

# NEWSLETTER - MARCH 2

Dear Parents

## Coronavirus

School receives daily updates from Gov.uk and we continue to monitor the situation in relation to our school and community.

If your child is unwell with cough, cold, sore throat, high temperature, sickness etc... please keep them off school, as is the usual practice.

If you are concerned in anyway with your child's symptoms, phone 111 and seek medical advice.

## Sports Relief - Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020

We are very excited to be taking part in Sports Relief this week to raise money to fight inequality through the power of sport. Some of us will be learning a dance routine, some taking part in a penalty shoot-out and all of us will be bouncing on trampolines during the day. Remember to wear your PE or sports kit tomorrow!

## Athletics Competition

A big well done to all of the children that took part in the key stage 1 Athletics competition last week at Bishop Vesey School. Everyone tried their very best in all of their events and were a credit to our school. Well done Team Boldmere!

## Baby News:

Congratulations to Mrs Ankers and her husband on the birth of their daughter Imogen Amy on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March. We welcome Imogen into our Boldmere family.

## Year One and Year Two Inspire workshops

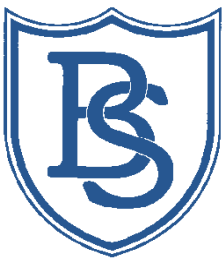
What a fantastic time we had at our parent inspire workshops last week! Thank you to everyone that attended, it was lovely to see everyone working together. Year One created some wonderful Rockets as their topic was 'Space', Year Two completed lots of activities based around their topic the Secret Garden. The Gardens looked incredible!

## World Book Day And Reading Challenge

A huge thank you to everyone who dressed up for World Book Day. You all looked FANTASTIC! Last week children also took home our reading challenge. It was launched as part of our world book day event and also to celebrate 40 years since our library was opened. Children can achieve a bronze, silver and gold award for completing challenges and we are grateful to the Lord Mayor's 'Reading for Pleasure' challenge for providing the school with funding for these awards. We hope that you enjoy reading the range of books that have been suggested - you have until July to complete the challenge. Happy reading!

## DIARY DATES

- 24<sup>th</sup> March**- Year One Phonics screening information meeting for parents/carers 9am
- 26<sup>th</sup> March**- Year 2 SATs information meeting for parents/carers 5pm, **strictly no children please.**
- 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)
- 4<sup>th</sup> May**- Year 2 SATs begin
- 8<sup>th</sup> May**- School closed for May Bank Holiday
- 19<sup>th</sup> May**- Nursery sports day 10.30am and 2.30pm
- 21<sup>st</sup> May**- School sports day 1.30pm
- 21<sup>st</sup> May**- Break up for half term holidays
- 22<sup>nd</sup> May**- Professional Development Day-school closed to all pupils
- 1<sup>st</sup> June**- School re-opens to all pupils
- 8<sup>th</sup> June**- Year One Phonics screening tests begin
- 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> June**- Reception intake September 2020 induction sessions 10.30am- 12pm
- 3<sup>rd</sup> July**- Nursery closed to current children for September 2020 intake induction session
- 9<sup>th</sup> July**- Celebration evening for parents and children 4pm-6pm
- 16<sup>th</sup> July**- Year Two leavers party
- 17<sup>th</sup> July**- Break up for summer holidays
- 20<sup>th</sup> July**- Professional Development Day- school closed to all pupils



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## Busy Bodies

### March Booking Forms/Fees

Some March fees are still outstanding for this month, please check and if you have not already made payment for your required sessions, please do so **immediately**. Some parents have only made part payments of their fees so please ensure you are up to date with your payments.

### Polite reminder to our parents - Your child's safety

Please ensure if your child is booked in and you decide to collect them at home time (3.35pm), remember to inform Busy Bodies, as soon as possible, to cancel them for that afternoon as safeguarding your child/ren is paramount to us.

## Sutton Charities School Uniform Grants

If you think you may be eligible, please collect a form from the school office. Forms must be returned to school by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

## Daffodils on Mossy Bank

In the Autumn some of our children were involved in the planting of daffodil bulbs with members of 'Friends of Mossy Bank'. The daffodils are now in full bloom and look lovely. However, it has been reported to us that some children are treading down these flowers and also picking them. We would encourage all our children to respect this area and allow it to be enjoyed by the whole community.

## Music Appreciation Day

At Boldmere we love music! On Friday we will be having a 'Music Appreciation Day'. The children will have opportunities to listen to visiting musicians, learn about different 'musical theatre productions' and will have opportunity to play a range of instruments.

We will be using this day to raise money to support the music provision within our school.

If you would like to donate any money, please place this in the buckets when entering school on Friday.

## Toscana Strings

The brilliant Toscana Strings visited school last week. Reception, Years One and Two enjoyed their performance enormously. The string musicians talked about their instruments and played sounds to illustrate the differences to the children. The musicians were very impressed by how much musical knowledge the children had and were really wowed by their good behaviour. The children were absolutely captivated, as were the staff, by this amazing performance based around different animals. School certainly hopes to invite them back next year.

The performance has been paid for by the PTA. Thank you PTA!

## Children's Data Checking Sheets

We still have some outstanding data checking sheets that were given to parents during parents' evening. Please could all forms be checked, amended if necessary, signed and returned to the school office as soon as possible. If you have misplaced the original form please come to the office so we can reissue another form. Thank you for your support.

## Congratulations Board

**Reception** - Che, Amelia, Isabella, Denver, Gabriel and Darcie.

**Year One** - Evan, Elodie and Zachary.

**Year Two** - Lilian, Kiara and Martha.

## Celebrating Attendance

Congratulations to Kangaroo and Meerkat class for achieving 99% attendance last week. Well done!

## Nursery September 2020 Intake

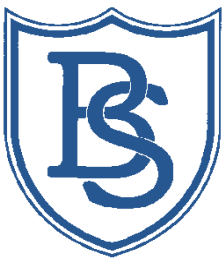
Closing date for applications is Friday 13th March 2020.

If you know of anyone that may be interested in a nursery place then please get them to call into the office.

## Up to Date MAT information

Information can be found at:

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



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## PTA News

The Elfridges Store is to open its Mother's Day doors on Friday 20th March. Buy lovely gifts for Mums, Grandmas and Auntie's! Children are escorted to the store by staff to choose their gift which has been beautifully wrapped by the elves. Orders can be made at [www.pta-events.co.uk/boldmere](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/boldmere) Ordering will close on Thursday 19th March, please order early to avoid disappointment. Please see attached flyer.

## 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.*

- We are very lucky to have some fantastic coaches who work with our children offering lunchtime clubs and in the afternoons with extra-curricular lessons. Emily from Dance4you, Dan from DWTC (Tennis) and Matt from Rugby Tots. Please see the attached Rugby Tots flyer.

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