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Dear Parents/Carers

We continue to be pleased with the way our children are settling back into school life and thank you for your support.

A reminder that school will be closed on Monday 3 May 2021 as it is a bank holiday.

Deaf Awareness Week 2021 - 3rd – 9th May 2021.

We are excited to be promoting Deaf Awareness Week during the week of 3rd-9th May. As part of this week, children will be taking part in a range of activities that promote deaf awareness, including a taster of sign language which includes finger spelling.

Survey Link

Following our Spring term Parent's evening, we asked parent/carers to complete a short survey (click link below) to support us improve aspects of our work in school. Could we ask that you complete and submit the survey and we will then share outcomes with you in a future newsletter. This year we are also asking for your feedback regarding the remote learning provided during the COVID pandemic of 2020/21.

Survey -

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=o1qZIB4jj0KY5rkBJrERN69Ay58738FGsTUADGa_H0VUOFBTVk03NIQwTEo1SEtJSigzSDIYMldHVS4u

We appreciate your time and feedback

Message from Mr Glasgow - Polling Station – School Open

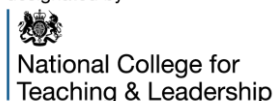
Although part of our school is going to be used as a polling station, we have been working in collaboration with the elections office to keep the school open whilst polling is taking place.

This is not an ideal situation and the elections office gave us no choice with the decision to use our school premises for polling purposes, this is a decision beyond our control. However, since being notified by the elections office that our school will be used, we have worked hard to negotiate our training room (the building situated between our two schools) to be the polling station under Covid-19 restrictions.

The training room is an independent building, so no members of the public will have access to school in any way possible, it is, therefore, safe for children to attend as normal, which we saw as being vital under the current circumstances. We will manage and monitor the use of this building as a polling station throughout the day, allowing the schools to remain fully operational.

We hope you appreciate our efforts in making these arrangements, which we certainly could have done without. However, we will make it work, so the children attend school as normal.

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Message from Mr Glasgow - Peripatetic Music Tuition delivery in school

As Covid-19 restrictions continue to ease and improve with time, we are able to look at how we can further develop our operational capacity to allow us to return to some type of normal in school. Of course, we still need to be mindful and cautious of our approach when doing so, as Covid-19 has not quite left us yet.

With each passing day and week in school, we are resuming more and more of our normal provision whilst still remaining vigilant of the effects of Covid-19.

We have increased the numbers of pupils accessing our before and after school provision in line with the request for places. This week we have reintroduced some after school clubs, with a huge number of request for places, as well as some additional lunchtime club provision.

We will be planning to reintroduce **face to face music provision** along with competitive sports as soon as we can.

Please do bear with us and please be mindful that it is Covid-19 that has caused these inconveniences, as we certainly want the children to have the best possible chances at our schools.

After School Sports Club

We are pleased to announce that we are beginning our after-school sports clubs this week with Mr Day. The clubs will run from 3.30 pm until 4.30 pm on the following days:

- **Yr 3 – Monday**
- **Yr 4 – Tuesday**
- **Yr 5 - Thursday**
- **Yr 6 - Wednesday**

These clubs have proved to be very popular, so we have a high number of children attending. You should have received a parentmail informing you of whether your child will attend the after school club during Summer 1 or Summer 2 term. If you have not received a parentmail informing you of this, please let the school office know asap.

Mossy Bank

We have taken the opportunity in our assembly this week to remind any children who walk home via Mossy Bank, to be careful as there are a number of hazards there, including broken glass and barbed wire, which can be very dangerous and cause injury.

We also take this opportunity to remind our children to be respectful of other people's property, as we have been contacted by a local resident who lives near Mossy Bank of damage to their property.

Parking on Antrobus Road

A reminder that parents/guardians should not be parking in the school zone area, marked in red tarmac with a single yellow line on Antrobus Road between 7.30 am to 9.30 am and 3 pm to 6.30 pm. Parking in this area at the beginning and end of the school day can cause problems for people trying to cross the road. As always, we ask that parents/guardians park considerately when dropping off and collecting their child/children.

