



NEWSLETTER - MARCH 3

Dear Parents

Important Information

In the current challenging situation, can parents please be mindful that it will not always be possible to reply to individual enquiries given the pressing demands that the management of school are facing. Please do not request personalised work to be set. At this point, with school still in operation, this is not possible as staff are planning lessons for the children in school. This may not be ideal, but we are dealing with an unprecedented situation.

In light of the current situation surrounding Coronavirus and the uncertainty of possible school closures, we have put together lists of useful websites to support children's learning. We will be uploading this information onto the school website today. Please follow the tabs

- Curriculum
- EYFS/Key Stage 1
- Year Group
- Home Learning Resources

Should the school have a forced closure imposed, or indeed, should your child be in self-isolation, please take a look at the resources online. Thank you for your understanding at this difficult time.

Please use the Government 'Stay at Home' guidance below to make the decision about keeping your child off school.

We would like to ask everyone to support us at this time by playing your part in looking after everyone in our school and extended community.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-people-with-confirmed-or-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection#self-isolation>

Message From Mr Glasgow: Split Classes

We are sure that you will appreciate that the latest COVID-19 situation is proving to be incredibly challenging to manage in schools. We would just like to make you aware that at present our staffing capacity can meet the needs of our children. However, if we have staff who will be required to follow government guidelines of self-isolation if they come down with COVID-19 symptoms, we have very little alternative but to split children into other classes across the school. We are fully aware that this is not an ideal situation but it will allow us to remain operational to provide the efficient education of the children. Your co-operation is greatly appreciated at this difficult time.

DIARY DATES

- 24th March**- Year One Phonics screening information meeting for parents/carers 9am- **Cancelled**
- 26th March**- Year 2 SATs information meeting for parents/carers 5pm, **strictly no children please- Cancelled**
- 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
- 20th 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**.

In light of current circumstances we would like to inform parents/carers that the morning breakfast and afternoon snacks provided as a complement to our service might be interrupted due to current situations with food restrictions and shopping availability. We will try to ensure that a snack is provided when possible, however please feel free to send your child/ren in with a healthy morning snack/afternoon snack. Unfortunately, no chocolate bars, nuts etc due to a range of children's allergies. We will continue to monitor and provide as long as we can.

April booking forms will be available from Wednesday 18th March, if for any reason you are unable to collect, the form will also be available online.

Thursday 7th May 2020 Police Crime Commissioner and Mayoral Elections

We have been informed that these elections have been postponed.

Year One Phonics Meeting and Year Two SATS Meeting- Cancelled

Unfortunately, we have had to cancel the Year One Phonics meeting that was due to be held at 9am on Tuesday 24th March and also the Year Two SATS meeting that was due to be held on Thursday 26th March at 5pm. The information that would have been shared at these meetings will be uploaded to the school website by the end of this week.

Summer Term Milk Orders

Milk letters have been sent home this week giving parents the opportunity to buy milk for their child for the summer term. Order forms and payment must be received by Monday 30th March at the latest in order for your child to receive milk on Monday 20th April. If your child is in Reception, please do not assume that they will continue to receive milk even though they are under five. A new order form must be completed and returned to school.

Music Appreciation Day

What a fantastic time we had on our music appreciation day on Friday! It was lovely to hear music travelling down all of the corridors in our school! A huge thank you to all our visiting musicians, all children across the school commented on how amazing the workshops were! Thank you for your kind donations, we managed to raise £43.30.

Reception Eye Tests- Tuesday 21st April 2020

Parents/carers with children in Reception classes have received a letter explaining the eye tests. The letter has an opt-out form attached. Please only complete and return this form if you **do not** wish your child to receive an eye test. Children whose forms have not been returned will have their eyes tested on Tuesday 21st April (parents /carers are not required to attend).

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.

Sports Relief

We had a fantastic time last week raising money for sports relief! Year One and Year Two had a brilliant time on the climbing wall on Tuesday and everyone enjoyed taking part in sports activities on Wednesday! We all walked 1 mile, took part in the 'Boldmere Bounce-athon' and did a Penalty shoot-out with Amber from Aston Villa. Thank you for all of your kind donations! We raised an amazing £203.22!





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PTA News

The **Elfridges** Store is to open its **Mother's Day** doors this **Friday 20th March**.

LAST ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN on **Thursday 19th March**, please order now to avoid disappointment.

Buy lovely gifts for Mum's, Grandma's 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.ptaevents.co.uk/boldmere

Celebrating Attendance

Congratulations to Turtle class for achieving 100% attendance last week. Well done!

Congratulations Board

Reception - Joel, Lamaisa, Hope, James, Henry and Mi-ly.

Year One - Imaan, Uzair and Harry.

Year Two - Billy, Samrath and Mia.

Up to Date MAT information

Information can be found at:

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

New Arrivals!

Congratulations to Taylor and family on the birth of Patrick. Welcome to our school family.

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 20th March 2020.

Mrs S Kenny
Head of School
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