



Dear Parents/Guardians

22 October 2019
No 8

October Half Term

We break up for half term this Friday (25 October 2019) at 3.35 pm. Staff and children will return to school on Monday 4 November 2019. We wish all our Boldmere families a Happy Holiday.

DIVALI

We take this opportunity to wish everyone who will be celebrating Divali, a very happy time with their families.

General Information

Dogs on School Premises

May we remind parents/guardians/visitors, that dogs (other than ‘assistance’ dogs) should not be brought onto the school premises.

FAO Year 6 Parents/Guardians - Important Message

Re: Secondary Transfer September 2020 – final reminder

Online applications opened on 2 September 2019 for secondary transfer – September 2020. Applications can be made online through the Birmingham City Council website www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions until the deadline of **31 October 2019**. Please ensure you are aware of this deadline. All the information you will need is available on the website www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions. More advice and support is also available from Children’s Services on 0121 303 1888.

Computer Trollies

We have four computer trollies which are no longer required in school. If you are interested in acquiring one of these, please call into the school office for details. We will be asking for a voluntary donation of at least £10 or more towards ‘school fund’.

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 due. 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 on sale during morning break time this week and the week after half term. If your child would like to purchase a poppy, we will be asking for a minimum of 20p donation.

Forthcoming Events-

Home Nations Rugby — non uniform day – Friday 25 October 2019

To celebrate **England v New Zealand** and **Wales v South Africa** in the Rugby World Cup semi-finals, children may come into school wearing red, white and blue. This is a non-uniform day and we are asking for a voluntary donation of £1 to go towards 'school fund'.

Lunchtime Tennis Lessons

Letters were handed out to those children in years 4, 5 and 6 who have been receiving tennis lessons with Dan, the tennis coach, at lunchtimes. If your child has brought home a letter, please return your consent slip to the office to confirm you wish your child to continue with lessons after half term and make your payment on ParentPay for the second half of the Autumn Term (November to December 2019). The closing day is **Friday 25 October 2019**. If we have enough space, we will open up the opportunity to other children in years 4, 5 and 6.

Letters have also been handed out to all the year 3 children offering them the opportunity to have lunchtime tennis lessons. If you would like your child to attend these lessons, please fill in and return the consent slip to the school office and make your payment on ParentPay. You will receive a confirmation letter after the closing date (**Closing Date is Friday 25 October 2019**).

Young Voices Concert – Resorts World Arena – 17 January 2020

We confirm that everyone who has sent in their consent slip for their child to attend Young Voices has been given a place. Children were advised of this last Friday and should have brought home a confirmation letter yesterday. Please note, we are unable to receive any more consent forms.

A reminder that all orders for adult tickets and T shirts were due in today and payment made on ParentPay. If you have sent in your order form and have not yet made your payment via ParentPay, please do so today.

6U's Class Assembly – Wednesday 23 October 2019 – 2.45 pm

A reminder that parents/guardians of children in class 6U are invited to their class assembly, which will take place TOMORROW, 23 October at 2.45 pm at the junior school. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible, although we appreciate that not all parents/guardians will be able to attend due to family or work commitments.

Harvest Festival – Friday 25 October 2019

A reminder that children at the junior school and infant school will be attending a harvest festival celebration at St Michael's church on Friday 25 October 2019 during the morning. Any food donations will be forwarded to the Aston and Nechells Foodbank Harvest Appeal. Please do not bring into school until Friday 25 October. See suggestions below:

- Year 3 - Pasta Sauce
- Year 4 - Fruit Juice

- Year 5 - Hand Soap
- Year 6 - Toilet Rolls

Year 6 Weighing and Measuring – Wednesday 6 November 2019

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

Lunchtime Bonfire Meal – Tuesday 5 November 2019

The kitchen staff are offering a lunchtime bonfire meal on Tuesday 5 November. If your child usually has a hot meal on this day, they will be given this as their meal choice. If your child usually has sandwiches and would like a bonfire meal, please fill in the slip below and return it to the school office by **Thursday 24 October 2019**. Payment must also be made on ParentPay by this date. The meal choice for the lunchtime Bonfire Meal is: **Lamb Burgers, Hot Dogs, Diced Potatoes, Beans/Sweetcorn. There will also be a fish and pasta option. Puddings will include chocolate cracknell/jelly.** If your child does not usually have a hot meal, please fill in the slip below with your meal choice.

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.

Boldmere Harvester – Halloween Party with DJ for children 11 years and under – This will take place on 31 October 2019 from 6-8 pm. Fancy Dress Competition. Tickets are available from the Harvester at a cost of £3.00 per ticket

Yours sincerely



Mrs N Silverwood
Head of School

Bonfire Lunch

Name of my child Class

My child usually brings sandwiches to school but would like to order the Bonfire lunch.

- Lamb Burger/Hot Dogs
- Fish option
- Pasta option

Signature of parent/guardian

Please return the slip to the school office by **Thursday 24 October 2019** and ensure that your ParentPay account is in credit.

BUSY BODIES NEWS:

May we take this opportunity to remind all parents and carers that November booking forms are available for collection at the Busy Bodies desk and junior school reception area. Forms can also be accessed on the Federation of Boldmere Schools website.

November booking forms are **DUE IN BY WEDNESDAY 23RD OCTOBER** and **fees are due in as normal by the last FRIDAY OF THE MONTH BEING FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER.**

PTA NEWS:

BOLDMERE PTA FIREWORK EXTRAVAGANZA - Friday 8th November -
TICKETS NOW ON SALE at www.pta-events.co.uk/Boldmere
WE NEED VOLUNTEERS for the BBQ and stewards on the night, please
do get in touch [**boldmere.pta@gmail.com**](mailto:boldmere.pta@gmail.com)

DATE FOR THE DIARY - CHRISTMAS FAIR - Friday 29th November
2019. Do you have any unwonted, 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**](mailto:boldmere.pta@gmail.com)

DONATION OF FREE TICKETS TO ASTON VILLA WOMEN V DURHAM WOMEN -27 October 2019

As mentioned in our Parentmail, we have been kindly given free tickets by a local business (Guard Industry UK) to a football match between Aston Villa Women and Durham Women. The match will take place on Sunday 27 October 2019 at Boldmere St Michaels. Kick – off 12 midday. For more information and tickets, please contact the junior school office.