



NEWSLETTER - MAY 1

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to all Reception classes today, following their period of isolation. Thank you to all parents, carers and children themselves for the super work on Google Classroom. Mrs. Kenny particularly enjoyed looking at your flowerpot designs! Please can we take this opportunity to remind parents/carers of the following Government guidance: If you or your child displays any covid-19 symptoms, you must book a PCR test and self-isolate until you receive results. You must inform school of the illness and the subsequent test.

Government advice also recommends that twice weekly Lateral flow testing is available for all families. These tests are to detect asymptomatic cases and show results within 30 minutes. Tests are available:

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

Please follow the link for more advice and to order test kits.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing/regular-rapid-coronavirus-tests-if-you-do-not-have-symptoms/>

School Lunch Ordering Via School Grid

A reminder that all parents whose children have a school lunch are required to order their child's school meal in advance via the School Grid website or app.

Polling Station - School Open on Thursday 6th May

Although part of our school is going to be used as a polling station our school will still be open to all pupils.

Parent Survey

Dear Parents/ Carers, Following our Spring term Parent's evening, we ask parent/carers to complete a short survey to support us improve aspects of our work in school. Could we ask that you complete and submit the survey, **which will take no longer than 4 minutes to complete** and we will then share outcomes with you in a future newsletter. This year we are also asking for your feedback regarding the remote learning provided during the Covid pandemic of 2020/21. To access the survey please follow the link below.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=o1qZIB4jj0KY5rkBJrERN7BTrZ-VMvREqOeScw2En51UQ1dDRzdaMFJVVDRVUFBKOVhITVExU1hKSy4u>

We appreciate your time and feedback.

Thank you to the parents/carers who have already completed the survey.

Children's Data Checking Sheets

Data checking sheets were sent home with your child before the Easter holidays. 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 as soon as possible. Thank you for your support.

Diary Dates

Summer Term 2021

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.

Autumn Term 2021

Thursday 2nd September- Professional Development Day, school closed to all pupils.

Friday 3rd September- Professional Development Day, school closed to all pupils.

Monday 6th September- School re-opens.

Friday 22nd October- Break up for half term holidays.

Monday 1st November- School re-opens to all pupils.

Friday 17th December- Break up for Christmas holidays.

Nursery September 2021

We still have a few Nursery places available. If you know of or have a child whose date of birth is between 01/09/17 and 31/08/18 who may be interested in a place, please contact the school office on 0121 464 2338 for further information.



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Deaf Awareness Week

This week we will be celebrating Deaf Awareness week and thinking about how we communicate with each other. At Boldmere Infant and Nursery, we have already introduced Makaton signing to support with communication, and children are enjoying learning our "Sign of the week" with their teachers each week. Miss. Thomas, who works in the Boldmere Inclusion Base, is helping introduce Makaton throughout school. She has shared the Toy Story song, "You've Got a Friend in Me" using Makaton, and we are hoping that all children and staff can learn this and perform next week. Although Makaton is slightly different to British Sign Language, we feel that encouraging and supporting differences and inclusivity is important however this is achieved.

Nursery Reminder:

Please can you complete and return the Parent Declaration forms for the Early Education Entitlement that were given out to parents last week to the school office as soon as possible.

Newsletter:

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

'Empties Please' Ink Cartridge Recycling

We are working with a company called 'Empties Please' who specialise in recycling of used cartridges. Their aim is to help schools raise funds and become greener in the process. They will collect all used ink and toner cartridges collected by the school and donate money straight back to the school. We also have the opportunity to earn 'green points' which can then be spent on 'green rewards' including seeds, gardening tools, Hedgehog boxes and bird feeders.

Your child will be bringing home a recycle bag this week to collect any old ink cartridges in. You may save the bag for when you have some empties. They may be cartridges from home, work- place or family. Please send any empty cartridges into school in the recycle bags.

If you ever require more recycle bags, please ask at the school office.

For further information please follow the link below:

<https://www.emptiesplease.com/>



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

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