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Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you for all your continued support over this half term and for all you have done to help keep our community as safe as possible. It has been an incredibly challenging start to the year and one that has impacted us all in very different ways. We know that every family will be faced with its own set of challenges to overcome and that both our staff and families continue to work with dedication and commitment in an ever changing landscape.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and restful half term.

February Half Term - 15 February to 19 February 2021 – School Closed

A reminder that school will be closed to ALL children over the half term. We hope all our Boldmere families have an enjoyable half term. A reminder that there will be no new work set or marked by staff during half term.

Chinese New Year

Wishing families who are celebrating Chinese New Year a very happy celebration despite it being very different this year.

Safer Internet Day

Today is Safer Internet Day! Celebrated globally and coordinated in the UK by the UK Safer Internet Centre, Safer Internet Day is a great opportunity to talk to your family and friends about the safe, responsible and positive use of technology, and to consider how you can help to create a kinder and better online community. Your child's teacher has uploaded several fun activities onto Google Classroom to encourage your child to think about this. We have also tweeted some safety tips on twitter for you to use as a family.

Book Week Coming Soon – World Book Day 4 March 2021

Information on World Book Day will be sent to parents in the first week after the half term. Teachers are working hard to make this an exciting and memorable week.

Free School Meal Vouchers – February Half Term

Free School Meal vouchers for the **February half term** have been provided by Birmingham City Council as part of the COVID Winter Grant Scheme, via a company called '**Sodexo**'. If your child is eligible for free school meals, you will receive FSM vouchers via Parentmail today for the February half term.

Mental Health and Wellbeing Week – 1-5 February 2021

Thank you for all your hard work and support during our Mental Health and Wellbeing week. The children produced some fantastic work based around this.

Support for Parents from Birmingham Children's Services and Birmingham Education Partnership (BEP)

See attached details of support that is available for children and families from Birmingham Children's Services. BEP have also provided three self-help videos to support parents with Self-care, Anxiety and Sleep.

The videos are only a few minutes in length and provide some useful ideas and advice:

Support for Parents: **Self-Care** <https://youtu.be/fwDZ4sYnkSI>

Support for Parents: **Anxiety** <https://youtu.be/q8xQICTI7EA>

Support for Parents: **Sleep** https://youtu.be/YNBtOazN_IM

E- Safety Reminder

Ensuring that children are safe when using information technology, is an essential life skill and is needed more now than ever with children having increased screen time and access to the internet.

We wanted to remind you that on the school website, under 'Safeguarding' > 'E-safety' you can access useful resources and links to websites which offer age-appropriate resources and information for parent and carers. These can also be found on your child's Google Classroom in the 'Parent Information' folder.

Remote Learning Support for Children with Additional Learning Needs (SEND)

We take this opportunity to remind parents about the Remote Learning - SEND area of the schools' web site. This week a video has been added to support parents who are helping their children at home. There are also a range of web sites to support children, referenced under the four main areas of need.

Contacting School

Please can we remind you that if you have an attendance query, for example if your child is currently attending school and is not going to be in, please call the office or email enquiry@boldmere.bham.sch.uk.

If you need support with teaching and learning at home, for example, a query about a lesson or clarification of an activity please make contact via the year group email addresses.

Email addresses for correspondence specific to your child's class/year group, to support with teaching, learning and online/home learning support only.

yr3-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

yr4-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

yr5-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

yr6-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

Registration for Nursery September 2021 Intake

Registration forms for children eligible to join the nursery in September 2021 (date of birth 01.09.2017 to 31.08.2018), are available from the infant school office or they can be downloaded from the school website under the Parents/Admissions tab.

If you know of anyone that may be interested in a nursery place then please get them to call us on 0121 464 2338.

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