



NEWSLETTER - FEBRUARY 3

Dear Parents

World Book Day - Thursday 5th March

To celebrate World Book Day we are inviting the children to come to school dressed as a character from their favourite book (but still in sensible shoes please)!

Parents attending the Year 2 Inspire day are also welcome to dress up!

Year One Phonics Screening Meeting for Parent, Carers Date Change

There is a change of date for the phonics screening meeting originally being held on May 19th.

It will now be held on Tuesday 24th March at 9.00am in the main hall.

The purpose of this session is to provide parents and carers with an understanding of the Year

One phonics screening check. This is a Statutory test which is used to assess phonic skills at the end of Year One.

We apologise for the change of date but following parent feedback during our parent evenings, we felt it was important that you received the information during this half term.

We will send home information for those who are unable to attend.

Year Two SATs Meeting for Parents, Carers

Year Two teachers will be holding a SATs information meeting on Thursday 26th March at 5.00pm.

The purpose of this session is to provide parents and carers with an understanding of the Year Two SATs. These are statutory tests which are used to assess Reading, Writing, Maths and Science at the end of Year Two.

It will also be an opportunity to explain and offer ways in which you can support your child.

This evening session is for parents/carers only, **strictly no children please.**

Local Election - Thursday 7th May 2020 - School OPEN Schools are NOT a Polling Station

We are delighted to inform you that we have managed to make alternative arrangements with the elections office, so that the schools will not be closed for the upcoming elections on May 7th 2020. The schools will remain open and our training room located centrally between the two schools will be the venue used for polling purposes. We have met with representatives from the elections office who visited the school and confirmed that the training room was a suitable venue. We demonstrated that we could effectively safeguard the children, so the school can remain open as usual. **So May 7th 2020 will be a normal school day!**

Further details regarding arrangements on the day will be given closer to the time, but we wanted to inform you about remaining open as soon as possible.

If you have any questions in relation to this, please do not hesitate to contact us.

DIARY DATES

- 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
- 24th March- Year One Phonics screening information meeting for parents/carers 9am
- 26th March- Year 2 SATs information meeting for parents/carers 5pm
- 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)
- 4th May- Year 2 SATs begin
- 8th May- School closed for May Bank Holiday
- 19th May- Nursery sports day 10.30am and 2.30pm
- 21st May- School sports day 1.30pm
- 21st May- Break up for half term holidays
- 22nd May- Professional Development Day-school closed to all pupils
- 1st June- School re-opens to all pupils
- 8th June- Year One Phonics screening tests begin
- 15th, 16th & 17th June- Reception intake September 2020 induction sessions 10.30am- 12pm
- 3rd July- Nursery closed to current children for September 2020 intake induction session
- 9th July- Celebration evening for parents and children 4pm-6pm
- 16th July- Year Two leavers party
- 17th July- Break up for summer holidays



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Busy Bodies

Polite reminder regarding **outstanding February fees**. Please be aware that we still have a number of fees outstanding so please check your Parentpay account to ensure that your fees are up to date before you collect and book any March requirements. An email reminder will be sent out by the end of the day followed by a telephone call should your fees still be outstanding by Wednesday 26th February. March booking forms are available for collection at the Busy Bodies desk, online and also at the Junior school reception area. Please return your booking forms by **Wednesday 26th February** and fees need to be paid by the latest **Friday 28th February**. Please be aware that if your fees are not paid on time, we will be unable to book your child/ren in for March.

Dental Practitioner visit

Just a reminder to all our families that one of our parents will be carrying out a dental workshop, for our Busy Bodies children, on Wednesday 26th February. Times as follows - Infants 4-4.20pm and Juniors 4.20-4.40pm. This is an interactive workshop and as stated in previous newsletters, parents are welcome to attend. Please let us know.

Nursery September 2020 Intake

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.

Sutton Charities School Uniform Grants

The Trustees are again making awards to parents to assist with the purchase of school uniform. To be eligible for an award parents must be a permanent resident in one of the four wards of Sutton Coldfield and be in receipt of any of the following:

- Income Support
- Job Seeker's Allowance
- Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit
- Working Tax Credit (maximum income levels may apply)
- Universal Credit

Please note applicants in receipt of income above £26,250 (includes the listed benefits and earnings) will not be considered.

If parents have children at more than one school, it will only be necessary to complete one form per family. If you think you may be eligible, please collect a form from the school office. Forms must be returned to school by Friday 20th March 2020.

Inspire Workshop Reminder

- Year One- Tuesday 3rd March, 1.30pm-3pm
- Year Two- Thursday 5th March, 1.30pm-3pm

Lunchtime Clubs

We still have a few spaces left in the Year One and Year Two Tennis Club, Year Two Boys Aston Villa Football club, Year One and Year Two Rugby club and Year Two Gymnastics club. If you wish to reserve a place for your child, please come to the school office.

Children's Data Checking Sheets

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

Congratulations Board

Reception - Eden, Suhayb, Lewis, Alice, Tom and Zaeem.
Year One - Theo, Oscar and Benji.
Year Two - Oliver, Aleeza and April.

Celebrating Attendance

Congratulations to both Penguin and Frog class for achieving 97.33% attendance during the last week of half term. Well done!

Up to Date MAT information

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

New Arrivals!

Congratulations to Amelia (Nursery) and family on the birth of Aahil. Welcome to our school family.

Savantha Kenny

Mrs S Kenny
Head of School
25.02.2020

