

NEWSLETTER - 9th JUNE

Dear Parents

Re-Opening Of School For Nursery And Reception

This week we have seen some of our younger children return to school. Information about all of the changes at school were sent via parentmail last week, along with a video message from Mrs. Kenny. Thank you all for observing the social distancing rules around school. There were many big smiles as we opened the doors and children seemed pleased to be returning.

Empathy Day

The website empathylab.co.uk are promoting 'Empathy Day'. On the school website under the 'Wellbeing' home learning tab you can follow the link to access their range of activities that help to develop empathy. The activities follow the three themes- read, connect and act. There are some lovely ideas for family activities. #EmpathyDay- Read stories. Develop empathy. Make a better world.

Transition

As you probably are aware, we have just re-opened school for Reception and Nursery children so our priority up to this point has been the organisation of this. Mrs. Mason and I have now started to look at transition between each of the year groups, and we are currently putting plans together. We have just heard this morning that Year 1 and Year 2 children will possibly not be returning for the remainder of the year so we are making provision for this in our plans. Unfortunately, we are not in a position to advise parents on anything further yet, but I will provide updates as soon as decisions have been finalised. Nursery open day on 3rd July will not take place.

Moving forward with Home Learning

We miss the children and are working to find ways to help them learn even more at home!

As you may be aware, this week we welcomed back the majority of our Reception and Nursery pupils who are now alongside our groups of key worker children. These children are split into small 'bubble' classes, as per current government guidelines. Subsequently, almost all available teaching staff have been deployed to teach one of these groups. This has often meant three members of staff per class in order to make sure we are keeping our staff and children in school as safe as possible.

We have a home learning team who are working to provide opportunities for children not able to be in school. A reminder that this work will now be available weekly.

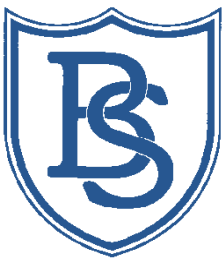
We completely understand the need for direct interaction and SLT are looking at the best way forward for some opportunities to interact as small class groups from home. This of course will have an element of trial and error so please be patient with us whilst we research new avenues.

Any new method of communication may replace the phone calls home, as teachers will not have the capacity to do both in the current circumstances. Please look out for information on parent mail regarding future communication with pupils.

We do want to further develop 'home learning' opportunities but hope you appreciate this will rely upon staffing capacity to remain operational in school. We will continue to update the home learning pages on the website each week and the Explorers project every fortnight.

Covid-19 Updates

We currently have, under construction, an area on our website designated for Covid-19. We will be putting any new information or letters emailed home, which relate to Covid-19 updates, in this area so it's easier to find.



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School Games Challenges

The School Games Challenges have officially begun and we would like as many of you as possible to represent **TEAM BOLDMERE!**

The School Games Challenges are a collection of ongoing challenges linked to the School Games developed by the Birmingham School Games Organisers (SGO) and Sport Birmingham. The School Games is a National Initiative open to any young person. It forms part of the legacy work after the London 2012

Olympics and is an opportunity for young people to play, compete and represent their school in a wide range of sports and activities.

Anyone can have a go at a challenge but you must be between 4-16 years old to submit results and attend a Birmingham Educational Institution. This is a great way of keeping fit and active, whilst also having lots of fun!

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

Our school code to enter is: **WILSON**

Please see the aforementioned website for any further information. Once you have completed a challenge, you can submit your results online; this will form accumulative results for Boldmere Schools as well as giving an individual result.

We hope you enjoy the challenges. Good luck!

Lunch Boxes

Please can parents limit the amount of food provided in their child's lunchbox - not too much or it takes the whole of the lunchtime to eat it! Please also do not send nuts or any food containing nuts. Finally, please ensure there is a snack for break time in your child's lunchbox and that they are aware of what is for fruit and drink time and what is for lunchtime.

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.

Summer Term Milk Payments

Before school closed at the end of March we received some payments of £12.98 via Parentpay for purchase of Milk for the children for the Summer term. As the children have not received milk due to the school closure, this money can be refunded or alternatively it can be donated to School Fund. Can we ask you to let us know either way by telephone or email: enquiry@boldmere.bham.sch.uk by **Wednesday 17th June 2020** at the latest. If we have not heard from you by this date we will assume you would like to donate the money to School Fund. Refunds will be activated by the end of the Summer term where they are requested.

Mrs S Kenny
Head of School
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