

NEWSLETTER - SEPTEMBER 2

Dear Parents

Start and End Of The School Day Changes

Thank you to all parents/carers who are supporting us to reduce gatherings on and around the school site. We are now able to reduce the staggered start and end times to the school day as children are familiar with these routines.

We hope that the new times will help parents/carers with siblings at both schools. **The new times will be from Monday 21st September.**

Please ensure that only ONE adult comes onto the school site during drop off and collection times.

The new times are:

Reception- 9am start time and 3.10pm collection time. 12pm collection on a Friday.

Year One- 8.55am start time and 3.15pm collection time. 12.05pm collection on a Friday.

Year Two- 8.50am start time and 3.20 collection time. 12.10pm collection on a Friday.

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. In addition we have provided an agreement specifically related to the current Covid 19 situation. Please read with your children, then both parent and child need to sign the agreements and send back into school as soon as possible. Thank you for your continued support.

Lunches And Snacks

Fruit snacks are now being provided each day, as part of the Government's fruit scheme. All children will receive a piece of fruit/snack each day so will not need to be provided with anything from home.

If you have ordered a school packed lunch for your child please **DO NOT** send in a lunchbox from home to supplement the food provided by school. Extra food from home is not required.

If you have ordered a school lunch and have decided you no longer wish your child to receive a school packed lunch then please let the office know as soon as possible.

Please send a NAMED water bottle to school each day. This must only contain WATER. Squash leaves sticky messes if it is knocked over, and encourages creepy crawlies such as ants! The bottles can be topped up during the day as necessary.

Lunchtime Clubs

The new lunchtime clubs will commence next week and they will run up to half term, they are:

Monday: Y1 and Y2 Bollywood dancing.

Tuesday: Y1 and Y2 Tennis

Wednesday: Yr1 AVFC Football

Thursday: Y2 Rugby Tots.

Completed consent forms need to

be returned to the office as soon as possible and all payments need to be made via Parentpay.

COVID 19 Guidance-

The main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are:

- A high temperature- above 38.
- A new, continuous cough - this means coughing a lot for more than an hour / three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)

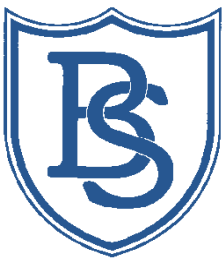
- A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste - this will probably not be applicable for Infant children but may affect older siblings or parents.

If you have any of these symptoms you must get a test to check if you have coronavirus and stay at home until you get your result. Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home until you get your result. If you need medical advice, contact NHS 111. Children should not be coming into school if they have any of these symptoms.

You need to inform school immediately with any results of tests when you receive them. School will require a copy of any test results.

Crossing Patrol on Boldmere Road

Please be aware that the crossing patrol on Boldmere Road at the end of Cofield Road will now be standing on the opposite side of the road, the 'receiving side' in the afternoons until further notice.



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Contact With School

Please use the school email address enquiry@boldmere.bham.sch.uk for all correspondence relating to absence, lunch clubs, parentpay, and general enquiries to the school office. Mrs. Kenny and the office staff check emails throughout the day. Year group email addresses have been activated to support with teaching, learning and online/home learning support in each year group. Year leaders check and respond to these enquiries as necessary. If you are in doubt, please always use the main enquiry email and we will forward your enquiry to the appropriate staff member.

Diary Dates:

Autumn Term 2020

14th September - Reception children start part time.

14th September - Nursery children start (staggered intake).

21st September - Reception children start full time.

13th October - Nursery and Reception sponsored walk.

23rd October - Break up for half term holiday.

2nd November - School re-opens to all pupils.

18th December - Break up for Christmas holidays.

Sponsored walk- Reception and Nursery children

We are holding a sponsored walk for all of Reception and Nursery children on Tuesday 13th 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 will be sent out shortly and we ask that you pay all sponsor money via ParentPay. When monies have been collected and spent we will share with you how much fun we are having with our new equipment!

Thank you for your support, Reception and Nursery teams.

Email addresses for correspondence specific to your child's class/year group.

bib-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

nursery-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

reception-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

yr1-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

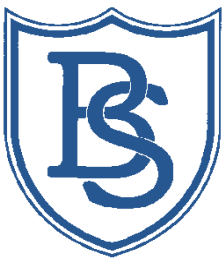
yr2-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

Summer Reading Challenge - Deadline Approaching!

For those of you who have been doing the Silly Squad Summer Reading Challenge, you have until 19th September to complete the challenge. When you have completed the challenge, you need to print off your certificate and bring it into school. Please bring these into school by Monday 21st September. Unfortunately we will not be able to accept late certificates. We will then contact the library services so that you receive your £5 gift voucher to spend at a book shop. The Sutton school which has the most entries will also receive a prize from the library service, so let's see if we can get as many certificates as possible!

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

The summer reading challenge Facebook page now has David Baddiel answering the questions sent in from Children in Sutton Coldfield and on the 19th September at 3pm we will be posting the author Jeremy Strong's video he has created for us from the questions children sent in.



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Busy Bodies

We welcomed back our Busy Bodies children on Monday in their class bubbles with a designated staff member for continuity. Although challenging with all the evolving situations within the setting, we are managing and the children are enjoying the same experiences at Busy Bodies that we have always provided.

New Reception Children

We are excited to welcome our new reception children from week commencing 21st September, unfortunately for parents when bringing their children to us in the morning, you will have to give your last hugs and kisses outside, as parents are not allowed into our setting as per school guidelines. We understand this may be a little challenging for the first few days and if your child is upset when you leave, please be reassured that they will be given lots of support to settle into our welcoming environment by our wonderful, caring and cheerful staff who are all parents too. Please do not hesitate to contact us, in the first couple of mornings, to check how they have settled. Also this week you will have received your user name and password, we will check on parentpay and assign your child to Busy Bodies after school club and BB registration fees 20/21 to enable you to pay your registration fees and September fees which we will then debit.

October Booking Forms

These are now available online via the school website and at Busy Bodies when you bring/collect your child obtainable at the door via the Play-Coordinator. Please note on October's form, the new early collection times/payments. Please include these in your monthly fees and state clearly your afternoon requirements to enable us to collect your child at the correct time from their bubble ie 3pm-4.30pm = £7.50 or 3pm-5.30pm = £10, 3pm-6pm = £15, 3.10pm is also a £2.50 charge, 3.15pm & 3.20pm are £1.25 charges.

Mrs S Kenny
Head of School
15th September 2020