



NEWSLETTER - FEBRUARY 1

Dear Parents

Children's Mental Health Week 2020 - Find your Brave

From 3-9 February 2020 schools, youth groups, organisations and individuals across the UK are taking part in Children's Mental Health Week. This year's theme is **Find your Brave** and the children have had an assembly this afternoon to explore and understand what this means. Children will be taking part in follow up activities throughout the week. Attached to the newsletter is some further information for parents supplied by the children's mental health charity Place2Be.

RK- Kangeroos

As you will be aware, Mrs Ankers is expecting a baby and will be starting her maternity leave shortly. To cover her maternity leave Mrs Boustead will be working with Mr Meakin for the rest of the year.

Mrs Boustead has spent a great deal of time working alongside Mr Meakin and Mrs Ankers during the past term and we are pleased to have her joining our Boldmere team. Mrs Kenny and Mrs Mason will continue to monitor the progress of the children in RK to ensure teaching and learning remains of a high standard. We wish Mrs Ankers good luck and will let everyone know when baby Ankers arrives!

Scarlet Fever

We have been notified of a case of Scarlet fever in Year 1. Scarlet fever is a mild childhood illness but unlike chickenpox, it requires antibiotic treatment. Symptoms include a sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomiting, followed by a fine red rash which typically first appears on the chest and stomach, rapidly spreading to other parts of the body. On darker skin, the scarlet rash may be harder to spot, but it should feel like sandpaper. The face can be flushed red but pale around the mouth. As the rash fades the skin on the fingertips, toes and groin area can peel. If you think you, or your child, have scarlet fever:

- See your GP or contact NHS 111 as soon as possible
- Make sure that you/your child takes the full course of any antibiotics prescribed by the doctor.
- Stay at home, away from nursery, school or work for at least 24 hours after starting the antibiotic treatment, to avoid spreading the infection

You can find more information on scarlet fever on NHS choices: www.nhs.uk

Please ensure school are notified of all illnesses. (When you report your child's absence, can we ask that you do not leave a message just stating your child is unwell, please let us know what condition/symptoms they are suffering from).

DIARY DATES

- 12th & 13th February** - Parents Evening 4pm- 6.30pm
- 14th February**- Break up for half term.
- 24th February**- School re-opens to pupils
- 3rd March**- Year 1 Inspire afternoon 1.30pm-3.00pm
- 5th March**- Year 2 Inspire afternoon 1.30pm-3.00pm
- 5th March**- World Book Day
- 3rd April**- 9.15am Easter Bonnet Parade
- 3rd April**- Break up for Easter holiday
- 20th April**- School re-opens to all pupils
- 4th May**- School is open (previously Bank holiday)
- 8th May**- School closed for May Bank Holiday
- 21st May**- Break up for half term holidays
- 1st June**- School re-opens to all pupils
- 17th July**- Break up for summer holidays

Nursery Open Day for September 2020 Intake

Nursery will be holding open sessions on **Tuesday 25th February 2020** (10.30am and 2.30pm) for prospective parents of children who will be eligible to join the nursery in September 2020 (date of birth 01.09.2016 to 31.08.2017). Closing date for applications is Friday 13th March 2020.

If you know of anyone that may be interested in a nursery place then please get them to call into the office or call us on 0121 464 2338.



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Parents' Evenings - Wednesday
12th February 4pm-6.30pm and
Thursday 13th February 2020 4pm-6pm

Parents' evening appointment time letters will be sent home with your child on Wednesday 5th February. Please make sure you check your child's book bag.

These appointments are for parents only.

Coronavirus Information

Please see the information below that we received from the Department of Education today about Coronavirus.

CORONAVIRUS:

PUBLIC

INFORMATION

The Government and NHS are well prepared to deal with this virus. You can help too.

Germs can live on some surfaces for hours.

To protect yourself and others:

- Always carry tissues with you and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.
- Bin the tissue, and to kill the germs, wash your hands with soap and water, or use a sanitiser gel.
- If you have arrived back from China within 14 days follow the specific advice for returning travellers.

This is the best way to slow the spread of almost any germs, including Coronavirus.

Find out more at gov.uk/coronavirus

Busy Bodies

A huge thank you to all parents/carers who have handed in their February forms and fees on time. If you have not already done so, please ensure that your booking form and fees are returned to the Busy Bodies desk as soon as possible.

An admin fee will apply to all forms currently outstanding. Forms and fees were due in by last Friday 31st January.

Your booking form help us to account for the number of children to be registered each day. Should you not require any sessions for this month, please inform the Busy Bodies Manager as soon as possible. A polite reminder for parents and carers to regularly check your ParentPay account to ensure that your monthly fees are paid and up to date.

Club Letters For After Half Term

Lunchtime club letters will be sent home in your children's book bags this week. Please make sure the completed forms are returned to school and **payment is made via Parentpay** by 9am on Wednesday 12th February.

Quiet Corner

Please can we ask that you do not let your children enter the quiet corner before or after school. Despite previous requests the resources are not being looked after or put away after use.

Barnaby Bear

Barnaby Bear is looking forward to our half term holiday and would love spending some time with families during the holiday. If you would like Barnaby to come home with you, please write Mrs Kenny a letter telling her about all the fantastic adventures you might have.

Golden Table:

This week the following children have been nominated for the Golden Table in the dinner hall: Lilian and Alana from Frog class, Anna and Sophie from Lion class and Ivy, Imaan, Hattie and Elsie from Hedgehog class. Thank you children.

Celebrating Attendance

Congratulations to Lion class for achieving 98% attendance last week. Well done!

Up to Date MAT information

Information can be found at:
<https://www.boldmere.bham.sch.uk/parents/mat-information>

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