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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back!

It is lovely to have all our children in school ready for the Summer term and we hope you had a restful Easter break.

The children have returned with smiles, enthusiasm and a fantastic attitude towards their learning.

We continue to thank you for working with us to follow all of the current government Covid guidelines in order to keep our school community as safe as we can.

Ramadan

We take this opportunity to wish all our families who will be celebrating Ramadan during April/May, an enjoyable time.

Guidance from Birmingham City Council on Ramadan

During the Holy Month of Ramadan, it is important that parents understand the School's responsibilities to those children who may wish to consider fasting.

For your information, the school has been advised that children under 10 years of age are not required to fast and, as primary age children become very tired when they do not have regular meals and are sometimes unable to safely perform the activities expected of them during the course of a school day, we want to explain the procedures that will be followed to ensure the well-being of your child or children:

1. 'Request to Fast' Form – Parents who wish to give permission for their child to fast during Ramadan whilst at school, will need to complete, sign and return the form to the school
2. Requests for Food – As the school is required to take care of all pupils and cannot ignore the needs of a hungry or thirsty child, the staff will comply with requests for food or drink received from a child, even if a completed Form has been provided
3. Illness – If a child appears to be experiencing adverse physical or emotional effects due to fasting, e.g. dizziness, nausea, distress, etc., staff will offer that child food or drink, even if a completed Form has been provided and may call the child's parents or guardians, and the emergency services, if they believe that it is necessary.

School Crossing

We have been advised that the school crossing person will not be available this evening on the crossing on Boldmere Road/Cofield Road.

Friday Afternoons

As mentioned in our last newsletter before the Easter break, we remind you that school will now be open to pupils each Friday afternoon.

Polite Notice

Please ensure you continue to remain off site and out of the school buildings unless entering through the reception area or during pick up at the end of the day where directed. We continue to ask you to contact the office via email and phone calls where possible. This is both due to current Covid guidelines and for the safeguarding of all children in school.

As a school, we continue to work hard to keep the 'class bubbles'. It is important for parents/carers to understand that we do not want these compromised as it could lead to an unnecessary 'bubble' closure, which subsequently leads to the children having more time away from school. By following Covid-19 restrictions/guidance whilst we are at school we hope to limit any risks

Rearranged Parents'/Carers' Consultations

A separate Parentmail message will be sent out to 4W parents regarding the rearranged parents evening, advising you how and when to book.

Sports Coach

We are delighted to announce that we have employed a new sports coach in the junior school, who will be supporting with the teaching of PE in school. We have been able to use our Sports Premium Grant to employ Mr Day, who will work with your child for the Summer 1 and Summer 2 terms. He is employed via Kick Start Academy and will also run after-school clubs for our children. Letters regarding this have been sent out to each year group. All consent forms are to be returned to Mr Uppal by Thursday 22 April 2021.

Value This Half Term: Honesty

This half term's value is Honesty. We will be discussing honesty with children during the next few weeks – see the attached Values Newsletter.

Naming of clothing and other items

A reminder that all clothing, including PE kit, water bottles, lunch boxes, etc. must be labelled with your child's name. If it is and it does become mislaid, there is a good chance we can return the item to the correct child. However, it is very difficult to return unnamed items.

Sun Cream

A reminder that if you wish your child to have sun cream in school, this must be named. If you do send in sun cream, this will be applied by your child and for their use only.

Nursery Place Offer Letters for September 2021

Nursery place offer letters for September 2021 were sent out to parents before the Easter holidays. The deadline for acceptance slips to be returned to Boldmere Infant and Nursery School is 23 April 2021.

Royal Mail's Heroes Stamp Design Competition

BJS are taking part in the Royal Mail's Heroes Stamp Design Competition. Information regarding how details will be used by Royal Mail are in the following link: https://www.stampcompetition.ichild.co.uk/pdf/en_Heroes_Letter_For_Parents.pdf

For more than 50 years Royal Mail's Special Stamp programme has commemorated British history and achievement. Stamps have also been issued to honour the achievements of many British people. Often, the people who appear on stamps are already famous. They include scientists and explorers, writers, artists, musicians, athletes, and Prime Ministers.

Since the coronavirus pandemic began, there have been many people who have done great things. Many of them are not famous, but they have done extraordinary work. These are the people who have helped us all through a really difficult time. Some are frontline workers in healthcare, others look after elderly or vulnerable people.

Millions of key workers have kept the country going when most of us were told to stay home for our own safety. And there have been many people who volunteered to help people in their communities who needed help or support. We think that what these people have done makes them heroes, so Royal Mail wants to honour them by producing a set of eight stamps.

The stamps will feature designs created by eight school-aged children. We are asking our young designers to think about who their hero or heroes are, and to then design a stamp in their honour. A special panel of judges will pick the winning designs. The final eight stamps will be sent to Her Majesty The Queen before they can be printed and issued and prizes will be awarded.

	SCHOOL	ENTRANT/FAMILY
Overall Winners x 8:	£1,000	£1,000 vouchers
Regional Winners x 16:	£500	£500 vouchers
Regional Runners Up x 96:	£100	£100 vouchers

Whole School Eco Logo Design Competition

We thank all those children who have sent in their competition entries. As 4W were self isolating before Easter, we have extended the cut off date for entries. There is still time to enter though, the cut off date is tomorrow.

Diary Dates - Reminder

- Thursday 27th May**- Break up for half term holidays.
- Friday 28th May**- Professional Development Day, school closed to all pupils.
- Monday 7th June**- School re-opens to all pupils.
- Tuesday 20th July**- Break up for summer holidays.
- Wednesday 21st July**- Professional Development Day, school closed to all pupils.

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. **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

yr4-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

yr5-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

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:

Welcome back to our Busy Bodies families. We hope you all had a lovely Easter break and a catch up with close family.

Please check your ParentPay account and ensure all of your fees for April and any outstanding monies are all up to date.

May Booking forms will be available to download from the school website or to collect from Infant/Junior reception as from Wednesday 21st April. Forms should all be returned/emailed no later than Wednesday 28th April to ensure your requirements can be covered. We have contacted parents who are currently accessing provision regarding extra days.

Should your registration fees be up to date, but you have not been accessing BB provision in the last few months and now wish to do so from May, please do not complete a May booking form, instead please telephone Busy Bodies -0121 464

PTA News

Tea Towel orders – these will be given to your child to bring home tomorrow.

Mrs K Welch
Acting Head of School