



Dear Parents/Guardians

11 December 2018
No 14

General Information

Reading at the Juniors

We are pleased to be able to tell you that our library is now finished and set up ready for Accelerated Reader. Every child should have already come home with a library book, which they should be reading regularly (minimum of 3 times a week).

On Wednesday this week, every child will come home with a reading record book. Please encourage children to write in the book 3 times a week to share their reading journey. Reading record books will be checked by the teachers regularly.

Our aim is for children to read their library book, come into school to take a quiz, and change their book as often as they like. Every half term the children will carry out an online test to assess their reading and comprehension skills. This is how the range of numbers (that children choose books from) will increase and the books will become more complex.

Thank you for your continued support.

Forthcoming Events

Year 4 Christmas Production – Thursday 13 December 2018 – 2 pm – two tickets per child

A reminder that the year 4 Christmas Production will take place on Thursday 13 December 2018 at 2 pm. Each child has been issued with two tickets for the performance. If you do not wish to attend, please return any tickets to the school office asap. **Children will return to their class at the end of the performance and will remain there until the end of the school day.**

National Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 14 December 2018

A reminder that Friday 14 December is National Christmas Jumper Day in support of Save the Children Fund. We are inviting children to wear a Christmas jumper (if they have one) or alternatively a brightly coloured jumper instead of their normal school jumper or cardigan. We ask that they wear the rest of their school uniform as usual. If you wish to make a donation we will ensure this is forwarded to Save the Children on your behalf. However, we appreciate that we have asked for a number of charity/PTA Christmas Fair donations recently, so children may still wear a Christmas Jumper/coloured jumper, even if they do not bring in a donation. Let's join in the festive fun!

Young Voices – no rehearsal on Thursday 20 December 2018

There will be no Young Voices afterschool rehearsal on Thursday 20 December 2018. This week will be the last Thursday rehearsal before Christmas.

Christmas Parties – week commencing 17 December 2018

More details regarding the Christmas parties will be sent out by class teachers nearer the time.

Year 5 Trip to Cadbury World – Thursday 20 December 2018

A reminder that if you have not sent in your consent slip, please do so asap. It will not be possible for your child to attend this trip unless we have received the consent slip. **Voluntary donation for this trip should be paid via ParentPay.**

Culmington Manor – year 4 (2019) – Total amount for this trip is £141.10

A Final Payment Reminder

The balance for this trip is due by the end of this week (Friday 14 December 2018). Please check your ParentPay account and contact the school office if you need clarification.

Christmas Celebrations – Friday 21 December 2018

A reminder that parents/guardians are invited to attend the above Christmas celebration service at St Michael's church on Friday 21 December 2018 at 2.00 pm. Children will walk up to the church with their class teachers after lunch. The service will last approximately an hour. No child will be allowed to walk home by themselves from the church. If you wish to collect your child from the church at the end of the service, please fill in the slip below. All children who are not collected at the end of the service will walk back to school with their teacher and will remain in school until the end of the school day at 3.35 pm.

End of Term

A reminder that school will finish at 3.35 pm on Friday 21 December 2018. Children will return to school on Tuesday 8 January 2019. (Monday 7 January 2019 is a PD Day/Teacher Day).

Bikeability – Year 5

Letters have now been sent out to all year 5 children regarding the above course which will commence on Monday 14 January to Thursday 17 January 2019. Please ensure you read all the information sent out before signing the consent slip. **All consent slips must be returned to the school office by Monday 17 December 2018 at 4 pm.** We will be unable to receive any more consent slips/applications after that date. If the number of children interested is more than the number of places available, we will pick names 'out of the hat'.

Music Lessons/Payment – Spring term 2019 - £80

A reminder that for those children who receive lessons from the Music Service, payment will be due the first week back in January, in the amount of £80. This will be for the Spring Term (January to April 2019) and must be paid for in advance via ParentPay. **We will require a half term's notice should you not wish your child to continue with their music lessons.** Music Lessons (Cello, Woodwind, Brass and Violin) will commence the first full week back, week commencing Monday 14 December 2019, unless you have been advised otherwise.

School Meals and Milk Orders – Spring Term 2019

Milk Orders – 12 weeks at £1.05 (21p per carton) = £12.60. There will be no milk during the first week back. Milk will be provided from Monday 14 January 2019 to Friday 12 April 2019.

Roast Wednesday – 13 weeks at £2.30 = £29.90

Pizza Friday – 13 weeks at £2.30 = £29.90

If you wish to order Roast Wednesday and Pizza Friday meals for the term, the cost will be £59.80.

Dinner Money for the half term (January 2019 to February 2019)

If you wish your child to receive a school meal each day and would like to pay for the half term, the amount will be £66.70.

Please note that school meals are £2.30 per day = £11.50 per week. All meals must be paid for in advance. **We will be unable to provide any child with a school meal until we have received payment. Please ensure that your ParentPay account is in credit.**

Should you wish your child's school meal arrangements to change (school meals to sandwiches and vice versa), please give two weeks' notice to the school office. You must ensure that you advise the school office as well as making your payment on ParentPay.

If you think your child may be eligible for free school meals, please contact the school office for more information.

Dinner Money Debts for this term. If your child has had a school meal during this term, please check your ParentPay account to be sure that you have cleared any debts before we break up for the Christmas holidays. If you wish your child to have a school meal next term, please ensure you make your payment **in advance**. Thank you.

Attendance for last week

The winners of our weekly Head Teacher's certificate for the best attendance week ending 7 December 2018 was 5P **Whole School Attendance for week ending 7 December 2018 was 95.65%.**

Busy Bodies

December fees

A polite reminder for December fee payments, fees are now overdue. Should you receive a late payment reminder on your child's Parent pay account, please act immediately to clear these balance.

We take this opportunity to remind parents that your payment reminders may be associated to extra sessions booked in the previous month, if you have any queries with regards to your fees or require any clarification please speak with the Busy Bodies manager.

January booking form

January's form is now available on the schools website and will be available at the Busy Bodies desk from today. Forms and fees are due in by Friday 11th January.

Staff Vacancy – Lunchtime Supervisor – Junior School

We have a vacancy for a lunchtime supervisor at the junior school. If you are interested, please contact the school office. Full details, including an application form will be available by the end of this week.

PTA News –

ELFRIDGES - Gift tokens are live to buy. If you want your child to get gifts at the PTA shop on 14 December, then head to 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.*

Boldmere Nativity Parade – Saturday 15 December 2018 – message from Jeanette Nicholls

This event starts at 3.30 pm at Boldmere Methodist Church, by the library. Come along and follow the star made by the Thursday lunchtime craft club and journey around the local churches (St Nicholas, Wylde Green URC and finishing at St Michael’s) as the Christmas story unfolds with readings and carols. Why not dress up as one of the characters in the story??

Yours sincerely

Mrs N Silverwood
Head of School

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Christmas Carol Service – Friday 21 December 2018 – 2.00 pm

Name of my child..... Class

I will be collecting my child at the end of the service at St Michael’s Church

My child will be collected from the church by

Please note that if your child is **not** collected from the church at 3.00 pm, they will walk back to school with their class teacher and will leave school at 3.35 pm as normal.

We will not be allowing any child to walk home without adult supervision until the end of the school day at 3.35 pm.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

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PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY WEDNESDAY 19 DEC 2018