



# NEWSLETTER - FEBRUARY 2

Dear Parents

## Safer Internet Day 2020

Today is Safer Internet Day 2020 promoted by UK Safer Internet Centre. This week in school children will be learning about how to keep themselves safe online.

The Safer Internet Centre have lots of useful information for parents and carers at <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk>.

They also suggest the following links for parents to refer to for advice;

### Let's talk about life online:

Advice for parents and carers on how to talk with their child about staying happy, positive and safe when online. [www.childnet.com/resources/lets-talk-about-life-online](http://www.childnet.com/resources/lets-talk-about-life-online)

### Information and Advice for Foster Carers/Adoptive Parents:

The UK Safer Internet Centre has worked together with Islington Council to create leaflets for foster carers and adoptive parents. The leaflets, which are free to download and easy to print, include top tips and conversation starters to help foster carers and adoptive parents get to grips with internet safety.

[www.saferinternet.org.uk/fostering-adoption](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/fostering-adoption)

### Keeping Under Fives Safe Online:

Children love using technology and are learning to navigate websites, online games and consoles, and touch screen technology like tablets and smartphones from a younger and younger age. This advice contains top tips for parents and carers for keeping children aged five and under safe.

[www.childnet.com/resources/keeping-under-fives-safe-online](http://www.childnet.com/resources/keeping-under-fives-safe-online)

Please look at our school website, under 'Safeguarding' for more advice and information on how you can support your children at home.

## Animals in Hands

Mo, the animal man came into school last week to visit Year 1 and Year 2. The children have met Eric the Salamander, Bob the Rabbit, Vanessa the Pink-Toed Tarantula, Medusa the Corn Snake, Zeus the Giant Lizard, Mr Custard the Snake, Kermit the Frog, Lucky the Scorpion and Mr Prickles the Hedgehog. The children had a wonderful time hearing about the animals and also had the chance to touch and handle some of them. The website for more information is [www.animalsinhands.com](http://www.animalsinhands.com).

## Nursery Open Day for September 2020 Intake

Nursery will be holding open sessions on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

## DIARY DATES

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

## Parents' Evenings - Wednesday

12<sup>th</sup> February 4pm-6.30pm and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2020 4pm-6pm

Parents' evening appointment time letters were sent home with your child last week.

These appointments are for parents only.

## Baby News:

Congratulations to Miss Cormell on the birth of her daughter Lottie. We welcome Lottie into our Boldmere family.





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## Busy Bodies

Polite Reminder regarding January and February fees. Please be aware that we still have a number of payments **outstanding** so please check your ParentPay account to ensure that your fees are up to date. An email reminder will be sent out by the end of the week followed up by a telephone call, should your fees still remain outstanding.

March booking forms are available for collection at the Busy Bodies desk, online and also at the Junior School reception area. Please return booking forms by **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February** and fees need to be paid by the latest date of **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February**. Please be aware that if your fees are not paid on time we will be unable to book your child in for that month. For the safety and well-being of your child we require your booking form in advance in order to staff appropriately.

## Dental Practitioner Visit

On Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February one of our parents will be carrying out a dental workshop for our Busy Bodies children. Infants will start from 4 - 4.20pm and Juniors 4.20pm onwards. Busy Bodies children and parents are welcome to attend this session. It will be a very informative, helpful and interactive workshop, so parents are encouraged to attend as well. If you would like to join us, please let one of our Busy Bodies staff know. We look forward to seeing you there.

Happy half term to all our families and we look forward to seeing you next term where we will have lots of exciting fun activities to do.

## Children's Data Checking Sheets

Data checking sheets will be given to parents during parents' evening. Please could all forms be checked, amended if necessary, signed and returned to the school office by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February. Thank you for your support.

## Club Letters For After Half Term

Lunchtime club letters were sent home last week. Please make sure the completed forms are returned to school and **payment is made via Parentpay** by 9am on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February.

## Congratulations Board

**Reception** - Maisie, Esme, Lily, Riley, Noah and Georgia.

**Year One** - Flynn, Phoebe and Tilly.

**Year Two** - Siena, Crescendo and George.

## PTA News

Please help... Some amazing ladies are organising a ball to raise money for the school. They are looking to organise an 'Auction of promises'. Do you have a skill? Do you work in the service industry? Would you be prepared to volunteer something? If you can give up your time or give a freebie in your professional capacity please, please, please get in touch with them

at [boldmereptaball@outlook.com](mailto:boldmereptaball@outlook.com)

They will be so grateful and you will play a huge part in raising funds for our school.

They are also still looking for RAFFLE PRIZES. If you have anything then please let them know at the same email address.

## SUTTON COLDFIELD BOOKFEST

- Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2020 - Storytelling fun and fantastic authors for 2-12s all day at Sutton Coldfield Library and Sutton Coldfield Town Hall. Visiting authors include Jacqueline Wilson, Nick Sharratt, and Tom Percival. You can also join a storyteller for a 'Tiger who came to Tea Tea Party', or try out the 'Where's Wally? Trail. Please see the attached document for further information, or visit [www.suttoncoldfield@bookfest.com](mailto:www.suttoncoldfield@bookfest.com) Hotline: 0121 780 3333

## Up to Date MAT information

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

## Celebrating Attendance

Congratulations to Lion class for achieving 99.33% attendance last week. Well done!

School closes for half term on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February. We return to school on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February. We wish everyone a happy half term break.

Mrs S Kenny  
Head of School  
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