reminder that we are going to change the mural on the side of the annexe and we need your help! Check your Parentmail for details recently sent out. 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.

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Transition- Looking ahead to September

A reminder that the transition resources to support children with their transition back to school will be available on the school website from tomorrow. These will be under the Transition Tab and will be for all year groups across the Infant and Junior school.



You will find:

- -Videos from each class teacher/year group welcoming children to their new class/year group
- -PowerPoint presentation for new Reception children.

-Booklet for new Year 3 children.

- -Summer essentials for children moving into years 4, 5 and 6.
- -Summer essentials for new year 3 children
- -Summer checklist for new year 2 children
- -Summer checklist for new year 1 children
- -Summer checklist for our new Reception children (getting ready for school)
- -Photographs of year group staff.

-Outline of the 'Recovery Curriculum' that we will be delivering in September.

For advice on how to support your child prepare for their return to school in September, please look under our wellbeing tab.

You will be able to access these resources throughout the summer holidays so you may decide to share them with your child now, or you may choose to keep them until nearer September.

Next week the infant school will be sending you a link, via Parentmail, to a story read by your child's new class teacher. You will be able to access this as many times as you like via the link, as you can with previous bedtime stories.

Class teachers will also be making their final Google Classroom calls over the next of couple of weeks to wish the children a happy summer holiday.

In September there will staff available on the playground before and after school, to provide friendly, familiar faces and to ensure that everyone is directed to appropriate doors for dropoff and collection. Further information in relation to these arrangements will be made available in due course.

Report Collection

If you have not yet collected your child's school report, we are offering another opportunity this Thursday (9 July 2020), for parents/carers to come to the junior school to collect. The time slots will be 9.30 am until 11.30 am and 1.00 pm until 2.00 pm. Please come through the gate to the reception area at the junior school office. It will also be possible for you to collect any other items, e.g. PE kits, school exercise books, medication etc. so you may wish to bring

a carrier bag. If you are unable to collect your child's school report, this will be posted during next week (week commencing 13 July 2020). Year 6 children/keyworker children, attending school, will be handed their report and belongings, if not already collected by parents/carers.

Silly Squad Reading Challenge - REMINDER

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 <u>https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/</u>

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!

Free School Meal Vouchers – End of Term/Summer Holiday - reminder

Free School Meal vouchers for the last two weeks of term (w/c 6/7/20 & w/c 13/7/20) have been 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 <u>freeschoolmealsparentscarers@edenred.com</u>

Yours sincerely

Mr C Glasgow Executive Head Teacher

Busy Bodies Information

PARENTS OF NEW RECEPTION CHILDREN

Parents that have requested a place at Busy Bodies will be sent their offers out no later than Wednesday 8 July. Please accept and return as soon as possible.

We understand from Infant school that you will not receive your username and password for Parentpay until September. Once you have received this, you can go ahead with your Registration payment and September fees.

To pay your registration fees you will need to log in to Parentpay, then select <u>Pay for Other</u> <u>Items</u> and choose Busy Bodies registration fees 20/21 to pay your £25 fee. To pay for your September booking fees, choose <u>Busy Bodies Before and After school club</u> and pay your September fee amount in full. This is where you will pay your fees every month and any extra hours/late collection fees also.

SEPTEMBER BOOKING FORM REMINDER

A reminder to all parents that your September booking requirements must be with us by **Monday 13 July.**