



Dear Parents/Guardians

5 September 2018
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Welcome Back

Welcome back to all our Boldmere families. We hope you have had an enjoyable summer break and are looking forward to this very exciting term. We take this opportunity to welcome our new year 3 children and their families. All the children seem to have settled in well today and we are looking forward to working together during this busy term. We have lots of information to share with you and will take the opportunity to use our weekly newsletter to keep you up to date. Copies of the weekly newsletter are also available on the school website and paper copies are available from the school entrance. Other important information regarding school events, clubs, assemblies etc will follow soon, so please do keep an eye out for these. For the first few weeks we will be sending you a paper copy of the newsletter but will then use our Parentmail facility.

General Information

Attendance Letter – important message for all parents/guardians

See attached our standard letter to parents/guardians regarding the importance of school attendance.

Curriculum Information

1. reading books, spelling shed (letter to follow), mathletics and reading eggspress will not be able to be accessed for the first 2 weeks as we have to transfer all of the children's data up a year group. We will send a letter home when they can be accessed.

Children will be able to bring a book from the classroom library home, but this might not be at their actual reading level.

2. An important letter regarding a new online system for spellings we have paid into as a school will be coming home this week. For your child to be able to access the Spelling Shed online program in/out of school we will need the consent form to be returned (due to GDPR) by Monday 10 September.

Message from the Kitchen – Toast/Refreshments

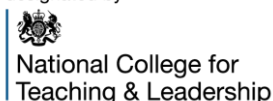
Please note, there will be NO toast/drinks served at morning break time this term. Those children who have ordered milk, will collect their milk from the hatch next to the kitchen at morning break times as from next week.

The kitchen staff will be selling refreshments at lunchtime as listed below:

Viva Milkshakes (chocolate, strawberry and banana) = 50p

Aqua Flavoured water = 50p

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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

Aqua Apple Juice = 50p

Fruit Flakes = 35p (these may also be for sale at morning break time)

School Meals – 2018/19

Dinner money for this half term (September to October) is £84.40.

If you wish to pay weekly, the amount will be £11.50. (this week will only be three days at £2.30).

Roast Wednesday meal – 15 weeks (whole term) = £34.50 (September to December)

Pizza Friday meal – 15 weeks (whole term) = £34.50 (September to December)

If you wish to order both **Roast Wednesday and Pizza Friday** meals for the term, the amount will be £69.00 up to December.

Please note - All dinner money MUST be paid for in advance of your child receiving a meal.

FAO Year 3 Parents:

Parents of children in year 3 will not yet have received their ParentPay user name and password. We hope to send these out very shortly and apologise for the delay. We wish to reassure you that if you have advised the school office that you wish your child to receive a school meal, we will have ordered it for you. You will be able to pay once you have been given access to your Parentpay account.

Milk Orders.

If you would like your child to have milk at morning break time, please make your payment on ParentPay of £14.70. This is for the whole term but it does not commence until week beginning **10 September 2018**. You are able to indicate in the 'notes' section on ParentPay if your child would like full fat or semi-skimmed.

Please ensure you advise the school office giving 2 weeks' notice if your child's meal arrangements will be changing this term.

If your child is eligible for free school meals, please contact the school office and provide us with the relevant evidence for our records. Your details will be kept confidential.

Medication in School

A reminder that if your child is asthmatic and requires an inhaler in school, please ensure you hand one into the school office, which is in date and replenished. This will then be passed on to class teacher to be kept in the classroom. If your child has a Care Plan and requires antihistamines or an EpiPen, please ensure that medication is in date.

If your child requires any other medication in school, e.g. antibiotics and pain killers etc. please ensure that medication is GP prescribed and handed into the school office. If the medication is only needed three times per day, it is possible for this to be administered at home (before school, after school and evening). However, if you require medication to be given in school, you may come into school at a convenient time or you can fill in a medical form, which is obtainable from the school office. This gives consent for a member of our Senior Leadership Team to administer GP prescribed medication on your behalf.

Collecting children from school

Our school is a large school and our priority is to keep all children safe. At the end of the day children in years 3 and 4 are handed over to parents/guardians at the designated place. If you ask someone who does not normally collect your child to collect them, please let their class

teacher know or the school office. Where possible, please ensure your child is aware of their end of school arrangements and advise the school office as soon as possible if these arrangements change. We would also appreciate any parents/guardians who have custody issues relating to the collection of their children, to speak to either their child's class teacher or the school office. It is essential that all contact information, e.g. address and telephone numbers are kept up to date.

Car Parking Outside of the school

We appreciate the difficulty created by limited parking space for parents/guardians who need to drive to school to drop off/collect their children. As ever, our only concern is for the safety of the children. We would ask therefore that you do not park in the zig zag area directly outside of the school and are respectful of our neighbours when parking on the road – please do not block their driveways. Please also help us to reduce air pollution outside the school by switching your engine off once you have parked. Thank you.

Absence from School

If your child is absent from school, please contact the school office by 10.30 am on the first day of their absence so that our records are up to date. On your child's return to school, please send in a letter giving the reason for their absence. A copy of the leave in term time request form –(Exceptional Circumstances') is available from the school office. This should be filled in and sent to the Head of School (Mrs Silverwood) two weeks in advance of the requested leave. **Please note, we do not authorise any holiday leave in term time.** We are grateful for the support we receive from parents/guardians in ensuring their child attends school regularly. A child who has an attendance of below 90% for the academic year has missed a minimum of 19 days of school (4 weeks). In an attempt to improve our school attendance, we will continue to monitor the children's attendance during this academic year.

