



Dear Parents/Guardians

10 December 2019  
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## **General Information**

### **Staff Absences**

For your information, unfortunately due to illness, Mrs Silverwood, Head of School, will not in school for the next two weeks. Mr. Glasgow is on compassionate leave following a close family bereavement. He will be returning in January. As previously mentioned, Mr Roberts (Assistant Head Teacher) will not be in school until after Christmas, due to him breaking his foot.

### **Should you wish to discuss any matter regarding your child, please contact:**

- your child's class teacher initially
- if you need a further discussion then contact the year lead (Mrs Eccles – year 3, Miss Jackson – year 4, Miss Martin – year 5 and Mr Uppal – year 6).
- Should you need to contact a member of the senior leadership team, please contact the following members of staff via the school office - (Mrs Welch, Assistant Head Teacher, Mrs Mutch, Inclusion Manager/Senior Lead or Mr Hill our KS2 Senior Lead).

### **Message from PC Chris Thompson, Young People's Officer, West Midlands Police**

West Midlands Police has been made aware of a smartphone app called 'UNICO LIVE'. The app is publicised as age restricted 12+ and designed for young people to upload videos of them performing, singing and dancing etc. It has come to our attention that there is inappropriate content on the platform involving young people which is being investigated. The content does not appear to be monitored and we urge you to raise awareness widely to increase vigilance and reduce the likelihood of any child being sexually exploited. Please share at the earliest opportunity with your colleagues and friends.

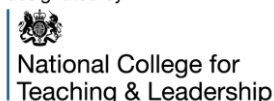
### **2. Social media guidance**

Social media is almost always used as a force for good, for example, for learning; sharing information; keeping in touch and keeping informed. This said, we recognise there are social media pitfalls, and some children may be drawn into social media activity that is not appropriate for their age. The NSPCC have guidance for parents in supporting children with social media and out lines the age restrictions for the different sites out there. We would encourage to share this information with your children and appreciate your support in this matter.

### **Parking Restriction Notice From Birmingham City Council**

Notice is hereby given that Birmingham City Council have made an Order the effect of which will be no person shall cause or permit any vehicle to wait on Cofield Road Sutton Coldfield,

National Teaching School  
designated by



*This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment*

between property number 10 and property number 26. The temporary Order is required to allow installation of new drainage runs. Access to frontages will be maintained as necessary. These prohibitions shall apply only during such times and to such extent as shall from time to time be indicated by traffic signs prescribed by The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016. The Order will come into operation on 13th January and will remain in force for a period of 2 weeks or until the works are completed whichever is the earlier.

### **Sun Newspaper Book Tokens for Schools**

A reminder that from every edition starting from 25/11/2019, you will be able to collect book tokens for school. We are aiming for 3,500 in total!!

## **Forthcoming Events-**

### **School Closure due to Voting (Polling Station)– Thursday 12 December**

A reminder that both schools will be closed on Thursday 12 December due to voting.

### **Music Lessons – Cello**

A reminder that as the school will be closed on Thursday 12 December, cello lessons will take place on Friday 13 December instead. Please ensure your child has their instrument in school with them on that day.

### **Year 3 Lunchtime Netball Club (Mondays) – Spring Term 2020**

We are sending out letters this week to all our year 3 children who are interested in taking part in **lunchtime tennis lessons at school**. The cost will be £3.50 per session, payable as a block of ten sessions = £35.00. The sessions will commence after Christmas and will run until the end of the Spring Term. At this stage, we are sending out letters of interest to see how many children wish to take part. Once we have the numbers, we will advise you as to whether the club will go ahead.

If you are interested in your child taking part, please fill in the slip at the end of the newsletter and send it into school by **Wednesday 18 December 2019** at the latest. **There is no need for you to take any further action.** We will contact you again after Christmas confirming the details and asking for payment. Please do not make any payment at this stage.

### **Christmas Jumper Day – Save the Children Fund -Friday 13 December**

Children may wear a Christmas themed jumper or any brightly coloured jumper or favourite jumper on this day. We are asking for a voluntary donation of £1, which will go towards the Save the Children Fund charity.

### **Elfridges – Friday 13 December**

For more details, see PTA news.

### **Christmas Parties – week commencing Monday 16 December**

Christmas parties will be taking during the above week. More details will be sent to you from your child's class teacher:

- **Year 3 Christmas Party – Monday 16 December 2019**
- **Year 4 Christmas Party – Tuesday 17 December 2019**
- **Year 5 Christmas Party – Wednesday 18 December 2019**
- **Year 6 Christmas Party – Thursday 19 December 2019**

## **Year 5 Trip to Cadbury World – Tuesday 17 December 2019**

Please send your consent slip to the school office asap. If you have not yet received a copy of this letter, please contact the school office. All voluntary donations to be made via ParentPay.

## **Christmas Service – St Michael’s Church Boldmere – Friday 20 December**

Children will be attending the above service at St Michael’s Church on 20 December, which will commence at 1.45 pm. Parents/guardians are also invited to attend. The service should last approximately an hour. It will be possible for you to take your child home from the church. Please fill in the consent slip at the end of this newsletter. Those children not collected from the church will walk back to school with their teacher and will be released at the end of the school day (3.35 pm). **No child will be able to leave the church without adult supervision**

## **Kingswood Residential – Year 6 (September 2020)**

A letter has been sent out advising of the next payment required.

## **End of Term**

A reminder that school will closed for the school holidays on **Friday 20 December** (3.35 pm). Children will return to school on Tuesday 7 January 2020 (Monday 6 January 2020 is a Teacher Day).

Yours sincerely

Mrs K Welch  
Assistant Head Teacher

**Community News** – *Disclaimer – The following community events are for your information. Should you wish to obtain further information or attend, it is at parents’ own discretion.*

**St Michael’s Church – Boldmere, warmly welcomes all to a ‘Place of Welcome’, every Wednesday morning from 9 am to 11 am. We offer:**

- free tea, coffee, squash, toast, biscuits and mince pies
- second hand uniforms at 50p per item
- the Real Junk Food shop – buy supermarket products on a pay-as-you-feel basis, raise funds for the Real Junk Food Project Birmingham and help to reduce landfill waste.
- an opportunity to join discussion groups or a relaxed communion service.

## **Public Meeting: Neighbours Liaison Meeting**

We have been advised that there is a Neighbours Liaison Meeting regarding the ‘Boldmere project, Care Home, Apartments and Community Hub in St Michael’s Road, Boldmere, on Wednesday 11 December 2019 at 7.30 pm at the Harvester Restaurant in Boldmere. For more information, please collect a leaflet from the school office.

**PTA NEWS**

**Christmas Elfridges** – SHOP IS OPEN on 13 December.....get our tickets now to avoid disappointment.. ticket sales close 12 December. Buy your tickets at <http://www.pta-events.co.uk/boldmere>

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**Christmas Carol Service – Friday 20 December 2019– 1.45 pm**

Name of my child..... Class .....

I will be collecting my child at the end of the service at St Michael’s Church .....

My child will be collected from the church by .....

Please note that if your child is **not** collected from the church at 3.00 pm, they will walk back to school with their class teacher and will leave school at 3.35 pm as normal.

**We will not be allowing any child to walk home without adult supervision until the end of the school day at 3.35 pm.**

Signature of Parent/Guardian

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PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY WEDNESDAY 18 DEC 2019

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