

# Boldmere Junior School

## Weekly Newsletter

25 May 2021

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We take this opportunity to remind our parents/carers that we break up for half term on Thursday 27 May 2021 (Friday 28 May 2021 is a PDD day and the school will be closed to pupils).

We wish all our families a very enjoyable half term. Let's hope the weather improves and we are able to enjoy the fresh air, staying safe and spending time together.

School will reopen after half term on Monday 7 June 2021.

### **Lifting of Covid Restrictions**

In the light of the Government restrictions being lifted during May and June, we are pleased to inform parents/carers that we are beginning to make some small changes to school life and reduce certain restrictions that we have had in place during the past year.

Violin lessons have begun again and we will be welcoming the restart of woodwind lessons after half term. Private music lessons will hopefully also commence during the next half term, date to be confirmed.

After half term we will commence self service lunchtime provision. Children will be eating dinners in the dining hall and we will endeavour to organise this to keep close contacts to a minimum.

We will be updating our risk assessment accordingly and will continue to monitor closely. However, please can we ask that any visitors on site continue to wear face masks and adhere to social distancing where possible.

### **School Governor Vacancies**

We confirm that we have received 8 nominations for the governor vacancies and therefore it will go to ballot. This will take place after half term.

## **Values Ambassadors**



### **Year 3:**

Isabelle  
Charlie  
Zara

### **Year 4:**

Oliver  
Katie  
Sophie

### **Year 5:**

Jessica  
Grace  
Marta

### **Year 6:**

James  
Jude  
Lizzie

### **Online safety.**

It has been brought to our attention that there is a dangerous TikTok craze circulating, involving children using small magnets in their mouths and accidentally swallowing them. As you can appreciate, this has the potential to be very serious and we would encourage parents to be aware of the TikTok video and monitor their child's activities. The age restriction for TikTok is 13 years and above.

### **School Meals – School Grid – w/c 7 June 2021**

As from week commencing Monday 7 June 2021, the kitchen will be providing a **full menu service**. Please ensure you order your child's meal choice in advance.

### **Entry to Yr 7 in September 2022 – FAO parents of children in year 5**

A reminder that that parents/carers can now register their child for the optional entrance test by applying online before 4pm on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021. The test will take place on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

To register, parents/carers need to visit [www.birminghamgrammarschools.org](http://www.birminghamgrammarschools.org)

#### Admissions

The Grammar Schools in Birmingham  
Foundation Office, Edgbaston Park Road  
Birmingham, B15 2UD

### **Trips and Events:**

#### **Kingswood Day Trips – year 6**

Well done to 6F for challenging themselves on their recent trip to Kingswood Activity Centre. You showed fantastic teamwork skills and demonstrated all of our school values. It was a great day even though a little wet!

A reminder that 6T will be going on their trip to Kingswood the first day back after half term - **Monday 7 June 2021**. Please ensure your child is in school in time for registration. They will return at approximately 5 pm and parents/carers may collect their child from Antrobus Road. Please ensure your child brings a packed lunch for the day. If ordering a baguette/wrap via the School Grid for this day, please ensure this is ordered in advance. If your child is attending this trip and you have not yet sent in your consent form, please do so asap. Payment is made via ParentPay.

#### **Spare Uniforms**

If you have any spare and unwanted uniforms for years 3 or 4 please could you send them in to the Infant school office. Thank you!

#### **School Photographer – Class Photographs**

A reminder that the school photographer will be coming into school on Wednesday 9 June 2021 to take class photographs. Children must be in their school uniform on this day, not their PE Kit.

## **Diary Dates**

**2020/21**

### **Summer Term 2021**

**Thursday 27 May** – Break up for half term

**Friday 28 May** – PDD – School closed to pupils

**Monday 7 June** – School re-opens to pupils

**w/c Monday 5 July** – Junior School Reports to be sent out

**Tuesday 20 July** – Break up for summer holidays

**Wednesday 21 July** – PDD – School closed to pupils

### **Autumn Term 2021**

**Thursday 2 September** PDD – School closed to pupils

**Friday 3 September** PDD – School closed to pupils

**Monday 6 September** – School re-opens to pupils

**Friday 22 October** – Break up for half term holidays

**Monday 1 November** – School re-opens to all pupils

**Friday 17 December** – Break up for Christmas holidays

**PDD = Professional Development Day**

### **Please note the PDD for academic year 2021/22**

**Thursday 2 September** – PDD – school closed to pupils

**Friday 3 September** – PDD – school closed to pupils

**Tuesday 4 January** – PDD – school closed to pupils

**Wednesday 5 January** – PDD – school closed to pupils

**Friday 25 May** – PDD – school closed to pupils

## **One Page Profile/ITP Meetings - Schoolcloud**

One Page Profile/ITP meetings are scheduled to take place, with your child's class teacher, after school tomorrow (Wednesday 26th May) Class 3H are after school on Thursday 27th May.

