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Dear Parents/Carers

**Eid Mubarak**

Eid Mubarak to all of our children and their families celebrating Eid. We hope you have a lovely day despite current restrictions. Please could you inform school via phone to the school office 0121 464 3656 or email enquiry@boldmere.bham.sch.uk if your child will be absent from school on the day of celebration. We confirm the day will be an authorised absence.

**Mental Health Awareness Week**

This week is mental health awareness week. In our next assembly, we will be discussing the power of positive thinking. We will be talking about our red (unhelpful) thoughts and green (helpful) thoughts and thinking about how we can use these to help promote our own wellbeing and mental health. Although we will be focussing on mental health this week, it is important that we all understand that mental health and wellbeing are always important and something that should be thought about at all times.

**Congratulations**

Congratulations to Isaaq in year 6 who entered and won a National writing and drawing competition. The prize was literacy tools for the school. Very well done.

**Values Ambassadors**

We wish to celebrate our Values Ambassadors for this week as follows:

Year 3	Year 4	Year5	Year 6	BIB
Charlie	Henry	Priya	Isaac	Kara
Carys	Eloise	Elliott	Scarlett	
Crescendo	Ava	Mary	Lizzie	

**Dogs/Puppies on the school site**

May we remind parents/carers not to bring dogs/puppies onto the school site, unless they are ‘assistance dogs’.

**PE Kits/ Uniform Reminder**

Please can we remind you of the correct PE kit for school. As the weather is still cold, children will more than likely want to wear their tracksuit. This must be a plain navy blue or black tracksuit with a white t-shirt underneath and outdoor trainers. We ask for no football strips or labelled t-shirts/ jumpers. Children who have their ears pierced should only be wearing studs, to school. For health and safety purposes, we ask that earrings are removed before they come to school on PE days. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **School Lunch Ordering Via School Grid**

A reminder that all parents whose children have a school lunch are required to order their child's school meal in advance via the School Grid website.

### **Nursery September 2021**

The Nursery still has a few 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.

### **Royal Mail's Heroes Stamp Design Competition**

A reminder that all entries for the above need to be returned to school FAO Mrs Mutch by Friday 24 May 2021.

### **Kingswood Day Trips – year 6**

If you have not yet returned your consent slip for the above trip, please do so asap. Spare copies are available from the school office. Payment to be made via ParentPay. Please note that children will not return until 5 pm. Please collect your child from Antrobus Road.

### **Culmington Manor Residential Trip – 4-8 October 2021 Yr 6 – 2021/22 (current year 5)**

Children in year 5 have been sent a letter regarding a residential trip which will take place in October 2021 (year 6 – 2021/22). At this stage, we require you to fill in the consent slip and payment of £50 deposit. If you have not yet received a copy of the letter, please contact the school office.

### **Diary Dates – Summer Term 2021**

**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.

**W/C Monday 5 July** – Junior School Reports to be sent out

**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

### **Empties Please – Ink Cartridge Recycling**

A reminder to send any empty cartridges into school in the recycle bags. If you ever require more recycle bags, please ask at the school office.

### **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)

### **BUSY BODIES News**

June booking forms will be available from Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May online, both schools' receptions and from Busy Bodies. Please ensure these are returned no later than Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May as the June form includes the last week of May due to the half term holiday. If you have not previously accessed Busy Bodies provision and would like to, please contact Kerema, Helen or Jayne in the first instance on Tel: 0121 464 1343

Please check and ensure your May payments are up to date on your ParentPay account, this will include any extra provision you may have required, late collections etc.

### **Busy Bodies morning provision**

**Polite reminder:** Please ensure if your child is booked in from 8am, this is the time their provision starts. On a number of occasions over the last few weeks, we have noticed that several children are being dropped off earlier than stated on their booking form and we have not staffed for this cover. You must ensure that you drop off and pick up at the time stated on your booking form as this will affect our staffing ratio. We will always accommodate our families who wish to access early provision or extend their sessions, providing we have advance notice to staff adequately.

### **PTA News**

**PTA MEETING** - if you would like to join us at our 8pm zoom meeting tonight (Tuesday 11th May) please email [boldmere.pta@gmail.com](mailto:boldmere.pta@gmail.com) and we will send you the meeting details. We will be discussing fundraising for the rest of this year. We will be looking at possible event ideas for summer - all ideas welcome. COME ALONG, it's always good to see new faces.

We want to say a huge thank you to everybody that ordered a class tea towel, we raised over £250.

The Elfridges store is planning to open its doors again ready for Fathers Day! Please look out for notifications on the newsletters, mail outs and through our social media <https://www.facebook.com/boldmereschoolspta> and <https://www.instagram.com/boldmerepta/>

Please 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.

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Acting Head of School