

Boldmere Junior School

Weekly Newsletter

15 June 2021

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope all our families have been enjoying the lovely weather.

We have been reminding our children of the importance of keeping hydrated in the warm weather, so please remember to send your child into school with a water bottle (named).

If you decide to send sun cream into school, please put your child's name on the bottle, as it will be for their use only.

Covid-19 Reminder

We take this opportunity as COVID 19 cases are increasing to remind parents/carers of the following

Government guidance:

If your child displays any Covid-19 symptoms you must book a PCR test and the whole family must self-isolate until you receive the results.

You must inform the school of the illness in the first instance and then of the test results once received.

Government advice also recommends that twice weekly lateral flow tests are carried out by families. These tests are to detect asymptomatic cases and show results within 30 minutes.

Culmington Manor Residential Trip – October 2021

Confirmation letters have been sent out to all children who will be attending the above residential trip in October 2021 (Year 6). The next payment due is for £150 by 20 June 2021.

After School Activity Clubs

We are sorry that we had to cancel the after school clubs this week for years 3 and 4. Should we need to cancel year 6 after school club tomorrow, we will send out a Parentmail first thing tomorrow morning.

Values Ambassadors



Congratulations to this week's Values Ambassadors.
Keep up the hard work!

Year 3:

Harley
Lily-Mae
William

Year 4:

Ruby
Aisha
Cameron

Year 5:

Isabella
L'Cree
Arthur

Year 6:

Laila
Andrew
Chloe

Transition Days – NOW CANCELLED – Year 6

Secondary Schools have been advised by Dr Justin Varney, Director of Public Health, to cancel their transition days for their new intake. Therefore, we confirm that NO children in year 6 will be attending transition days to their new secondary schools, this includes the year 6 transition day arranged for 7 July. Your child's new secondary school will provide you with further information regarding transition in due course.

Plantsbrook School – SEND Transition Morning (22 June 2021)

Due to the current Covid situation, Plantsbrook have had to make the difficult decision to cancel the planned SEND transition morning that your child may have been invited to. We know this will disappoint a lot of students, but please feel rest assured the Inclusion team at Plantsbrook are working hard to liaise with Mrs Jones (SENDCO) and class teachers to gather relevant information to enable them to support your child in September. The Plantsbrook team will also meet students with SEND as part of their visit to the primary school, so students will have an opportunity to ask questions and meet a member of the team.

Transition Information

We will inform parents/carers of their child's new class teacher on Friday 2 July. This will be received via Parentmail.

From Friday 2 July the website will have further information about new classes under the 'Transition' tab. This will include photographs of staff and video of classrooms.

Sports Day

Further information regarding sports day will come out next.

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

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

To register, parents/carers need to visit www.birminghamgrammarschools.org

Admissions

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

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.

Diary Dates

2020/21

Summer Term 2021

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 – Children return to school.

Friday 22 October – Break up for half term holidays

Monday 1 November – Children return to school

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 – children return to school

Friday 27 May – PDD – school closed to pupils

ERROR:

*There was an error in the last newsletter regarding Wednesday 5 January 2022. This is **NOT** a PDD day. See above update. Apologies for any confusion.*

BUSY BODIES NEWSLETTER:

July/September booking forms/Parent contract form (updated for your signature) are now available to download from the school website or are available to collect from Busy Bodies or school reception. Your **July** booking form with your requirements, needs to be returned no later than **Wednesday 23rd June**. Your **September** booking form with your requirements, need to be with us no later than **Wednesday 7th July**

Payment of fees: fees for your July bookings will be debited no later than **Wednesday 30th June**. Payment for July's fees must be made to Parent Pay no later than **Friday 2nd July**- Thank you.

Registration fees: Academic year Sept 2021/22. If you wish your children to continue attending Busy Bodies in September 2021, your annual registration fees must be paid no later than **Friday 2nd July**. Payments made after this date will not guarantee your child a place in September due to current numbers on our Waiting list.

New reception Children: The above payment deadlines do not apply to your children, as you have not as yet been assigned a username for Parent Pay. The Infant School will inform us once you have been issued with these and we will contact you again once we have assigned them to Busy Bodies registration fees and Busy Bodies before and after school club Parent Pay, to pay your monthly fees.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need any further help or support.

Community:

The Sutton Coldfield Community Games are back on 10 and 11 July at Wyndley Leisure Centre from 12 pm to 5 pm each day.

This year there will be a limit of 2000 people and 35 activities and the event is ticketed at £2.50 per person, with 3's and under free of charge.

The games team and sporting partners will be doing their very best to help everyone have a great community afternoon of fun, inspiration and medals!

Tickets are available via:

Website www.suttongames.co.uk

Facebook @communitygamescic

Internet <https://www.trybooking.co.uk/BBOP>

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

yr4-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

yr5-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

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

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!



Six4Schools

What is Six4Schools?

As we ease out of lockdown restrictions there is a real appetite for families to experience in person events, including live sporting events. The Birmingham Bears have made this a little easier via Six4Schools by offering adult tickets for only £12 (normally £21) for their T20 matches this summer when using a discount code unique to the school. U16s are always free, making this a real bargain for families.

Our school will benefit because for every adult ticket sold, the school will receive £6 back. As an example, if we sell 200 adult tickets, we will receive £1200! We can reinvest this to support the education of the pupils. Discounted tickets are being sold quickly and the school who sells the most tickets will receive a **free electronic whiteboard** courtesy of Vestel.

The first T20 game at Edgbaston is **this Friday (18th)** V Lancashire Lightning.

Please bear in mind, as a result of the government's latest announcement, they will now be operating at a limited capacity – therefore tickets will be limited for each game and booking in advance is advised.

As a school, we remind you to be vigilant in relation to Covid-19 and follow all of the latest government guidance.

A letter with further information is attached.

PTA News

We are taking part again in the Parent Kind Big PTA Raffle. They are going to be running 12 draws over 6 days, between **12th July and 17th July 2021**. For £3 you will get a ticket in all 12 draws. Every draw will give you the chance to win up to £5,000! The best news - 50% of your ticket sales goes straight to us and our kids. Please follow the link to our page - [Boldmere School Raffle](#) and buy your tickets now to avoid disappointment. At Christmas the tickets sold out well before the first draw date.

Thank you so much to every one that purchased their Fathers Day gifts from our Elfridges store. Your gifts will be delivered to the classrooms TOMORROW ready for the special day.

Thanks to everyone that has visited us at the **ICE CREAM** Freezer. We've seen lots of happy people. Please come and see us after school for a treat (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.**

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 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.

