



Dear Parents/Guardians

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Welcome Back

Welcome back to all our Boldmere families. We hope you have had an enjoyable summer break and are looking forward to this very exciting term. We take this opportunity to welcome our new year 3 children and their families. All the children seem to have settled in well today and we are looking forward to working together during this busy term. We have lots of information to share with you and will take the opportunity to use our weekly newsletter to keep you up to date. Copies of the weekly newsletter are also available on the school website and paper copies are available from the school entrance. Other important information regarding school events, clubs, assemblies etc will follow soon, so please do keep an eye out for these. For the first few weeks we will be sending you a paper copy of the newsletter but will then use our Parentmail facility.

General Information

Attendance Letter – important message for all parents/guardians

Our standard letter to parents/guardians regarding school attendance will be sent out with next week's newsletter.

School Meals – 2019/20 – Autumn Term

Dinner money for this half term (September to October 2019) is £89.30.

If you wish to pay weekly, the amount will be £11.75. (this week will only be three days at £2.35 per day).

Roast Wednesday meal – 15 weeks (whole term) = £35.25 (September to December)

Pizza Friday meal – 15 weeks (whole term) = £35.25 (September to December)

If you wish to order both **Roast Wednesday and Pizza Friday** meals for the **term**, the amount will be £70.50 up to December.

Please note - All dinner money MUST be paid for in advance via ParentPay of your child receiving a meal- (parents/guardians of year 3 and other new children,- see message below)

School Meal arrangements - FAO Year 3 Parents/ new children to the school:

Parents of children in year 3 (or other children new to the school) will not yet have received their **ParentPay user name and password yet**. We hope to send these out very shortly and apologise for the delay. We wish to reassure you that if you have advised the school office that you wish your child to receive a school meal, we will have ordered one for your child. You will be able to pay once you have been given access to your Parentpay account.

Please ensure you advise the school office giving 2 weeks' notice if your child's meal arrangements will be changing this term.

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If your child is eligible for free school meals, please contact the school office and provide us with the relevant evidence for our records. Your details will be kept confidential.

Milk Orders.

If you would like your child to have milk at morning break time, please make your payment on ParentPay of £15.40. This is for the whole term but it does not commence until week beginning **9 September 2019**. You are able to indicate in the 'notes' section on ParentPay if your child would like full fat or semi-skimmed.

Medication in School

A reminder that if your child is asthmatic and requires an inhaler in school, please ensure you hand one into the school office, which is in date and replenished. This will then be passed on to class teacher to be kept in the classroom. If your child has a Care Plan and requires antihistamines or an EpiPen, please ensure that medication is in date and handed into the school office.

Collecting children from school

Our school is a large school and our priority is to keep all children safe. At the end of the day children in years 3 and 4 are handed over to parents/guardians at the designated place. If you ask someone who does not normally collect your child to collect them, **please send in a letter** to your child's class teacher in advance. Where possible, please ensure your child is aware of their end of school arrangements and advise the school office as soon as possible if these arrangements change. We would also appreciate any parents/guardians who have custody issues relating to the collection of their children, to speak to either their child's class teacher or the school office. It is essential that all contact information, e.g. address and telephone numbers are kept up to date.

Car Parking Outside of the school

We appreciate the difficulty created by limited parking space for parents/guardians who need to drive to school to drop off/collect their children. As ever, our only concern is for the safety of the children. We would ask therefore that you **do not** park in the zig zag area directly outside of the school and are respectful of our neighbours when parking on the road – please do not block their driveways. Please also help us to reduce air pollution outside the school by switching your engine off once you have parked. Thank you.

On a separate issue regarding parking, we received a message from the Crew Commander of the Fire Service at the end of last term, regarding considerate parking on GLEBE DRIVE. The message is as follows:

'We have had two incidents on Glebe Drive in Boldmere, which many parents are using for parking during pick up and drop off times. Their careless parking has meant that our fire engines became stuck while attending an address, meaning we had to make the appliance unavailable for fire calls until the parents returned'

School Contact Cards/Medical Information.

