



# NEWSLETTER - SEPTEMBER 2

Dear Parents

## Getting Back in the School Routine

A small number of children are a bit tearful when separating from parents/carers in the morning. This happens every year as it takes some children a little longer than others to get back into the school routine after a seven week break. We want to reassure parents that in all cases the children settle as soon as they are in school. If a child ever continues to be distressed, we always contact parents/carers. Can we thank parents for helping us by handing children over as swiftly as possible so that we can take them into school and help settle them. Could we please remind parents to stand behind the yellow line when dropping off or collecting children so we can see them clearly during handover.

We also know that transition between the play-based curriculum of Reception and the National Curriculum of Year One is a big step for children. In this first half term of Year One we continue to give the Year One children some extra play activities to make the transition a little easier for them.

## Play Leader Vacancies

We have two vacancies for lunchtime play leaders at the Infant school. If you are interested, please contact the school office for an application form.

## Celebrating Attendance

We want to continue celebrating excellent attendance in school each week so will continue to publish details of the best class (or classes) in our weekly newsletter. The importance of attending school every day cannot be stressed enough and we are sure that parents/ carers would agree with us.

## Congratulations Board

Each week for our Celebration Assembly, teachers choose one child from their class whom they are particularly proud of. We celebrate their academic achievements, behaviour, attitude to learning or their perseverance. Parents are welcome to take a look at our congratulations board in the hall on Friday after school. If parents are unable to pop into school, the congratulations photos are always sent home the following week.

## Home and School Agreement

Your child will be bringing home a 'Home and School Agreement' booklet this week. Inside it will contain the class rules that your children have written with their teacher and also includes a brief outline of the strategy. Please read with your children, then both sign the pupil and parent agreements and send back into school as soon as possible. Thank you for your continued support.

## Behaviour in School

The children have all settled really well into their new classes and we are pleased with behaviour in school. We are seeing lots of kind and caring acts by children which is lovely. Routines are now established and Year Two are doing a great job at being 'role models' to show all younger children what we expect of children at Boldmere.

## Parents' Meetings

### Reception - Speech & Language/ Reading & Play

9:15am on 14th October

9.15-10.30 RE Stay & Play

9.15-10.30 RM Stay & Play

9.15-10.30 RK Stay and Play

### Year One - English/Reading

9:15am on 25th September

### Year Two - English/Reading

9:15 on 26th September

Please come along for a cup of tea and a biscuit and find out more information about how you can help your child at home.

## School Improvement Plan:

The school improvement plan for 2019-2020 is now available on the school website under the Parents tab and then the School Improvement tab.



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## Jeans for Genes Day - Friday 20th September 2019

This Friday children are able to wear their jeans instead of their trousers/skirt with the remainder of their school uniform to help raise awareness for the above charity event. We are asking for a donation of £1.00 per family. Jeans for Genes (UK) is a national children's charity, which raises money for the care of children and families who are affected by genetic disorders. Jeans for Genes Day is run by the UK charity Genetic Disorders UK.

## Flu Immunisation - Wednesday 9th October 2019

### Consent for Data - urgent information

As you are aware, we have sent out to parents/guardians of children in Reception to Year Two a flu consent booklet. Can you please return the booklets to school as soon as possible. We have been asked by the NHS Birmingham Community Healthcare Immunisation team to provide them with the telephone numbers of parents/guardians, to include both those parents/guardians who have returned the consent booklet and those who have not. We therefore ask that if you **DO NOT** wish your telephone number to be given to the immunisation team, you advise the school office by the end of this week (Friday 20th September 2019).

## School Census - Please Help!

We have to complete a detailed School Census on behalf of the Department for Education three times every year. The first date this year is Thursday 3rd October. This is the mechanism by which the school receives funding for pupils. It is absolutely essential that we claim all of the money that the school is entitled to receive to maintain our standards at Boldmere. One of the areas that we are asked to complete, is the number of children with a parent or parents who are Service Personnel serving in regular HM Forces military units or in the Armed Forces of another nation and stationed in England. Members of the Territorial Army are not classed as the regular armed forces for the purpose of the Census. The other specific group that we are required to complete is the number of children adopted from care. The DfE asks parents to provide supporting evidence, such as a photocopy of the adoption order. We realise that this is sensitive information and need to assure parents that this information is confidential and will only be used for completion of the Census. The funding for school dinners is also based on the number of dinners provided on that day and we ask for as much support as possible on this census day. We will be sending invitations out to those who usually have a packed lunch so please make sure you check book bags regularly.

## Lunchtime Clubs

The new lunchtime clubs have started this week and they will run up to half term, they are:  
Monday: Y1 and Y2 Street Dance  
Tuesday: Y1 and Y2 Tennis  
Wednesday: Y2 Girls Football  
Thursday: Y1 and Y2 Rugby Tots.  
Friday: Y1 and Y2 Multisports.  
We do have a few spaces left for Y2 Streetdance, Y2 Girls Football, Y2 Rugby and Y1 and Y2 Multisports. If you would like to book your child on one of the lunchtime clubs then please come to the school office.

## PTA News

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY** - We are pleased to announce that the PTA AGM will be taking place on Monday 30th September. You will find us at the Harvester in Boldmere. We would like to say a big thank you to Jayne Kelsey and the Harvester for always looking after us.  
If you would like to come and meet us, play more of a role, make new friends and be part of something fun and rewarding then please do come along on the 30th, 8pm.



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## Sponsored walk- Reception and Nursery children

We are holding a sponsored walk for all of Reception and Nursery children on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October. The walk will take place on the school field during the school day with the children's class teachers. Reception children will walk three laps and Nursery will complete two. All monies raised will go towards updating our outdoor resources so that we can continue to provide children with an engaging and stimulating environment. A sponsor form is attached to the newsletter and we ask that you pay all sponsor money via ParentPay. (Please can Nursery sponsor money be paid by cash in a clearly marked envelope). When monies have been collected and spent we will share with you how much fun we having with our new equipment! Thank you for your support, Reception and Nursery teams.

## Aldi Get Set to Eat Fresh Vouchers:

Please can we ask you to keep on collecting the vouchers from Aldi, we have made a great start and have collected 30 vouchers already.



Supporting Aldi and Team GB's "Get set to eat fresh" schools programme.

Between 6<sup>th</sup> September and 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2019, collect Team GB stickers from Aldi when you spend £30 or more in stores.

When school collects 300 stickers we receive a school sports kit and a chance to win £20,000!

Please make sure you ask Aldi staff for your stickers.

Aldi's school programme is committed to improving the healthy eating habits of children and has created materials for teachers and parents to help children develop their understanding and love of fresh healthy foods.

A collection box will be by the school office for donations - please spread the word and start collecting!

## 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 Methodist Brownie group currently have some vacancies on a Monday and Tuesday. If you have a daughter aged between 7-10 years who may be interested the get in touch with Sue Mitchell 07775 931 282.

*Savantha Kenny*

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17<sup>th</sup> September 2019

