

NEWSLETTER - MARCH 2

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome Back!

Welcome back everyone! It has been lovely to welcome all children back into school today. School was full of noise and laughter again and the children have enjoyed being back with their peers. They have been amazing! Everyone has settled quickly into the routines of the school day. We are, however, aware that the pandemic has had an impact on many families, and we will be monitoring children's wellbeing closely upon their return to school. We have daily wellbeing activities planned to support children with their mental health and to give them opportunities to talk about their experiences and feelings. Please rest assured that we will be working hard to support all children with their academic progress but will also be mindful of their mental health.

Sports Equipment

Children will be receiving some sports items to bring home, later this week. School placed an order for equipment during January, but delays due to Covid-19 have meant that the items have only recently arrived. The items were to be used by children and families at home during the period of National Lockdown and were to support physical activity, healthy lifestyles and mental wellbeing. Although we are now all returning to school, we would still like each child to receive the equipment. Miss. Harris has kindly put together some sporting activities that can be undertaken using the equipment. Please enjoy having fun at home and look out for competitions that may follow soon! Please bring a carrier bag into school as soon as possible, to collect all items later this week.

Diary Dates

Spring Term 2021

Thursday 1st April- Break up for Easter holidays.

Monday 19th April- School re-opens to all pupils.

Thursday 27th May- Break up for half term holidays.

Friday 28th May- Professional Development Day, school closed to all pupils.

Monday 7th June- School re-opens to all pupils.

Tuesday 20th July- Break up for summer holidays.

Wednesday 21st July- Professional Development Day, school closed to all pupils.

Staggered Start And End Times To The Day

The staggered times we currently have in place are to reduce contacts around the school gates at the start and end of the school day. Please ensure that you arrive at the allocated time for drop off and collection to facilitate these risk assessment measures. Social distancing remains a priority during this time, and parents/carers are requested to wear face coverings when on the school site.

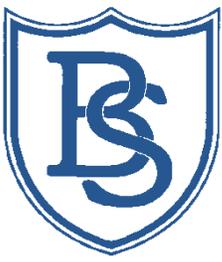
Milk Letters

Milk letters were sent home yesterday for the remainder of the spring term. Order forms and payment via Parentpay must be received by **9am on Wednesday 10th March** at the very latest. If your child is in a Reception class, please do not assume they will continue to receive milk even though they are under five. A new order form must be completed and sent to school. Spare letters can be obtained from the school office.

Dolce - School Meals

As you are aware, we have gone live this week with our new school meals provider, Dolce and are pleased with the number of parents/guardians who have registered their child. We would ask that all parents/guardians register with School Grid even if your child is bringing a packed lunch into school. If you have not received the registration link or your link has expired please call the school office. **For your information, it is possible for parents/guardians to access the ingredients/allergens and nutritional content of any meal option by locating the menu and clicking on the meal option.** By doing this you will be fully informed prior to making your meal choice.

A reminder email will be sent every weekend for you to order your child's meals for the week.



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Red Nose Day Friday 19th March 2021

"Get set to show us your superpowers"

The last 12 months have been incredibly tough for all of us, but we are very proud of how our pupils have managed.

That's why we want to let the children know that we think they are the best. And amazing. And encourage them to have a little giggle.

We are inviting them to enjoy Red Nose Day with us on Friday 19th March dressed up as a superhero. Children can wear a costume or their own clothes with a mask or a cape. There are printable masks available on the Comic Relief website.

<https://www.comicrelief.com/rednose/day/schools/freedownloads/>

We are also asking that children bring their favourite joke to school so that they can share with their friends and have that well deserved 'giggle'.

Donations for Comic Relief can be made via ParentPay using the following link:

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=2540>

Newsletter:

The weekly newsletter can also be found on the school website:

<https://www.boldmere.bham.sch.uk>

Speed Restrictions

Please note that Cofield Road and St. Michaels Road now have speed restrictions in place of 20mph.

Virtual Parents Evening Consultations.

Virtual parents evening consultations will be taking place on Monday 29th March and Wednesday 31st March. We will be using a School cloud booking system to facilitate these meetings.

Parents/Carers will receive further information next week including log in details and instructions on how to access the appointments.

Sutton Coldfield Charitable Trust - School Uniform Grant Applications 2021

School Uniform Grant Application forms are available from the school office. All completed forms will need to be returned to the school office by Monday 22nd March 2021 at the latest. The eligibility criteria and proof of benefits required is listed below:

- A current resident of the former Borough of Sutton Coldfield as set by the 1974 boundary. This includes Sutton Mere Green, Sutton Four Oaks, Sutton Vesey, Sutton Wylde Green, Sutton Trinity, Sutton Roughley, Sutton Reddicap and parts of Sutton Wamley & Minworth.
- In receipt of one or more of the benefits listed: Income Support, Job Seekers Allowance, Employment Support Allowance, Child Tax Credit, Working Tax Credit, Universal Credit.

Registration for Nursery September 2021 Intake Closing Date For Applications is Friday 12th March

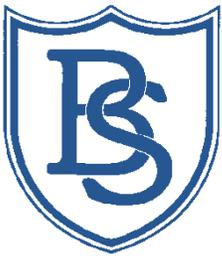
Registration forms for children eligible to join the nursery in September 2021 (date of birth 01.09.2017 to 31.08.2018), are available from the school office or they can be downloaded from the school website under the Parents/Admissions tab.

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

Further information including a virtual tour is available on the school website.

Busy Bodies Newsletter

To all our families, it was lovely seeing the return of Busy Bodies children yesterday. They have all settled in really well in their year group bubbles. Thank you for the prompt return of March booking forms by last Friday. We are now at full capacity on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday both am & pm. Payments will be debited no later than Friday 12th March. Please ensure you check your Parentpay accounts to make payments. Parents, please remember as per School's information guidelines on returning to school last week, to ensure you wear face coverings on school site when collecting and dropping off your children.



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Contacting School

Please can we remind you that if you have an attendance query, for example if your child is currently attending school and is not going to be in, please call the office or email enquiry@boldmere.bham.sch.uk.

If you need support with teaching and learning at home, for example, a query about a lesson or clarification of an activity please make contact via the year group email addresses.

Email addresses for correspondence specific to your child's class/year group, to support with teaching, learning and online/home learning support.

bib-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

nursery-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

reception-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

yr1-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

yr2-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

Junior School Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy

Junior school have a vacancy for a lunchtime supervisor. If you would like an application pack or further details, please contact the school office by phoning 0121 464 3656 or you will find a pack on the Federation of Boldmere Schools' website.

Letter From Councillor Ian Ward To Parents/Carers

Please see on the schools' website, under covid, a letter from Councillor Ian Ward to parents/carers.

Mrs S Kenny
Head of
School
09/03/2021