

NEWSLETTER - MARCH 3

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are unfortunately having to inform you that class 2M are having to isolate from today 16th March. A member of staff has tested positive and all 2M children who were in school yesterday, are positive contacts. Please can we take this opportunity to remind parents of social distancing rules around school and also stress the importance of the current National restrictions that are in place. I am amazed to hear that children and families are regularly meeting up with other families and relatives inside homes. Children are always very keen to share their news and tell staff about their gatherings and it shocks me that families are behaving in this way. The Covid-19 virus has not disappeared. We are ensuring that children remain in class bubbles at school in order to minimise contacts. Staff are also undertaking Lateral flow tests twice weekly. All of these precautionary measures are undone if social mixing is then taking place outside school. Please work together with us, in order to reduce the transmission of Covid-19 within our school community.

From Mr Glasgow: Illness In Children

We are doing our utmost in school to ensure that any positive contact is minimised as much as possible. We must remain incredibly vigilant, to reduce the risks of further "class-bubble" closures. As I am sure we all agree that we want the children in school for as much "face to face" learning as possible. We certainly do need your support to achieve this, so we please ask that you book a Covid test for your child if they are unwell with any of the main Covid-19 symptoms or any listed in the attached Covid-19 table.

We know that with some of the symptoms it is difficult to determine if the individual has Covid or not and that is why it is better to "err on the side of caution" and book a test. Please also be advised that if you book a test, you need to advise school and the child will not be able to attend school until you have been made aware of the outcome of the test.

We are certainly aware of the inconvenience this all causes. But if we all work together we can hopefully minimise any further disruptions to the children's learning.

Diary Dates

Spring Term 2021

Friday 19th March- Red Nose Day, dress as a Superhero.

Monday 29th March- Virtual Parents Evening Consultations.

Wednesday 31st March- Virtual Parents Evening Consultations.

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.

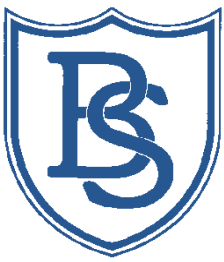
Virtual Parents Evening Consultations

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 this week including log in details and instructions on how to access the appointments.

PE Kits

Please can we remind you that when children are asked to wear PE kit to school for PE they are to wear normal kit. As the weather is still cold children will more than likely want to wear their tracksuit. This must be a plain navy blue or black tracksuit with a white t-shirt underneath and outdoor trainers. We ask for no football strips or labelled t-shirts/jumpers.

Thank you for your cooperation.



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Lateral Flow Testing

A reminder that a few weeks ago the [Department of Health and Social Care announced](#) that households with primary school, secondary school and college age children, including childcare and support bubbles, can test themselves twice every week at home as schools return. The twice-weekly test kits can be accessed using the following link:

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff?utm_source=1%20March%202021%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19

Supplies will be available-

- at a local test site
- by collecting a home test kit from a test site
- by ordering a home test kit online

Please be aware that lateral flow tests are only to be used if you do not have Covid symptoms. If you have Covid symptoms then you will need to have a PCR test at a local testing centre.

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/rednoseday/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'.

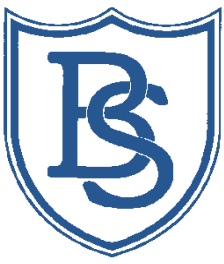
Donations for Comic Relief can be made via ParentPay using the following link:

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

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.



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PTA News

WHAT A YEAR!!!! There are ways that you can still help us help the school... **PLEASE SIGN UP -**

- Enter the School Lottery online at www.yourschoollottery.co.uk Search for Boldmere School, register and you could be our next winner! (please see the attached promotional poster)
- Shop through Easyfundraising, www.easyfundraising.org.uk register with us as your charity and the retailers will make a donation to the schools.
- Start shopping at Amazon Smile www.smile.amazon.co.uk register with us as your charity and whenever you buy with Amazon they donate to our schools.
- Does the company you work for 'Match fund' charity events? Would you consider match funding for us?

All are very easy to join, please take part and encourage others to help in the same way. Please see our social media <https://www.facebook.com/boldmereschoolspta> and <https://www.instagram.com/boldmerepta/> or get in touch through boldmere.pta@gmail.com if you would like instructions on how to join.

The PTA has a representative for every year in the school. If you have a fundraising idea that you would like to get involved with, please do email us at boldmere.pta@gmail.com and we can direct you to your year rep who will happily work with you. It is amazing to be part of the Boldmere family, we would love to hear from anyone who would like to get involved.

FINALLY - TEA TOWELS - Thank you so much to everyone that ordered the class tea towels at the Christmas fair. The company producing them have been affected by COVID delays! We are pleased to say that the printing is now in process so your tea towels should be with you soon. Thank you so much for your patience.

Busy Bodies Newsletter

April booking forms will be available for parents who are accessing provision currently to collect from the school office or to download from the school's website from Wednesday 17th March.

Unfortunately, due to still being at full capacity with year group bubbles and staffing, we can only offer places to parents who are currently accessing this provision. Please refer to last week's newsletter regarding waiting list places or contact Busy Bodies for further information.

Isolation - We have already debited March parentpay accounts for your payments. Parents of children who are isolating from today will be reimbursed.

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

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.

Mrs S Kenny
Head of
School
16/03/2021