

# 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

5 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.

We also wish our families who are celebrating Ramadan an enjoyable time.

## **Home Learning On The School Website Has Been Updated**

A reminder that updated resources are now available on the school website under the tab 'Home Learning'. Resources include:

- Curriculum based activities for each year group
- The next part of the whole school project, which is focusing on the continent 'Antarctica' and can be found under 'Explorer's Project'.
- Wellbeing activities suggested by the wellbeing team under 'Wellbeing Resources'

**Please do keep a close eye and check for updates on our school website and Twitter page**, as we are constantly updating these areas as and when additional resources become available.

## **Wellbeing**

Some new items have been updated on our website under 'Home Learning', 'Wellbeing'.

You will find the following:

- NHS Guidance on looking after children and young children during the coronavirus outbreak
- A link to CBeebies 'Get Well Soon' programme, where Dr Ranj talks about the coronavirus.
- A poster signposting support available to you, including bereavement support.
- Links to W'idgit', which is a symbol-based language used predominantly to support those with special educational needs, have released free materials including updated symbols for Covid-19 and a series of boredom buster activities.

## **SEND Support**

You may well be aware that the Oak National academy is providing online lessons which we have shared links to. They have now also released a range of lessons to support children with special educational needs. They cover:

- Communication and language
- Creative arts
- Independent living
- Numeracy
- Therapies

Nearly all lessons will now be subtitled and they are also beginning to add British Sign Language for lessons for lower age groups.

## **Contact Details for SENAR**

We have been informed that a number of families across the city have experienced significant issues getting in touch with the SENAR team. Like many establishments, they are working with a seriously depleted

workforce at this challenging time. To try and resolve the difficulties of contacting them, they have set up NEW contact details and will endeavour to ensure your enquiry is dealt with in a timely manner. Parents/guardians who would like to contact SENAR about their child should now call the Parent Link Service on 0121 303 8461 or email [parentlinkservice@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:parentlinkservice@birmingham.gov.uk)

### **SEND information from the Department of Health and Social Care**

A letter from the Department of Health and Social Care is attached to this newsletter and includes information on some changes to the law and other actions they are taking in order to support children and young people with SEND.

### **White Rose Maths**

Please note that parents/guardians DO NOT need to purchase a Premium subscription for White Rose maths, as school has one. We will be providing all available resources on our school website

### **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



## **Community News**

### **Mental Health Support Offer**

A range of new, easily accessible mental health support is now available for patients in Birmingham and Solihull, based around four groups:

- 0-18 year olds in Birmingham
- 0-19 year olds in Solihull
- Over 18's in Birmingham and Solihull
- Key Workers

These services are provided by a range of local organisations and offer emotional help, guidance and reassurance to people in Birmingham and Solihull who may be finding the current Coronavirus situation overwhelming. The attached flyer includes the information about the mental health services that are available.

## **Copies of Previous Newsletters On The Federation of Boldmere Schools' website**

We take this opportunity to remind all our parents/guardians that copies all newsletters are uploaded onto the schools' website. These newsletters contain a variety of information which you will find useful and relevant, particularly at this present time.

## **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.

## **Online Learning Platform for pupils and families — Music Service**

**Services for Education – Music Service**, have provided a suite of videos to support all levels of learning covering every instrument and the voice, from KS1/KS2 and higher levels. These resources have been made available to those schools that have a contract with SFE for music provision during the Summer Term. They have asked us to share with you the following link, username and password:

[www.sfeonline.co.uk](http://www.sfeonline.co.uk)

Username: boldmeri

Password: yus4Syak

## **Junior School Information:**

### **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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