



Dear Parents/Guardians

5 November 2019
No 9

General Information

General Election – School Closure – 12/12/2019

It is important that parents/carers understand the decision to use the school as a polling station is outside of our control. We know many parents and carers will be frustrated about the closure and the disruption it brings. Believe me when I say the teaching staff share this frustration, particularly as it comes during such a busy point in the term. The governing board is concerned about the school continuing to be used in this way and has started a discussion with the election office about finding an alternative venue for future elections. The unusually short notice of this latest general election means change is not possible in time for the authority to meet its legal obligations. However, with further elections scheduled for May 2020, the election office has committed to reviewing the use of Boldmere Schools as a polling station in the new year. We will therefore be pursuing this then and will provide an update once we have one. **In the meantime the schools will be closed to all pupils on Thursday 12 December 2019.**

Music Payments – Autumn Term 2019

A reminder that if your child is receiving music lessons, the Autumn Term payment in the amount of £80 is **now overdue**. Please check your ParentPay account to be sure it is up to date. If your child has started music lessons this term and you have not yet returned your music contract, please do so asap.

Poppies for sale – The Royal British Legion

Poppies will continue to be on sale during morning break time this week. If your child would like to purchase a poppy, we will be asking for a minimum of 20p donation.

Dietary Needs

If your child has any dietary needs, please see the slip at the end of this newsletter.

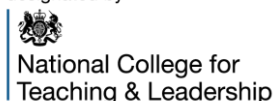
Walk to/from school

To be sure that we are aware of those children who walk to school and/or from school, without any adult supervision, please fill in the slip at the end of this newsletter and return it to the school office.

Coloured Contact Cards

If you have not yet returned your contact card to the school office, please do so asap. It is essential that all our contact information is up to date, including current address and contact numbers.

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

Medical Information Update

Please ensure that you contact the school office if there are any changes to your child's medical information, e.g. if your child did use an inhaler but no longer needs one in school. May we also remind you that if your child does need an inhaler in school, please ensure that it is in date and replenished.

Water Bottles in School

Please ensure that your child brings a water bottle with them to school. They will be able to re-fill their water bottle in school, if necessary. Please also ensure that the bottle is labelled with your child's name and class.

Coats

With the change in weather, please ensure that your child comes to school wearing a coat. Children are encouraged to wear their coat at morning break time and lunchtime.

Forthcoming Events-

Lunchtime Tennis Lessons

Letters confirming your child's place will be sent out shortly. If you have sent in your consent slip, please ensure you have made your payment on ParentPay.

Harvest Festival – Food Donation

Thank you to everyone who sent in food donations. These will be handed over to the Aston and Nechells Foodbank Harvest Appeal asap.

Year 6 Weighing and Measuring – Wednesday 6 November 2019

A reminder that the Community nurses will be coming into school on Wednesday 6 November 2019 (tomorrow). Please send in a note to the school office if you do not wish your child to be weighed and measured.

6T's Class Assembly – Wednesday 13 November 2019

Parents/Guardians are invited to attend their child's class assembly which will take place at 2.45 pm on Wednesday 13 November 2019.

Please note the following assembly dates:

- **6T's Class Assembly – Wednesday 13 November 2019 – 2.45 pm**
- **5M's Class Assembly – Wednesday 20 November 2019 – 2.45 pm**

Children in Need – Friday 15 November 2019 – NON UNIFORM DAY

We will be holding a non-uniform day on 15 November 2019. We will be requesting a voluntary donation of £1, which will go towards the Children in Need charity fund. We will also be organising a CAKE SALE on this day. More details regarding the cake sale will follow shortly.

Flu Immunisations – Rearranged Date – Wednesday 27 November 2019

We have now been advised that the rearranged date for the flu immunisations at this school will be **Wednesday 27 November 2019**

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.*

Chorister for a Day – Lichfield Cathedral School – Saturday 18 January 2020 – 9.30 am – 4.00 pm

The above workshop will take place on Saturday 18 January 2020 and is open to boys and girls aged between 7 and 11 years. The event will involve singing tuition, sport and craft activities, refreshments and lunch, singing during the Evensong service in Lichfield Cathedral – parents and friends very welcome, learning about the life of a chorister. There is no cost involved, For more information, please book by phoning 01543 306168 or email a.grey@lichfieldcathedralschool.com

Yours sincerely

Mrs N Silverwood
Head of School

Dietary Information

To be sure that the school kitchen staff are up to date with information regarding your child's specific dietary needs, we ask that you fill in the form below and return it to the school office, if this is applicable to your child.

Name of my child class

My child has the following dietary needs/food allergy

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My child brings a *packed lunch/has school meals (delete accordingly)

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Please return this form to the school office by Monday 11 November 2019

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Walk to/from School

Name of my child class

My child walks to school without adult supervision

My child walks home from school without adult supervision

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Should your child's arrangements change at any time, please let the school office know asap.

BUSY BODIES NEWS:

Busy Bodies parents/carers

Welcome back after the half term holiday, we hope all our families had a good break.

Please be reminded that November forms and fees are now overdue, if you have not already handed in your booking forms or fees please do so immediately. All forms received after today will immediately incur an Admin fee of £2.50, please ensure that you add this to your final payment.

BOLDMERE PTA FIREWORK EXTRAVAGANZA - Friday 8th November - TICKETS NOW SELLING FAST at www.pta-events.co.uk/Boldmere
WE NEED VOLUNTEERS Would you steward on the night? please do get in touch boldmere.pta@gmail.com

Advice for the night - for the last couple of Boldmere school firework nights we have experienced people selling light up merchandise on Cofield Road, outside School. These individuals are not helping the school and are likely to be trading without an official licence. We are selling our own, reasonably priced flashing items and all of the profit from these go to the schools. In order to help the school fully we'd ask you to please wait and make your purchase from our teachers selling in the playground. This will ensure that 100% of the money that you have spent will be used to benefit the schools and our pupils.

DATE FOR THE DIARY - CHRISTMAS FAIR - Friday 29th November. Do you have any unwanted, unopened items? Do you work for a company that are willing to donate a prize? We are looking for raffle prizes for the Christmas Fair. Please please please if you can find anything suitable or you or your company have anything you can donate, we would be extremely grateful for your generosity. Let us know on boldmere.pta@gmail.com