We will soon be sending out coloured contact cards to all our parents/guardians. This enables us to be sure that all our contact details and medical information is up to date. Please fill in the coloured contact card on both sides and return it to the school office. Those parents/guardians of pupils in year 3 have already been given a blue contact card in their induction pack and we thank you if you have already returned that to the office.

Forthcoming Events-

Swimming Lessons – Tuesday mornings – Kingstanding Leisure Centre

Information regarding swimming lessons will come out shortly.

Some children in year 6 will commence their swimming lessons on Tuesday 17 September 2019 – those children will be advised soon.

School Photographer – Thursday 12 September 2019

The school photographer will be in the junior school on 12 September to take individual photographs of the children at the junior school and any siblings at the junior school.

However, he will be available from 8.15 am to 8.45 am at the junior school in the main hall to take any family photographs or photographs to include both junior and infant school siblings.

Nasal Flu Vaccinations Wednesday 9 October 2019

Details regarding the Nasal Flu Vaccination programme will be sent out shortly.

Music Lessons

Unless otherwise advised, music lessons for our pupils in years 4, 5 and 6 will start week commencing Monday 9 September, this includes brass, woodwind and cello. It also includes our private music teachers, piano/keyboard with Mr Henderson and guitar with Mrs Robinson. HOWEVER, it does NOT include violin lessons. At the moment, violin lessons will commence on Tuesday 17 September. If your child is in year 3 and has been receiving violin lessons when in year 2, your child's lessons will also commence on Tuesday 17 September. There is a possibility that we may be able to offer violin lessons on another day during that particular week and we will advise you if this is the case. Payment for music lessons provided by the music service this term is **£80**, and must be payable **in advance** via ParentPay. We are currently updating our ParentPay system and you will be able to pay for your music lesson for this academic year very shortly. Year 3 parents/guardians will receive their ParentPay password and username shortly.

Year 3 music lessons –taster sessions for those year 3 pupils who have contacted the school office will take place over the next two weeks. You will be advised if your child has been offered a place and will then be sent a music contract. Please **DO NOT** make any payment at this stage as **there is no guarantee your child will be offered a place**, due to limited numbers. If your child is in year 4, 5 or 6 and you have contacted the office regarding music lessons, your child will also receive a taster session over the next two weeks.

At the moment, we do not have any more spaces available for music taster sessions and therefore we will be operating 'music lessons waiting list'.

Guitar Lessons – vacancies – call Mrs Robinson on 0121 354 4234 or 07932395158. Please contact her direct for more information.

Piano/Keyboard – vacancies – Mr Henderson on 07986325994 – please contact him direct regarding further information.

Lunchtime and After School Clubs – Autumn Term

Information regarding lunchtime and after school clubs will be sent out over the next few days. No clubs will commence until week beginning 16 September 2019 at the earliest.

Look out for the various letters coming out with your child regarding the various clubs. You will need to send in your consent slips to the school office and make your payments via ParentPay by the closing dates.

Craft Club with Jeanette Nicholls – Thursday lunchtime

Craft Club will commence this week (Thursday 5 September 2019) for those children who attended last academic year.

Diary Dates

Over the next few days we will be sending to you a copy of our Diary Dates for the Autumn term and for the whole school year 2019/20. A copy of this will also be available on the school website.

Forthcoming School Trips

Conkers – year 4

A reminder that year 4 will be taking part in a trip to Conkers. You will have already received a letter before the end of last academic year. Should you require a further copy, please contact the school office. All consent slips must be sent into the school office asap and your payment made via ParentPay.

Busy Bodies News

Welcome back after the school holiday, we hope all our families have had a wonderful summer break.

Summer Reading Challenge 2019

This year the finish date is earlier than in past years, the 7th September. All completed review sheets should be returned by 5pm on Sept. 7th. You can bring all 6 reviews in together and can complete them on your own paper if you have run out of review sheets.

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.*

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Head of School