



Dear Parents/Guardians

6 November 2018
No 9

General Information

A message from West Midlands Police

We were very pleased to welcome to our assembly two members of the West Midlands Police Force before half term. They came into school to remind the children of the importance of staying safe with the onset of darker nights. They talked to the children about a number of different issues, including staying safe during Halloween and Bonfire Night. During this week there may be a number of bonfire/firework parties taking place and they have asked that we advise parents/guardians of the following website for more information about firework safety: www.saferfireworks.com.

Lunchtime Tennis Lessons in School – places still available

Attached is a letter which was sent out to children in years 4, 5 and 6 at the end of last half term regarding our lunchtime tennis lessons. These lessons commence this Thursday/Friday. If you would like your child to attend, please fill in the slip at the end of the attached letter and make your payment on ParentPay by tomorrow. There are still places available.

Forthcoming Events

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 **tomorrow** (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.

The following Class Assemblies will take place this term:

5M – Wednesday 14 November 2018 – 9.05 am

6T – Wednesday 21 November 2018 – 9.05 am

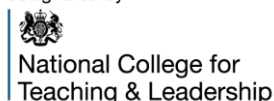
6H – Wednesday 28 November 2018 – 9.05 am

Remembrance – activities in school, including Smilestones

On 11 November 2018, we will commemorate the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Armistice, recognising the significance of the end of the First World War, and the sacrifice made by so many men and women during the war.

On **Friday 9th November**, we would like our children to join the celebrations and we will have a day of remembrance of this important event in our country's history.

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This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment

We would love for children to come dressed in red and/or black or accessorize in recognition of the poppy. **We will be taking photographs during the day with children that have consent.**

Please also send your child in with a **medium/large sized stone** that we will be using to create Smilestones with. We hope you will enjoy looking at the 'sea of poppies' that we will create as a result with your families as we remember those people sacrificed themselves for us today.

Please ask your children about what they have learnt and share any family stories with them so that this part of history is not lost.

Poppies for sale in school this week

Some of our year 6 children will be selling poppies during morning break time this week. We are asking for a minimum of 50p per poppy.

Bonfire Night at Boldmere Schools - Friday

As you can imagine the roads around the school will be very busy on Friday night. The fabulous people at the Harvester in Boldmere have offered us their car park. Jayne, the manager, has mentioned that the cameras will be turned off for the evening of the fireworks to enable anybody to park there free of charge, This could be a fabulous solution enabling you to walk up to the school and avoid the congestion on the roads around the school. Thanks to Jayne and all at the Harvester. If you do park on the roads near the school, please park safely and responsibly. **Further details regarding the Bonfire Night are listed under the PTA heading below.**

BJS Football Game against Minworth School – now cancelled

Our football game v Minworth School arranged for Friday 9 November 2018 has been CANCELLED as they are unable to play the game.

Thursday Football Club with Mr Uppal – cancelled this week

There will be no football club this Thursday (8 November 2018) as Mr Uppal is involved in a separate indoor football competition.

STEM WEEK- (Science Technology Engineering and Maths)

Next week we have an exciting week of STEM activities linked to well being.

On Monday 12 November 2018 we ask that children come to school in **ODD SOCKS** to raise awareness of **Anti-bullying day** which takes place on Monday.

We will also be supporting **Children in Need on Friday 16 November 2018**. This will be a **'Do your own thing' -non uniform day** and children may wear clothing relating to any activity they take part in e.g. brownies/cubs, football club kit, judo/karate clothing etc. or they may wear something yellow. **We will be asking for a £1 voluntary donation for this charity day.**

Years 5/6 trip to the local cinema (Empire) –Monday 12 November 2018

Years 5 and 6 are going to the Empire cinema in Sutton Coldfield as part of the 'In To Film Festival' to watch Ferdinand. Ferdinand is an animated film from 2017 which follows a gentle bull named Ferdinand who refuses to participate in **bullfighting** but is forced back into the arena where he faces the world's greatest bullfighter. This trip is free of charge and children

will be walking to the cinema during the morning. Please ensure your child has their coat in school with them that day.

Dates for your diary:

- **Children's Christmas Meal** – Wednesday 5 December 2018 (if your child usually has sandwiches and would like a Christmas meal on that day, they may do so. More details to follow.
- **Year 3 Christmas performance** – 2.30 pm – Friday 23 November 2018 – parents invited
- **Year 4 Christmas Production** – 2.00 pm (tbc) – Thursday 13 December 2018 – parents invited
- **Whole school Christmas service at St Michael's Church** – pm – Friday 21 December 2018 – parents invited.

More details regarding the above will be sent out nearer the date. Tickets for the year 3 and year 4 performance/production will be limited to two per child.

Year 6 Weighing and Measuring – Monday 19 November 2018

A reminder that the nurses will be coming into school on Monday 19 November.

Year 5 Trip to Cadbury World – Thursday 20 December 2018

Details regarding the above trip will be sent out shortly.

Busy Bodies News

All booking forms for November are now well over due. If you have not booked in please do so immediately. Please also check your Parentpay account to check your balances are clear.

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

The Firework Extravaganza is happening on Friday. Buy your tickets online www.pta-events.co.uk/boldmere Doors open at 5.30 pm, Fireworks will commence at 7 pm. Tickets are £5 each and preschool children are free of charge. Refreshments will be on sale (burgers, hot dogs, hot and cold drinks as well as treats).

The PTA still need volunteers.....if you can help serve food or marshal the grounds then please, please get in touch at boldmere.pta@gmail.com. We cannot put on this event without the right amount of marshals. At the moment we only have half the amount we need.

Do you bake? We have a cake stall....cake donations will be gratefully received. We will be collecting cakes on Friday morning. We will be outside the training room gate in between the two schools.

We have a PTA meeting this evening (Tuesday 6 November) at the Harvester in Boldmere. Please do come along if you would like to finalise the details of The Firework Extravaganza or play a greater role in the Christmas Fair.

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.*

Highclare School Governors' Prize – Highclare School are pleased to invite applications for the September 2019 round of the HSGP, a means-tested bursary to cover up to 100% of the fees for the education of a boy or girl joining the U3rd (year 7) of Highclare Senior School in September 2019. Please contact Mrs Madden, Admissions Registrar on 0121 386 8218/0121 373 7400 or admissions@highclareschool.co.uk for more details about the assessment and application procedure. **Closing date for applications: Monday 12 November 2018**

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