



Dear Parents/Guardians

21 January 2020
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General Information

Free School Eligibility

If you think your child is eligible for free school meals, please contact the school office, in confidence, as soon as possible.

Local Trades/Skills/Services

Do you have a trade or skill that we could utilise in school? We are always looking for high quality, trustworthy trades people to tender for works at our schools.

If you are one of our parents/carers who have a trade or skill that we can use, we would love to hear from you. As incredibly busy schools we are always working on our next grounds project or just general maintenance and upkeep and we would prefer to use those trades/skills who live and are associated with our immediate school community.

It would be great if we could use your services and even better if these services could be provided voluntarily or at significantly reduced rates.

If you feel you could assist us in any way, please leave your details at either of our school offices. As soon as works come up at the schools which require your trade/skills/services, we will of course contact you. Many thanks, we look forward to hearing from you.

Square Peg Foundation - Autism Awareness Sessions.

Tuesday 28th January (Y5 and 6) and Wednesday 29th January (Y3 and 4)

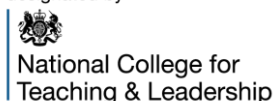
Next week, we are very lucky to be visited in school by The Square Peg Foundation. The Square Peg Foundation are a local charity (registration 1185040) who have funding available to deliver Autism Awareness Training to school children. They have already delivered training across schools in Birmingham as part of the Diversity Day Workshops and we are told that the training has been very well received by both children and staff.

The sessions are tailored to the children's age and are by interactive powerpoint, which they find the children enjoy. The basis of the presentations are very much around difference and that it is okay to be different. Children are involved in the presentation by asking questions and encouraging the children to share their experiences. The sessions very much demonstrate how difference does not stop people from becoming successful. They also show what it is like for a child if they have a sensory overload and what we can do to prevent this from happening.

If you have any questions regarding the sessions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mrs Jones (SENDSCO)

National Teaching School
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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

Crossing on Boldmere/Cofield Road Junction

Please note, there will be no crossing person on the crossing on the Boldmere/Cofield Road junction.

Forthcoming Events

Karate Club – No sessions Friday 24 and Friday 31 January 2020

A reminder that there will be no karate club this Friday (24 January 2020) and next Friday (31 January 2020) as advised in our letter to parents/guardians dated 13 December 2019.

Whitemoor Lakes Residential Trip – 12-14 Feb 2020 – Year 4

A final reminder that if you have not yet handed in your child's medical/dietary consent form, please do so immediately. *A reminder that there is a meeting tomorrow (22 January 2020) at 5 pm in the junior school hall for parents to attend.*

5P Class Assembly – Wednesday 22 January 2020 – 2.45 pm

A reminder that parents/guardians of children in 5P are invited to attend their child's class assembly on 22 January 2020 at 2.45 pm. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible, however, we appreciate that not all parents/guardians will be able to attend due to family/work commitments.

4K Class Assembly – Change of Date – will now take place on Wednesday 18 March 2020

A reminder that there has been a change in date for 4K's class assembly. This will now take place on Wednesday 18 March 2020. A parentmail message was sent out last week.

Year 3 Singing Showcase – 2 pm – Friday 24 January 2020

A reminder that parents and guardians of children in year 3 are invited to attend the above singing showcase. There is a dress rehearsal on Thursday 23 January, but this is for children only.

Kingswood Residential Trip – year 6

A reminder that the **next payment** for Kingswood residential trip will be **due on or before 30 January 2020 in the amount of £55.00**. Please make this payment on Parentpay by the due date. After this date, we will amend ParentPay to allow you to pay the balance of the trip. The final date for payment of the balance will be 1 July 2020.

Parents Evenings – Wednesday 5/Thursday 6 February 2020 – 4-6.30 pm

We confirm that parents' evenings have been arranged for 5 and 6 February from 4-6.30 pm. A letter and form will be sent out with this week's newsletter for you to fill in and return to the school office.

ITP Review Meetings – 5 February, 6 February and 13 February 2020

Letters will be sent out shortly from Mrs Jones to those parents/guardians who are invited to an ITP meeting. If you are invited to attend an ITP meeting, you do not need to book a parents evening appointment.

Jeanette Nicholls – Lunchtime Craft Club

As you can see from the information under Community News, Jeanette Nicholls will no longer be running her Thursday lunchtime club at Boldmere Junior School as from Thursday 13 February. On behalf of the staff and children, we would like to take this opportunity to thank Jeanette for all her hard work and time in organising the craft club over the past 2 ½ years. We have loved it!

Eco Awareness

Our pupils are always looking into ways we can work together for the benefit of our environment. Lydia in 3K has identified one way in which our parents can help. She has asked that when **parents collect their children at the end of the school day, that they switch off their car engines while they wait**. This will certainly help improve air quality. Thank you Lydia for your suggestion – a great idea!

Whole School Valentines Day Meal – Friday 14 February 2020

If your child usually has sandwiches but would like to order a hot meal on this day, please advise the school office in writing and ensure your ParentPay account is in credit. **The meal will be a pizza meal. The kitchen are also offering fish fingers on this day. However, if your child wishes to order fish fingers, you must advise the school office in advance.**

Attendance for last week

The winners of our weekly Head Teacher's certificate for the best attendance week ending 17 January 2010 was class 4K. Whole School Attendance for week ending 17 January 2020 was 97.32%

Yours sincerely

Mrs N Silverwood
Head of School

Busy Bodies

Busy Bodies Parents and Carers

January Fees - Please be reminded that there are fees still outstanding for January. Last week we sent out ParentPay reminders with regards to outstanding fees so please ensure that you check your child's ParentPay account and pay your fees immediately.

February booking forms will be available from today for collection at the Busy Bodies desk, Junior school office and on the school website. Please ensure that your booking form is returned no later than Wednesday 29th January 2020. Fees are due in as per normal by the last Friday of the month being **Friday 31st January 2020**.

We will not be accepting any children who are still outstanding fees for January or who have not paid February fees, **after the above date**.

PTA News

BOLDMERE PTA LEAP YEAR BALL!!! It's going to be AMAZING!! Tickets sales close on the 31st January 2020 so buy now to avoid disappointment. www.pta-events.com/Boldmere

Do you have any unwanted, unopened items? Do you work for a company that are willing to donate a prize? Please please please, if you can find anything suitable for the raffle, we would be extremely grateful for your generosity.

Do you have a skill you can donate? Ball organisers are looking at the possibility of doing an 'Auction of promises'. If you have a skill, whether professional or personally, would you be willing to donate yourself to get auctioned off?

If you have prizes or skills please let us know on boldmere.pta@gmail.com

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.*

Thursday lunchtime craft club at Boldmere Junior School

It has been my pleasure to run a craft club at Boldmere Junior School for the last two and a half years. In that time the group have been able to display their work in St Michael's church celebrating the festivals of Christmas, Easter, Pentecost, Harvest and Remembrance; and in the Women's Aid charity shop over the summer of 2018. They also contributed to the set for, The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe community event in March 2019.

Set up initially to provide an alternative space for pupils who found the playground a difficult environment; it became a much more inclusive setting and thus has helped with developing social skills as well as self esteem in those who have come along.

With lunchtime provision in school having expanded and my role continuing to evolve; the time has come for me to discontinue the group.

Our last lunchtime session will be Thursday 13th February.

Jeanette Nicholls

Children's and Families' Missioner to St. Michael's church, Boldmere,