



Dear Parents/Guardians

14 April 2020

Easter Holidays

We hope all of our Boldmere families in our community are keeping safe and well and continuing to enjoy your Easter holidays during these unprecedented times.

New Resources on the School Website:

The illustrator Alex Scheffler has released a digital book for primary school age children, free for anyone to read on screen or print out, about the coronavirus and the measures taken to control it. Published by Nosy Crow, and written by staff within the company, the book has had expert input: Professor Graham Medley of the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine acted as a consultant, and the company also had advice from two head teachers and a child psychologist.

The book answers key questions in simple language appropriate for 5 to 9 year olds:

- What is the coronavirus?
- How do you catch the coronavirus?
- What happens if you catch the coronavirus?
- Why are people worried about catching the coronavirus?
- Is there a cure for the coronavirus?
- Why are some places we normally go to closed?
- What can I do to help?
- What's going to happen next?

A parent who works for the nhs has kindly shared a guide from the Australian government that is simple to use with your children if they have questions about what the virus is (please note that the social distancing guideline is slightly different to ours- 2m not 1.5m)

A template for a time capsule or learning journal for children to document their time in lockdown. This is a template that you may use parts of, refer too to create your own or use fully.

You will find these on the school website under Reception, year one and year two home learning pages. However Junior parents may also find these resources useful.

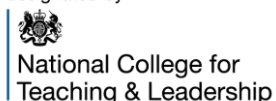
Home Learning

We have uploaded lots of information and home learning resources on our school website under the Home Learning tab. Please take a look, it will be updated regularly. The Summer term overviews for each year group will be added on Monday 27 April 2020.

Free School Meal Vouchers

Free School Meals vouchers for **term time** will continue to be distributed after the Easter holidays by a company called 'Edenred' on behalf of school (Government funded). An email was sent out to all eligible families on the 1 April. Please check your 'spam' emails if you have not yet received your voucher codes.

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Free School Meal vouchers for the **Easter holidays** are to be provided by Birmingham Authority, via a company called 'Sodexo'. If your child is eligible for free school meals, you will have received Week 1 FSM vouchers via Parentmail last week. Those eligible will receive Week 2 FSM vouchers via Parentmail so as soon as they are available to school.

Living History- Help your child create a primary source of their own history.

A reminder that in our History lessons at school, we often refer to journals and diaries written by people who have lived during particular important events, for example Samuel Pepys during The Great Fire of London.

The current situation, including unprecedented school closures will form part of History for the future. We would love children and their families to keep their own journal to record what lockdown is like for them.

It may be a series of photographs with labels or sentences, documenting activities they have done, it may be a daily diary entry or a video journal. It could be an independent project or something that the whole family could get involved in. We have also linked a resource available on the website.

The journals created during this time will be something very precious to look back on and you never know, children may be referring back to it in their History lesson in years to come!

Bedtime stories read by your teachers every night (Monday to Friday)!

Parentmail links will be sent out each day, giving a code to access our private school YouTube channel. Log on each day to hear one of our teachers read a bedtime story!

FAO parents of Year 3 children - Year 4 Residential Trip – Whitemoor Lakes – Spring 2021

A reminder that if you would like your child to attend the above residential trip, **please ensure you make your non-refundable deposit of £20 on ParentPay by Friday 24 April 2020**. Your consent slip may be handed into the school office at a later date.

Our Place

A reminder that in response to the current pandemic, Our Place Support have set up a **Covid-19 information service** to help individuals and families to the access support packages available from the Government and give information on **Benefit entitlements, Housing and Employment matters**.

We are aware that some individuals and families that have been affected either directly or indirectly by Covid-19 have not yet looked at the support available to them. We encourage anyone that anticipates they will need to access these support packages to do so now so that they don't find themselves in a situation with no income at all as a result of benefit applications/support schemes taking longer than usual to register for and be considered.



Covid-19 Information Service

Benefits • Employment • Housing

Monday to Friday 10am-12noon



07545 378 181
(To arrange a call back)



Covid19info@ourplacesupport.org



www.ourplacesupport.org/advice-service

Our Place Support



Yours sincerely

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