



Dear Parents/Guardians

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We hope all our Boldmere families are keeping well and we take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. We are starting to feel a little festive in school with the arrival of our Christmas tree, which has been beautifully decorated. More details regarding the various activities which will take place during the remainder of this term will be circulated in due course. We would like to take the opportunity of thanking our PTA for their hard work in preparing for the Virtual Christmas Fair. Details were circulated yesterday via Parentmail.

### **Staff Absence**

At the time of writing, I am delighted to inform you that we only have four members of staff that are absent from our schools. We, of course, wish these four members of staff all the very best during their absence from school.

### **Parking**

We would like to express our sincere gratitude of your co-operation in relation to parking issues mentioned in the newsletter last week. We have seen a vast improvement and long may this continue. Many thanks for parking considerately when dropping off and collecting children, it is very much appreciated.

### **Free School Meal Vouchers**

A reminder that Free School Meal vouchers for the October half term have now been provided by Birmingham City Council, via a company called ‘Sodexo’. If your child is eligible for free school meals, you will be receiving FSM vouchers via Parentmail this week.

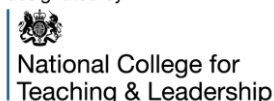
### **‘Reading is Cool’**

We have enjoyed the photos tweeted so far that show children reading at home, linked to Marcus Rashford’s tweet that ‘Reading is cool, Books are cool’. Please continue to flood our feed with photos of your children reading!!

### **Heating Failure/ Severe Weather and School Closure**

In the unlikely event of a Local Authority decision to close Birmingham schools, a message will be broadcast through Radio WM, Free Radio and will also be put on the City Council disruption website and social media. In the case of a specific problem such as a heating failure at our school, a decision will be taken in consultation with the Chair of Governors and announced on the aforementioned radio stations. We will also contact parents who are registered with Parentmail via text message and email and information will be displayed on the school website.

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## **Registration for Nursery September 2021 Intake**

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 into the office or call us on 0121 464 2338.

## **Thank you to our parents/carers from Aston and Nechells Foodbank**

'On behalf of Aston & Nechells Foodbank I would like to thank all of your pupils, their parents and your staff for the donations received on 20th November. They weighed 139kg. In due course all the donations will be given out to families and individuals experiencing food and financial crises.

With the continuing covid pandemic and the economic depression the numbers seeking help are continuing to rise, so this will assist us in supporting some of the poorest in our city throughout the coming winter'.

## **OPP / ITP meetings.**

Monday 30th November (Y6)

Tuesday 1st December (Y5)

Wednesday 2nd December (Y3)

Monday 7th December (Y4)

If your child has a One Page Profile or Individual Target Plan, please look out for an appointment letter in your child's bag today. These meetings will take place via a telephone call from your child's class teacher. Please return the reply slip as soon as possible so we know the best number to contact you on. Please contact enquiry if you know your child has a OPP/ITP and has not brought home an appointment time.

## **Events**

### **Kindness Calendar - week commencing 30 November 2020**

In the spirit of kindness, which is our core value this term, we are joining the infants with 'Boldmere's Kindness Calendar December 2020'. It will start on Monday 30th November and run all the way up to the end of term. Each day, along with your Christmas Advent Calendars, we would like you to check your Kindness Calendar and try to carry out the act of kindness for that day. Kindness is free so let's sprinkle that stuff everywhere!

Remember to keep sending in your 'Caught in the act of Kindness' slips via email to your year group email address. Thank you to all those parents and carers who have these with us so far! It's lovely to hear about all the kind things you do!

## **Diary Dates**

### **Remainder of Autumn Term 2020**

- **26 November – Nasal Flu Immunisation – yrs 3 to y6 pupils**
- **w/c 30 November – Kindness Calendar**
- **11 December – Christmas Jumper Day! - details to follow**
- **18 December – Break up for Christmas holidays**

### **Spring Term 2021**

- **4<sup>th</sup> January**- Professional Development day – school closed to all pupils.
- **5<sup>th</sup> January**- School re-opens to all pupils.
- **12<sup>th</sup> February**- Break up for half term holidays.
- **22<sup>nd</sup> February**- School re-opens to all pupils.
- **1<sup>st</sup> April**- Break up for Easter holidays.

### **Nasal Flu Immunisation – Thursday 26 November 2020**

A reminder that this Thursday 26 November 2020, the school nurse team will be in school to administer the flu nasal spray.

### **Boldmere's Best Certificates**

This week's class certificate winners are listed on the attached sheet

### **Covid-19 Information update**

Please continue to visit the school website and any Covid-19 updates can be found there.

### **Busy Bodies News:**

### **PTA News**

A separate PTA Christmas Newsletter was sent out via Parentmail yesterday which was full of fun ideas and activities for Christmas, including a raffle, colouring competition, games/activities and bespoke baubles. We welcome your support to help us raise money for our schools.

### **Busy Bodies' News**

**December booking forms**- Thank you to all our lovely parents who have returned their forms promptly. Last day to return forms for December will be Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November. Any forms returned after this will be subject to capacity and staffing. We will, however, get back to you if we cannot accommodate your requirements. Again, we apologise for this, but our numbers remain limited due to bubbles and staff.

We have emailed parents today that have outstanding fees remaining from November. We did, however, debit your accounts later than normal due to class isolations etc., so please check your accounts and clear any outstanding fees. This ensures we can meet your requirements for December.

We have now credited back into accounts any outstanding fees for isolation absences up to and including Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries.

Mrs K Welch  
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