



NEWSLETTER - APRIL 1

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that you have enjoyed the Easter holidays and we warmly welcome all of our families back to school for the summer term. We continue to thank you for working with us to follow all of the current government Covid guidelines in order to keep our school community as safe as we can.

Sun Cream

The sun is with us this week, a little earlier in the year than usual! Please can we ask that parents provide named sun cream to be kept at school. Children will be encouraged to cream themselves prior to lunchtime outdoor sessions.

Value This Half Term: Honesty

This half term's value is Honesty. We will be discussing honesty with children during the next few weeks and defining it as 'telling the truth' and 'explaining exactly what happened'.

As with our other values, we want children to think about the choices they make; when do they find it difficult to be honest and tell the truth? How do they feel when someone lies to them? What stories do they choose to tell to others? How can actions as well as words be honest or dishonest? At school we will be focussing on the importance of being honest with ourselves as well as with others. We will think about how being honest with others inspires trust and respect from them. It may bring rewards and benefits that may not always be obvious at first.

Parent Survey

Dear Parents/ Carers,
Following our Spring term Parent's evening, we ask parent/carers to complete a short survey to support us improve aspects of our work in school. Could we ask that you complete and submit the survey and we will then share outcomes with you in a future newsletter. This year we are also asking for your feedback regarding the remote learning provided during the Covid pandemic of 2020/21.

To access the survey please follow the link below.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=o1qZIB4jjOKY5rkBJrERN7BTrZ-VMvREqOeScw2En51UQ1dDRzdaMFJVVDRVUFBKOVhITVExU1hKSy4u>

We appreciate your time and feedback.

Friday Afternoons

A reminder that school will be **open to pupils each Friday afternoon**. We would like to thank parents/carers for their support whilst we have been closing early on Fridays. We know it has been difficult for some families, and we have appreciated your patience and co-operation during this time.

Diary Dates

Summer Term 2021

Thursday 27th May- Break up for half term holidays.

Friday 28th May- Professional Development Day, school closed to all pupils.

Monday 7th June- School re-opens to all pupils.

Tuesday 20th July- Break up for summer holidays.

Wednesday 21st July- Professional Development Day, school closed to all pupils.

Nursery September 2021

Nursery place offer letters for September 2021 were sent out to parents before the Easter holidays. The deadline for acceptance slips to be returned to school is 23rd April 2021.

Children's Data Checking Sheets

Data checking sheets were sent home with your child before the Easter holidays. Thank you to the families who have already returned them. Please could all outstanding forms be checked, amended if necessary, signed and returned to the school office as soon as possible. Thank you for your support.

Newsletter:

The weekly newsletter can also be found on the school website:
<https://www.boldmere.bham.sch.uk>



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Guidance from Birmingham City Council on Ramadan

During the Holy Month of Ramadan, it is important that parents understand the School's responsibilities to those children who may wish to consider fasting.

For your information, the school has been advised that children under 10 years of age are not required to fast and, as primary age children become very tired when they do not have regular meals and are sometimes unable to safely perform the activities expected of them during the course of a school day, we want to explain the procedures that will be followed to ensure the well-being of your child or children:

1. 'Request to Fast' Form - Parents who wish to give permission for their child to fast during Ramadan whilst at school, will need to complete, sign and return the form to the school
2. Requests for Food - As the school is required to take care of all pupils and cannot ignore the needs of a hungry or thirsty child, the staff will comply with requests for food or drink received from a child, even if a completed Form has been provided
3. Illness - If a child appears to be experiencing adverse physical or emotional effects due to fasting, e.g. dizziness, nausea, distress, etc., staff will offer that child food or drink, even if a completed Form has been provided and may call the child's parents or guardians, and the emergency services, if they believe that it is necessary.

Information From Birmingham City Council

Reception Places September 2021 National Offer Day- 16th April 2021

You will be sent an email informing you which school has been offered. The email will name the school your child has been offered on 16 April 2021 which you should receive by 4pm. Please check your SPAM or Junk folder.

Please **do not** contact Birmingham City Council before you receive the formal notification of your child's school place. You must be in receipt of your formal notification email before contacting the council.

You will only need to inform us by 30th April 2021 if you are refusing this offer. Details of how to do this will be included on your offer email and letter. If you do not refuse the offer, the school will update their records to show the offer has been accepted.

By refusing the offer, you will lose the place as this will be given to a child on the waiting list for that school.

Busy Bodies Newsletter

Welcome back to our Busy Bodies families. We hope you all had a lovely Easter break and a catch up with close family.

Please check your ParentPay account and ensure all of your fees for April and any outstanding monies are all up to date.

May Booking forms will be available to download from the school website or to collect from Infant/Junior reception as from Wednesday 21st April. Forms should all be returned/emailed no later than Wednesday 28th April to ensure your requirements can be covered. We have contacted parents who are currently accessing provision regarding extra days.

Should your registration fees be up to date, but you have not been accessing BB provision in the last few months and now wish to do so from May, please do not complete a May booking form, instead please telephone Busy Bodies - 0121 464 1343, in the first instance to discuss your requirements.

Email addresses for correspondence specific to your child's class/year group, to support with teaching, learning and online/home learning support.

bib-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

nursery-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

reception-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

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National Survey Of Children: The Big Ask

The new Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has today launched [The Big Ask](#) - the largest ever consultation with children aged 4 to 17 in England. It aims to find out children's concerns and aspirations about the future, so that we can put children at the heart of the country's recovery from the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

Parents, care leavers and those working with children are also invited [to complete the adult survey](#) to share their views about the future for children and young people today, and what they think is holding young people back. The results from this survey will help the Children's Commissioner identify the barriers preventing children from reaching their potential, put forward solutions and set ambitious goals for the country to achieve.

Mrs S Kenny
Head of
School
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