

The Federation of Boldmere Schools

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Our Vision: The Federation of Boldmere Schools empowers all children to embrace learning; achieve their personal best; and build their social, emotional and physical wellbeing.

Dear Parents/Guardians

12th May 2020

We hope all of our school community, families and friends are continuing to stay safe during the ongoing challenges that we are all faced with at this present time.

Updated Home Learning

New resources are now available for each year group on the website under the tab 'Home Learning'. There are also resources under the Wellbeing, SEN and Explorers project sections. This week the focus continent for our Explorers project is Europe.

White Rose Maths

White Rose is the maths scheme that we use in school to sequence and plan our maths lessons throughout the year. White Rose is providing a daily maths session including a video and follow up questions/ activities. You are able to access the video for each daily session on the White Rose website. However, the worksheets and activities are no longer accessible for free on their site. As we have a school subscription, all resources will be saved onto our year group home learning pages, along with a weekly list of the video links. We do not expect you to complete every task here, however, each 'step' builds on from the next so work through them in the right order at your own pace.

If parents are further ahead than week 2 please follow the link on the home learning page to future documents- these are now available.

Bedtime Stories

We continue to send video links of staff reading stories at regular times during the week. Some parents have reported that the links are ending up in the 'junk' section of their emails so double check!

Reassurance

Please can we take this time to reassure you and stress that the resources we are providing on the website are suggested activities and not an exhaustive list that you must work through. As we enter week 8 of school closures we are fully aware of the challenges that the current situation presents. The children's wellbeing is our priority and we know from telephone conversations recently that some families are finding these times difficult. As many of us are parents ourselves we are finding that we are observing happy, cooperative children one day and then awkward, non-communicative children the next! There are no rules during this unprecedented time except to say that our wellbeing should dictate our daily expectations as far as home learning is concerned. If your child is having a 'good' day then try home schooling but if this is not the case, then go outdoors, play, bake, or get crafty together!

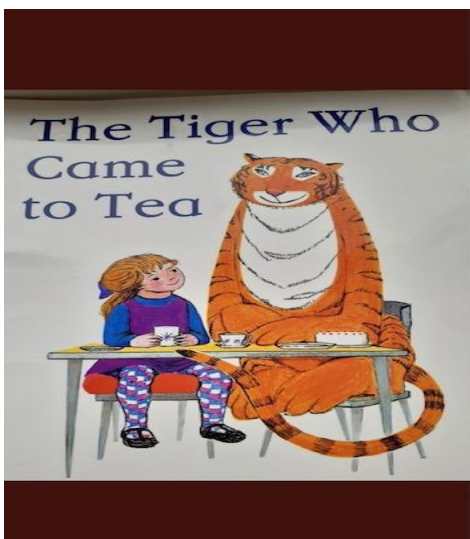
New Arrival

Congratulations to Charlie, George and family on the birth of baby Reggie. Welcome to our school family.

Book Cover

We would love for you to get creative over the next week and make your own version of a book cover. Here's an example of what it might look like. Tweet your photo alongside the actual book cover by Friday 15th May. Have fun! Here's an example of The Tiger Who Came to Tea. We can't wait to see them!

Mrs Mutch



1:1 Online Music Lessons – From The Music Service

If your child receives music lessons from the Music Service (violin, brass, woodwind and cello), you should have received a letter via Parentmail which provides you with information from the Music Service about accessing 1:1 online music lessons. The letter advises you of the process and who to contact. Please note that these lessons are fee paying and in line with our present cost for lessons for the summer term 2020. If you wish to go ahead, you must ensure that you have made your payment for the Summer term 2020 via Parentpay in the amount of £80.

We take this opportunity to remind you that if you decide not to continue with music lessons, you must provide the school with a half term's notice, in writing. Payment for the half term's notice will be required as stated in the music contract. During the half term's notice your child may continue with their lessons.

Junior School Information:

Parents/Carers Of Year 5 Children

We have been advised that registration for the optional entrance test for admission to the eight Grammar Schools in Birmingham in September 2021 is now open. The deadline for registering for the test is **4pm on Friday 26 June 2020**.

Parents can find more information about the test and can register their child for the test by visiting www.birminghamgrammarschools.org

Children only need to sit one entrance test to be considered for any of the grammar schools in Birmingham. The entrance test for September 2021 entry will be held on Saturday 12 September 2020 (this may be subject to change depending on the COVID-19 situation).

YOUR SCHOOL NEEDS YOU!

Times Table Rockstars- Top of the Rocks Sutton Schools Battle

We have entered a Sutton Schools Battle on Rockstars. To take part, log into your account and go to Tournaments->'Top of the Rocks' where you will be competing against local schools such as Wylde Green, Penns, Little Sutton and New Oscott.

You need to answer as many questions as possible in any game mode.

The winning school will be have the highest number of correct answers per pupil!

It commences Wednesday 6th May and ends Friday 22nd May.

Yours sincerely

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