If your child has a OPP/ITP, and you requested a meeting, you should have received a link to Schoolcloud with your appointment time. We look forward to meeting with you.

## **Nursery September 2021**

The Nursery still has a few 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 Infant school office on 0121 464 2338 for further information.

## **Road Closure - Cofield Road on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

We have been notified by Birmingham City Council that due to tree works, Cofield Road will be closed from Boldmere Junior School down to the junction of Boldmere Road from 8am until 3pm. This will mean that you will be unable to exit Cofield Road onto Boldmere Road. Please be aware that the roads around school may be very busy and it may be worth avoiding driving onto Cofield Road.

## **Covid-19**

We would like to thank all parents/carers for their co-operation this term. We do however, need your continued support as we break up for the half term holidays.

If your child becomes unwell with Covid-19 symptoms after Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May, please follow Government guidelines and book a test immediately. Your child and everyone in the household must isolate until results of the test are received. It is vital that you make contact with school to inform us of any illness and subsequent tests results. We have a duty to ensure that we work with Track and Trace to identify all possible contacts that any children may have had at school, in the 48 hours prior to displaying symptoms. This may include contacts during the final few days at school this week.

Please email the enquiry address [enquiry@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@boldmere.bham.sch.uk) to notify us of this information. Should other children/staff be identified as close contacts, they will be notified by parentmail.

If your child becomes ill with Covid-19 symptoms prior to school returning on 7<sup>th</sup> June, please update school with the information and follow Government guidelines for booking a test and isolating.

## **Contacting School**

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

[yr3-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:yr3-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)

[yr4-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:yr4-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)

[yr5-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:yr5-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)

[yr6-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:yr6-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)

For general enquiries or for reporting a school absence, medical appointment, end of school arrangements, please contact the school office on 0121 464 3656 or email

[enquiry@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)

## **e-safety reminder**

Ensuring that children are safe when using information technology is an essential life skill and is needed more now than ever with children having increased screen time and access to the internet.

We wanted to remind you that on the school website, under 'Safeguarding' 'E-safety' you can access useful resources and links to websites which offer age-appropriate resources and information for parents and carers. These can also be found on your child's Google Classroom in the 'Parent Information' folder.

**Remember to follow us on  
twitter @BoldmereSchools for  
updates and to see some of  
the wonderful things  
happening in school!**



## **Busy Bodies**

### **Busy Bodies newsletter**

The Busy Bodies team would like to wish all of our wonderful families a brilliant half-term. Please stay safe and enjoy your time together.

## **P.T.A**

**We would like to take this opportunity to thank the PTA for working hard behind the scenes!**

### **Message from the PTA:**

The **ICE CREAM** Freezer is **FULL** and ice creams will be on sale after school (as long as its not raining). **PLEASE NOTE** - bring exact money (£1 or 50p) or a bankcard (contactless payments are a minimum spend of £1. We cannot accept a bank card payment for a 50p ice cream.) **PLEASE NOTE - Our Ice cream sellers cannot give change so please bring the exact money or bank card.**

The **Father's Day Elfridges** Store is OPEN - [CLICK HERE!!!!](#) to go straight to our Elfridges page. Do not delay and miss the opportunity to have the elves wrap special Father's Day gifts for the dads in your life. Buy as many tickets as you like. Ordering closes at 12 noon on Thursday 10th June 2021. The elves will deliver the gifts to the classrooms for your kids to bring home. Please see attached poster for details.

**SUMMER SPECIAL** - We are looking into the possibility of something very special for summer... Do you play in a band? have a performing act? we 're at the start of looking into organising something and would love to hear from anyone that might like to perform to an audience. Please get in touch at [boldmere.pta@gmail.com](mailto:boldmere.pta@gmail.com)

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