



NEWSLETTER - March 1

Dear Parents,

Parent Feedback Forms

Thank you for all the parent feedback forms, collected following our Parent's evening last term.

We received 97 responses from parents across the school and the information attached to this week's newsletter gives a breakdown of the responses.

In addition, some parents wrote comments including the following: very pleased with how their child has settled at school, pleased with their child's progress, my daughter loves coming to school and there is no ceiling put on her learning, thank staff for all their hard work, very dedicated staff, staff respond well to any concerns I have, thank you for everything you do, our child is happy at school and loves her teachers.

Some parents have also raised concerns over initial confusing communications around the formation of a MAT and lack of clear reasons for forming a MAT, and also some confusion surrounding our school's behaviour policy.

In response to the behaviour concern raised, I would like to reassure parents that Mrs. Mason and I regularly monitor the behaviour of all classes and deal with any issues in school as necessary. As our policy states, we speak to parents where their child reaches Stage 3 and work together to ensure behaviour improves and school expectations are met.

With regard to the MAT concerns, Mr. Glasgow has made all correspondence available on the school's website.

Thank you again to all parents who took the time to respond, it's extremely useful to receive feedback and pleasing to know that the hard work of our staff is appreciated.

Inspire Workshop Reminder:

Year One-Wednesday 6th March,
1.30pm-3pm

Year Two- Thursday 7th March,
1.30pm-3pm

School Crossing Patrols

We have been advised by the Head of Service: Community Services and School Crossing Patrols, that following the Council's meeting on 26 February 2019 when they discussed their Financial Plan 2019-2023, a decision was made that school crossing patrols will now remain at priority sites. This will include the crossing on Boldmere/Cofield Road. We are very pleased to pass on this good news.

Inconsiderate Parking

We take this opportunity to remind parents/guardians to park considerately when dropping off or collecting their child from school. We particularly ask that you be considerate when parking near to Copenhagen Mews.

DIARY DATES

Spring Term 2019:

6th March- 1.30-3.00 Year 1

Inspire Afternoon

7th March- 1.30-3.00 Year 2

Inspire Afternoon

22nd March- Nursery Application
Deadline

12th April- 9.15 Easter Bonnet
parade

12th April - Break up for Easter
holidays

Summer Term 2019:

29th April - School re-opens to
all pupils

6th May- May Day- school closed

23rd May - Break up for half
term

24th May-PD day-school closed
to pupils

3rd June- School re-opens to all
pupils.

19th July - Break up for summer
holiday

22nd July- PD day-school closed
to pupils

World Book Day - Thursday 7th 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!



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Associate Governor Opportunity

As a consequence of one of our current Associate Governors being recently elected to the role of Local Authority governor on our Full Governing Board, we are pleased to be able to appoint a replacement for this Associate Governor role on our FGB. If you are interested in being considered for this role on our FGB, we would kindly ask that you submit an expression of interest in the first instance. This expression of interest should be no longer than one side of A4 with a clear explanation of the skills/experiences/abilities that you have to offer in relation to this role.

The FGB will look at all expressions of interest and decide which applicant will add to and complement the current skills set of our FGB. Any newly appointed Associate Governor will join our FGB to ensure we retain a strong focus on our three core strategic functions, which are:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction.
- Holding the head teacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils.
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

If you are interested in this role on our FGB, please submit your expression of interest to either of our school offices, marked for the attention of the FGB by Friday 15 March 2019.

The FGB will then consider all expressions of interest received by the deadline and determine who has the necessary skills/experiences/abilities for this demanding role on our FGB.

If you have any questions in relation to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Glasgow. We look forward to hearing from you.

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 £25,000 (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 29th March 2019.

Busy Bodies

Polite reminder that March booking form and fees are now overdue. If you have not yet handed in your form or made payments, please do so immediately.

A reminder that parents should keep up to date with their child's Parent Pay account, even if you make payments by vouchers. This is a quick and easy way keep you informed of the current balance on your accounts. Should you have any queries with regards to your Busy Bodies fees please contact the Busy Bodies manager.

Dog Mess

We have been informed by a number of parents that the walk to school has become somewhat of an obstacle course. This is due to the large amounts of dog mess that is not being picked up by their owners. We are quite sure that this is not the fault of our school community but unfortunately, this appears to be a growing problem. It has become so much of an issue that it was recently reported in the Sutton Observer, where it was suggested that if this was a continuing issue, the public were advised to calling 0121 303 6007. We are led to believe that action will be taken in the areas where they receive a number of calls.

Our Vision: The Federation of Boldmere Schools empowers all children to embrace learning; achieve their personal best; and build their social, emotional and physical wellbeing.





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Please, Please, Please, Can you help?

We are hoping to paint the fencing and benches around the school playground and are looking for donations of green paint. We are also looking for grey paint that we can use for our new Quiet area in the playground.

Do you know of any companies that would donate? Or do you work for a company that could help? Mrs Long and Mrs Kenny are eager to start painting!

Please let Mrs Kenny or the school office know if you have any contacts!

Community News: *Disclaimer- The following community events are for your information. Should you wish to obtain further information or attend, it is at parents own discretion.*

Evita - Sutton Coldfield Town Hall

We are pleased to inform you that Tudor Musical and Comedy Society are proud to present their version of Evita. Their performances will be from Tuesday 26 March to Saturday 30 March 2019 at 7.30 pm (Saturday matinee at 2.30 pm). The tickets are priced at £17-£19 with child tickets priced at £12-£14. If you wish to book tickets, you can do so by calling direct on 07842214631 or book online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/tmcs. Flyers are available at the junior school reception area.

Place of Welcome - 'A relaxed, safe space for conversation or just to sit'

- St Michael's Church Hall, Boldmere Road - Wednesdays 9.00 am to 11.30 am
- a warm welcome, with refreshments, local information, no charge plus 'The Real Junk Food Boutique' - grab a bargain and help to reduce waste.

Information about out of school holiday clubs and activities can be found in the letter rack by the office.

Golden Table:

This week the following children have been nominated for the Golden Table in the dinner hall:

Jack, Kelsie, Lucy and Anne in Lion class.

Lilly-Anne and Alayna in Owl class.

Ieuan and Khadijah in Turtle class.

Thank you children, we look forward to seeing who is nominated next week.

PTA News

SAVE THE DATE - Comedy Night on the 29th March 2019. TOP ACTS!!

Tickets are now on sale at www.pta-events.co.uk/boldmere

Up to Date MAT information

Information can be found at:

<https://www.boldmere.bham.sch.uk/parents/mat-information>

Lunchtime Clubs

We still have a few spaces left in the Year One and Year Two Tennis Clubs. If you wish to reserve a place for your child, please return the form to the school office as soon as possible. Please ensure payment is made via ParentPay.

Celebrating Attendance

Congratulations to Hedgehog and Lion class for achieving 99.33% attendance last week. Well done Hedgehogs and Lions.

Mrs S Kenny
Head of School
05/03/2019