School Contact Cards/Medical Information.

We will soon be sending out coloured contact cards to all our parents/guardians. This enables us to be sure that all our contact details and medical information is up to date. Please fill in the coloured contact card on both sides and return it to the school office. Those parents/guardians of pupils in year 3 have already been given a blue contact card in their induction pack and we thank you if you have already returned that to the office.

Forthcoming Events

Swimming Lessons – Tuesday mornings

This academic year, our swimming provision has changed and we will be concentrating on pupils in year 4 and also any non-swimmers in school. The following classes will commence their swimming lessons at Kingstanding baths during this academic year:

11 September to 23 October 2018 – year 6 non-swimmers

6 November to 11 December 2018 – classes 4B and 4H

15 January to 12 February 2019 – classes 4H and 4J

26 February to 2 April 2019 – classes 4B and 4J

30 April to 21 May 2019 – non swimmers in year 4

4 June to 9 July 2019 – non swimmers in year 5

More details regarding the above rota will be sent out shortly. Please note the above information may be subject to change.

School Photographer – Wednesday 10 October 2018

The school photographer will be in the junior school on Wednesday 10 October to take individual photographs of the children and the junior school and their siblings who are also at the junior school. **However, he will be available from 8.15 am to 8.45 am to take family photographs.**

France Trip – 2018 – Meeting – Wednesday 26 September 2018

A meeting has been arranged for parents/guardians to attend on Wednesday 26 September 2018 at 5 pm in the main hall at the junior school to discuss the final details regarding this trip.

Nasal Flu Vaccinations Tuesday 17 October 2018

Details regarding the Nasal Flu Vaccination programme will be sent out shortly for children who are in years 3,4 and 5 including request for parental consent.

Music Lessons

Unless otherwise advised, music lessons for our existing pupils in years 4, 5 and 6 will start week commencing Monday 10 September, this includes brass, violin and cello. It also includes our private music teachers, piano/keyboard with Mr Henderson, guitar with Mrs Robinson and keyboard with Mrs Tarrington. However, please note that it does NOT include woodwind. Woodwind lessons will commence Wednesday 19 September 2018. Payment for music lessons provided by the music service this term is **£80** and for the Spring and Summer Term 2019 (please note the increase) and must be payable **in advance** via ParentPay.

Year 3 music lessons –taster sessions for those year 3 pupils who have contacted the school office will take place over the next two weeks. You will be advised if your child has been offered a place and will then be sent a music contract. Please DO NOT make any payment at this stage as **there is no guarantee your child will be offered a place**, as we are unsure how many places will be available.

Guitar Lessons – vacancies – call Mrs Robinson on 0121 354 4234. Please contact her direct for more information.

Piano/Keyboard – vacancies – Mr Henderson on 0121 354 4571 – please contact him direct regarding further information.

Lunchtime and After School Clubs – Autumn Term

Information regarding lunchtime and after school clubs will be sent out over the next few days. No clubs (except for karate which will commence on Friday 14 September), will start until week commencing Monday 17 September. Look out for the various letters and send in your consent slips and payment (if applicable) by the closing dates indicate on the letters. You must make your payment via ParentPay. There will be no Aspire Club on a Monday this term.

Diary Dates

Over the next few days we will be sending to you a copy of our Diary Dates for the Autumn term and for the whole school year 2018/19. A copy of this will also be available on the school website.

Weighing and Measuring – year 6 – Monday 9 October 2018 (tbc)

Birmingham Community Healthcare will be coming into school on Monday 9 October to measure the height and weight of children in year 6. A letter will be sent out shortly to all parents/guardians of pupils in year 6 giving full information regarding the visit. If you do not wish your child to take part in this programme, please let the school office know before the date of the visit.

Forthcoming School Trips

Year 4 trip to Culmington Manor – Residential Trip - February 2019 – your child will have already been sent a letter regarding this trip. More details, including a date for a meeting will be sent out shortly.

Year 4 trip to Conkers – Thursday 4 October 2018

Details regarding this trip will be sent out shortly.

Busy Bodies News

Welcome back after the school holiday, we hope all our families have had a wonderful summer break.

SEPTEMBER FORMS AND PAYMENTS

Please could all parents ensure that their fees have been paid and that your child's booking form has been handed in to Busy Bodies. We advise all families to keep up to date with their child's account on the Parentpay site even if you do not pay through this method. Should you have any queries concerning your child's account please do not hesitate to contact us. We will be contacting parents by the end of this week should we not have your Registration and September fee payment.

OCTOBER FORMS will be available at the Busy bodies desk and online from the week commencing 17th September, please could all families ensure that they collect one and return it by **FRIDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER BEING THE LAST DATE FOR OCTOBER PAYMENTS.**

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.*

Summer Reading Challenge – Boldmere Library

We have been asked to remind any children who have taken part in the above reading challenge that the closing date for completion is 15 September at 5 pm. If you have lost the review sheet, no worries, as it can be done on any suitable paper and all six reviews may be handed in at once. Please hand in any reviews to the library not to school.

FAO current year 6 parents/guardians - Stockland Green School's open evening is on **Thursday 13th September 6.00pm-8.00pm** (please note change of advertised date).

Mrs N Silverwood
Head of School