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Dear Parents/Carers

We have really enjoyed having all the children back in school and are proud of the way the children have adapted back into school life this half term.

Thank you for your continued support and for working with the school to keep everyone as safe as possible.

May we take this opportunity to wish you all a relaxing and safe Easter Break.

### **Parents Consultations**

We look forward to seeing you all for parent consultations today or tomorrow.

All children with parent consultations this week, will be bringing home their target card and piece of their work at the end of the week.

4W will receive a separate parent mail message in regard to rearranging their parents evening for after half term.

### **Remote Learning**

Please could you sign into your child's Google Classroom Account and accept the invite to the new class, which will be labelled as Year Group 3, 4, 5 or 6. All remote learning will now be found on this page, not on the class page. This learning should only be accessed if your child is isolating.

### **Friday Afternoons**

A reminder that after the Easter holiday, school will be open to pupils each Friday afternoon. We would like to thank parents/carers for their support whilst we have been closing early on Fridays. We know it has been difficult for some families, and we have appreciated your patience and co-operation during this time.

### **Music Lessons in School- Summer Term 2021**

We confirm that music lessons will continue next term as online sessions. However, this will be reviewed within the after the two weeks of the summer term to see if we are able to accommodate face to face lessons in the future. As soon as a decision has been made, we will advise parents/carers. The cost for music lessons for the summer term is £80 (either online or face to face). ParentPay will be set up shortly to accommodate this payment.

### **World Autism Awareness Week**

Next week is World Autism Awareness Week, and we will be raising awareness across school next Thursday (1<sup>st</sup> April). During this day, pupils will find out more about autism, as well as contribute to a class jigsaw to celebrate how we are all unique and different. We are also

raising funds for Autism West Midlands, which is a local charity supporting people on the autism spectrum as well as their families. Any donations will be gratefully received via ParentPay. This will be set up in due course.

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### **Staggered start and finish times – Reminder**

Please ensure you adhere to the timings for the start and end of the day so we can keep each bubble as separate as possible and maintain social distancing as this remains a priority at this time. Once you have dropped off or collected your children, please leave the school site promptly. Thank you for continuing to work with us on this.

**May we also remind parents/carers you are requested to wear a face mask when on the school site, unless you are exempt to do so.**

### **Whole School Eco Logo Design Competition**

The deadline for the competition has been extended, due to 4W now having to isolate. Therefore, the children now have until the first Monday back after the Easter holiday (19 April 2021) to get their designs into school.

### **Diary Dates - Reminder**

#### **Spring Term 2021**

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April-** Break up for Easter holidays.

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April-** School re-opens to all pupils.

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May-** Break up for half term holidays.

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May-** Professional Development Day, school closed to all pupils.

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June-** School re-opens to all pupils.

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July-** Break up for summer holidays.

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July-** Professional Development Day, school closed to all pupils.

### **Lateral Flow Testing**

A reminder that a few weeks ago the [Department of Health and Social Care announced](#) that households with primary school, secondary school and college age children, including childcare and support bubbles, can test themselves twice every week at home as schools return. The twice-weekly test kits can be accessed using the following link:

[https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff?utm\\_source=1%20March%202021%20C19&utm\\_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm\\_campaign=](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff?utm_source=1%20March%202021%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=)

Supplies will be available-

- at a local test site
- by collecting a home test kit from a test site
- by ordering a home test kit online

Please be aware that lateral flow tests are only to be used if you do not have Covid symptoms. If you have Covid symptoms, then you will need to have a PCR test at a local testing centre.

## **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.

## **Contacting School**

Please can we remind you that if you have an **attendance query/absence**, for example if your child is not going to be in school due to illness/medical appointment etc, please call the office or email [enquiry@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@boldmere.bham.sch.uk). **Please DO NOT use the year group email address to contact the school regarding your child's absence.**

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](mailto:yr3-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)

[yr4-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:yr4-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)

[yr5-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:yr5-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)

[yr6-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:yr6-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)

## **Speed Restrictions**

A reminder that Cofield Road and St. Michaels Road now have speed restrictions in place of 20mph.

## **Busy Bodies Newsletter:**

April fees have now been debited to your parentpay account for you to credit.

**Time error on April booking form** – Busy Bodies will be resuming 6pm closures from w/c 19<sup>th</sup> April Monday to Friday. The 3.30pm to 6pm was not stated on the back of the form. If you wish to extend your collection time until 6pm, please contact Helen or Jayne.

**Refunds:** As from w/c 29th March BB will refer back to your parent contract regarding refunds. Busy Bodies will, from this date, only be refunding isolation fees if requested by the school or in line with the government guidelines symptoms, ie positive contact/family isolation.

We would like to wish all our Busy Bodies families a super Easter break and we hope the weather remains warm and sunny, so that we can enjoy some extended family time outside

## **PTA News**

### **A quick reminder of how you can help**

- Enter the School Lottery online at [www.yourschoollottery.co.uk](http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk) Search for Boldmere School, register and you could be our next winner! (please see the attached promotional poster)

- Shop through Easyfundraising, [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) register with us as your charity and the retailers will make a donation to the schools.
- Start shopping at Amazon Smile [www.smile.amazon.co.uk](http://www.smile.amazon.co.uk) register with us as your charity and whenever you buy with Amazon they donate to our schools.
- Does the company you work for 'Match fund' charity events? Would you consider match funding for us?

**All are very easy to join, please take part and encourage others to help in the same way.**

Please see our social media <https://www.facebook.com/boldmereschoolspta> and <https://www.instagram.com/boldmerepta/> or get in touch through [boldmere.pta@gmail.com](mailto:boldmere.pta@gmail.com) if you have fundraising ideas or would like to join in. It is amazing to be part of the Boldmere family, we would love to hear from anyone who would like to get involved.

**TEATOWELS** – Tea towels have arrived and will be distributed shortly. Thank you so much for your patience.

Mrs K Welch  
Acting Head of School