



Dear Parents/Guardians

23 October 2018
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Half Term Break (school closed) – We break up for half term this Friday (26 October 2018) at 3.35 pm. We hope all our families have an enjoyable half term. Children and staff will return to school on Monday 5 November 2018.

General Information

Spelling Shed

Thank you for your support in using the Spelling Shed app/website to practise spellings. All accounts should now be fully working. As this is a new system, we are trialling setting a spelling rule for a 2-week cycle. The spellings will be locked for 2 attempts. Once the children have accessed the website and practised twice, they can then try spelling words from Stage 3 (year 3), Stage 4 (year 4) and so on. Children accrue points according to the level and speed at which they spell the words. Well done to 5M – the first class to get on the World Leader board at number 77. If you have any problems, please contact your child's class teacher.

Accelerated Reader

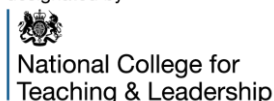
From Monday 5 November 2018 a copy of the parent's guide to Accelerated Reader will be available on the school website. We have recently started to use this reading programme to guide children's reading practice. Every half term your child will access an online assessment (Star Assessment) based on reading comprehension. This gives your child's teacher a range of numbers (book level range) within which your child can choose a book from the library and bring home to read to you/independently. As soon as your child has finished their book, they should come into school, complete an online multiple choice quiz and change books. This is how they will successfully move through the levels. They can change their books as often as they wish – in fact the more the better!

Please continue to encourage your child to pick up any books, comics, newspapers etc and share together at home. At the moment we do not have the Home Connect access, but this is something we will consider in the future. <http://www.arbookfind.co.uk/can> be used by parents and children to search for books online.

Music Fees – Autumn Term 2018

A reminder that we have now activated the names on ParentPay of the new children who are receiving music lessons this academic year. If you have not already done so, please return your music contract to the school office asap. We confirm that payment is due for this term's fees in the amount of £80. Please check your ParentPay account to be sure your payment is up to date.

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Urgent Information - FAO parents/guardians of children in year 6 – Re Secondary Transfer September 2019

We have been asked by Birmingham City Council – School Admissions to remind parents of their need to submit an application to them at <https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions> by midnight on 31st October 2018 in order for them to receive their school offer on 1st March 2019. Applications received after 31st October will be considered as late.

Information link regarding the proposed MAT

For your Information we are providing the following link in this newsletter and future newsletters regarding the above proposed MAT.

<https://www.boldmere.bham.sch.uk/parents/mat-information>

Forthcoming Events

Flu Immunisation for year 5 – Thursday 25 October 2018

A reminder that the school nurses will be returning to school this Thursday to deal with the flu immunisation of pupils in year 5.

3K's Class Assembly – WEDNESDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2018– 9.05 am

A reminder that parents/guardians of children in 3K are invited to their class assembly on **WEDNESDAY** 7 November. The assembly will last approximately 40 minutes. We look forward to seeing you then but appreciate that not all parents/guardians will be able to attend due to family or work commitments.

Year 3 Shadow Workshop – 5 pm to 6 pm – Tuesday 23 October 2018

A reminder that the above workshop will take place today (Tuesday 23 October 2018 from 5 pm to 6 pm) at the Junior School – details have been sent out in a letter to parents/guardians of children in year 3.

France Week – Year 6 in School – French café – Friday 26 October

The French café is open to parents/guardians of children who have not gone to France this week. We look forward to seeing you at the junior school this Friday from 9.30 am until 11 am.

Christmas Card 2018 Design Forms

A reminder that the closing date for the return of your designs, orders and payment is this Friday, 26 October 2018. The PTA cannot receive any orders after this date.

Busy Bodies News

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please be aware that the November booking form is available for collection and **MUST** be returned by this Friday 26th October. Please note that next week is half term holiday, we **MUST** receive your form by this Friday with all four weeks completed in order to ensure that

all children are booked in ready for after the school holiday. Everyone return to school on Monday 5th November.

A huge well done to all the Infant school parents as all fees for October have been paid, leaving all parents with a cleared balances. Juniors you can do it too!
We hope all our families have a lovely half term.

PTA News – information regarding Bonfire Night (9th Nov) at Boldmere School

Firework Extravaganza 2018 – Friday 9 November 2018. Doors open at 5.30 pm. Fireworks will commence at 7 pm. Tickets are £5 each and pre school children at free of charge. Refreshments will be on sale (burgers, hot dogs, hot and cold drinks as well as kids treats – all available from 5.30 pm). Buy your tickets online via www.pta-events.co.uk/boldmere.

Community News – *Disclaimer – The following community events are for your information. Should you wish to obtain further information or attend, it is at parents' own discretion.*

Scouts Bonfire Night Celebrations

The 21st Sutton Coldfield West Scouts Family Bonfire and Firework Display will take place on Saturday 3 November 2018. The venue is on the corner of Britwell Road (behind the United Reformed Church). Gates will open at 6 pm and the fire will be lit at 6.30 pm. The first display is at 7 pm and the final display at 7.40 pm. Entrance is £2 per person with under 4's and over 90's free. No unaccompanied children under 13 – strictly no sparklers. Hot dogs, samosa, burgers, jacket potatoes, soup, sweets and drinks will be available. Please note there may be high noise levels and smoke at this display.

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