Royal Mail's Heroes Stamp Design Competition

Tonight, you will receive an entry form for the Royal Mail Heroes Competition. Royal Mail are asking children to design a stamp to honour the heroes of the coronavirus pandemic. There will be 8 winners chosen. All of the information is on the entry form itself. We will send the designs as a batch from school, so your child will only need to add their name and their hero on the sheet. Please could all entries be returned to school FAO Mrs Mutch by Friday 24 May 2021.

Kingswood Day Trips – year 6

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, we confirm that letters have been sent out to all our year 6 children regarding the year 6 day trips. If your child has not brought home a copy of the letter, please contact the school office. Payment may be made on ParentPay under the heading Kingswood Day Trips – Year 6. If your child was attending the residential trip to Kingswood, you will have already paid, therefore your child will not be on the ParentPay list. However, we will still require you to send in a completed consent form. If your child is eligible for pupil premium funding, please also fill in the consent form, indicating this and return it to the school office.

Congratulations

The parents of Sophie A in 4W are very proud to announce that she has been selected to compete in the Dance World Cup in August 2021. This is a huge achievement for any dancer to represent Team England, particularly at such a young age, and compete against dancers from all over the world. Sophie will be competing with her sister Lucy, who attended Boldmere and is now at secondary school. We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate both girls on their achievement and send our best wishes to the whole dance team in the competition.

Diary Dates – Summer Term 2021

Monday 3 May – May bank holiday – school closed

Thursday 27 May- Break up for half term holidays.

Friday 28 May- Professional Development Day, school closed to all pupils.

Monday 7 June- School re-opens to all pupils.

Tuesday 20 July- Break up for summer holidays.

Wednesday 21 July- Professional Development Day, school closed to all pupils.

Diary Dates – Autumn Term 2021

Thursday 2 September – Professional Development Day, school closed to all pupils

Friday 3 September – Professional Development Day, school closed to all pupils

Monday 6 September – School re-opens to all pupils

Friday 22 October – Break up for half term holidays

Monday 1 November – School re-opens to all pupils

Friday 17 December – Break up for Christmas holidays

Karate Academy – Sensei Jason Smith.

We have received the following message from Sensei Smith who runs the Karate Classes.

‘Thank you to everyone who usually attends the after school Karate Club based at Boldmere Junior School, for your patience with the re-opening of our after school Karate classes after lockdown. We are hoping to return to our after school class as soon as we possibly can.

In the meantime, many students have taken the opportunity to continue their Karate training at Boldmere St Michaels Church Hall on Mondays 6-7pm. Please contact me on 07515 360 586 for more information. Thank you. Sensei Jason' .

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

Nursery September 2021

We still have a few Nursery places available. If you know of or have a child whose date of birth is between 01/09/17 and 31/08/18 who may be interested in a place, please contact the infant school office on 0121 464 2338 for further information.

Busy Bodies Newsletter:

A huge welcome back this week to our lovely Busy Bodies Manager Kerema, who has been on maternity leave prior to the birth of both her and partner Bruce's baby son Tao.

May Booking forms -a reminder that **all forms** should be returned/emailed (email address on booking form) no later than **Wednesday 28th April** to ensure your requirements can be covered, due to ongoing capacity numbers.

May Fees – we will be debiting your May fees from week commencing 3rd May, please check your Parent pay account and make your payments promptly. Thank you Parents whose registration fees are up to date for 2021, but have not been accessing BB provision and now wish to do so for the coming summer term, please phone BB on -0121 464 1343 in the first instance and speak to Kerema, Helen or Jayne .

PTA News

Thank you so much for your patience with the year group tea towels that you ordered. These have now been sent out to you. I think you will agree they look absolutely Fab. Thank you so much for buying.

Watch this space for future fundraising. As the lockdown eases the PTA will be getting together to think of new ways to fundraise for our kids. 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 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.

A quick reminder of how you can help in the meantime

- Enter the School Lottery online at www.yourschoollottery.co.uk Search for Boldmere School, register and you could be our next winner!
- Shop through Easyfundraising, 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 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.

Mrs K Welch
Acting Head of School