



# NEWSLETTER - MARCH 5



Dear Parents/Carers,

## Happy Easter

Happy Easter to all our children and families. It has been a very busy term, but we have been happy to see all children return since March 8th. A school is not really a school without children, and we really missed seeing everyone during the Spring term. The noise of laughter and little voices in classrooms and corridors has been joyful to hear again.

## Friday Afternoons

A reminder that after the Easter holiday, school will be **open to pupils each Friday afternoon**. We would like to thank parents/carers for their support whilst we have been closing early on Fridays. We know it has been difficult for some families, and we have appreciated your patience and co-operation during this time.

## Children's Data Checking Sheets

Data checking sheets were sent home with your child last week. Thank you to the families who have already returned them. Please could all outstanding forms be checked, amended if necessary, signed and returned to the school office by Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021. Thank you for your support.

## Newsletter:

The weekly newsletter can also be found on the school website:  
<https://www.boldmere.bham.sch.uk>

## Virtual Parents Evening Consultations

We had our first virtual parents' evening appointments last night and it was lovely to see everyone! Our final evening is tomorrow but can we remind parents/carers to ensure that they arrive for their appointment promptly and have their phone available in case of connectivity issues. If there are problems, the teacher will contact you via telephone at your appointment time.

## Nursery September 2021

Nursery place offer letters for September 2021 were sent out to parents last week. The deadline for acceptance slips to be returned to school is 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2021.

## Easter Egg Decoration Competition

Mrs. Kenny is eagerly awaiting the Easter egg pictures and will be judging all entries on Wednesday afternoon. A winner will be chosen from each class, so good luck everyone!



## Diary Dates

### Spring Term 2021

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March**- Virtual Parents Evening Consultations.

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April**- Break up for Easter holidays.

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April**- School re-opens to all pupils.

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May**- Break up for half term holidays.

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May**- Professional Development Day, school closed to all pupils.

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June**- School re-opens to all pupils.

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July**- Break up for summer holidays.

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July**- Professional Development Day, school closed to all pupils.

## Covid Testing

Please be aware that the two types of Covid testing currently available are used for different purposes. The 30 minute lateral flow test is for asymptomatic testing. This test is to identify covid-19 in individuals who do not have any symptoms. If a child/family member displays ANY Covid symptoms they **MUST** take a PCR test. They, and the family members must then isolate until results are received. Plantsbrook walk through site currently provide PCR testing each morning.

## Dolce Menu's for Summer Term

Please see the attached new grab bag menus for the summer term.



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## Road Safety

Please can we remind you that Cofield road and St Michael's road now have a speed limit of 20mph. It is imperative for our children's safety that this speed limit is adhered to.

We have also had reports from local residents that have witnessed people, during school drop off and collection, going the wrong way around the one-way system. We must stress that this system is also adhered to. Thank you for your co-operation.

## Mossy Bank

We have had a phone call from a local resident whose house backs on to mossy bank. After school, children have been observed hitting his fence with sticks and pieces of wood. This has happened on a number of occasions. The resident is concerned that this is causing damage to his fence and his own young children have been upset by these actions.

Mossy bank is such a lovely green space for children to use but please can we ask parent/carers to discuss this matter with their children. Thank you for your co-operation.

## Information From Birmingham City Council

### Reception Places September 2021 National Offer Day - 16<sup>th</sup> April 2021

You will be sent an email informing you which school has been offered. The email will name the school your child has been offered on 16 April 2021 which you should receive by 4pm. Please check your SPAM or Junk folder.

Please **do not** contact Birmingham City Council before you receive the formal notification of your child's school place. You must be in receipt of your formal notification email before contacting the council.

**You will only need to inform us by 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021 if you are refusing this offer. Details of how to do this will be included on your offer email and letter. If you do not refuse the offer, the school will update their records to show the offer has been accepted.** By refusing the offer, you will lose the place as this will be given to a child on the waiting list for that school.

## Busy Bodies Newsletter

April fees have now been debited to your parentpay account for you to credit.

**Time error on April booking form** - Busy Bodies will be resuming 6pm closures from w/c 19<sup>th</sup> April Monday to Friday. The 3.30pm to 6pm was not stated on the back of the form. If you wish to extend your collection time until 6pm, please contact Helen or Jayne.

We would like to wish all our Busy Bodies families a super Easter break and we hope the weather remains warm and sunny, so that we can enjoy some extended family time outside

Busy Bodies Team

## Contacting School

Please can we remind you that if you have an attendance query, for example if you child is currently attending school and is not going to be in, please call the office or email [enquiry@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto: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](mailto:bib-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)

[nursery-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:nursery-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)

[reception-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:reception-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)

[yr1-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:yr1-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)

[yr2-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:yr2-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)

## World Autism Awareness Week

This week is World Autism Awareness week. We will be raising awareness across school on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April. During the day, pupils will find out more about autism, as well as contribute to a class jigsaw to celebrate how we are all unique and different.



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## PTA News

### A quick reminder of how you can help

- Enter the School Lottery online at [www.yourschoollottery.co.uk](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto:boldmere.pta@gmail.com) if you have fundraising ideas or would like to join in. It is amazing to be part of the Boldmere family, we would love to hear from anyone who would like to get involved.

**TEATOWELS** - Tea towels have arrived and will be distributed shortly. Thank you so much for your patience.

We would like to wish all our families an enjoyable Easter break. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April.

*Savantha Kenny*

Mrs S Kenny  
Head of  
School  
30/03/2021

