



Dear Parents/Guardians

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General Information

Have you ever considered a career in Teaching?

As you may know, for the last 7 years we have been working in collaboration with Birmingham City University to deliver our School Direct Initial Teaching Training (ITT) Programme.

During this time we have had a 100% employment rate and produced some excellent teachers who are flourishing in their teaching careers.

The School Direct Programme will allow you to obtain a PGCE (Post Graduate Certificate in Education) with Qualified Teacher Status (QTS). During your training, you will go on placements within our Alliance of Schools that have been part of our successful ITT programme delivery since we started training teachers.

If you are considering applying and would like some school experience, we are offering day long sessions. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to find out more about the role of a teacher and what would be expected of you if you were to apply to our School Direct Programme.

During this day, you will get to observe and assist in lessons, get the chance to talk to widely experienced teachers about what the role really entails and get a real insight into what it takes to be a teacher in either the Boldmere Infant or Junior schools.

This experience will allow you to then make an informed decision about whether or not you wish to pursue a career in teaching.

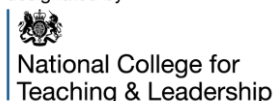
If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact Michael Bell, our Teaching School manager, via email training@boldmere.bham.sch.uk and we will then arrange some mutually convenient dates.

Parentpay

Parentpay have updated their method of reporting to schools and it has come to our attention that some parents have opted to pay by bank transfer. This option allows parents to set up a direct debit to pay for clubs, trips etc. Whilst this option is one way to make a payment we felt parents should be advised that it can take up to 8 days for monies to be cleared, so school cannot assume that funds will be received. We would therefore be cautious in allocating lunchtime club places/school trips to your child in case payment is failed by Parentpay so places will therefore not be allocated at that point in time.

The alternative option for payment is to choose your child's activity, add to basket and then choose the 'other payment method'. This reserves funds from your bank account via debit

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card and therefore payment can be immediately, assumed by school. Places on lunchtime clubs/school trips etc. will then be allocated as advised on the letter from school.

Please accept this for information only and it is obviously parental choice as to how payments are made.

Young Voices DVD

If your child attended the Young Voices concert at Resorts World Arena and you would like to order a DVD of the concert, **please collect an order form from the school office and make your payment on ParentPay.** The cost to order through the school is **£9.99**. The cut off date for receipt of your order will be Wednesday 12 February 2020. After that date it will not be possible for you to make your order and you will have to contact Young Voices direct via their website.

Forthcoming Events

School Term Dates for 2019/20 and 2020/21

See attached School Term Dates for **this academic year 2019/2020** and for the **academic year 2020/21**. A copy of these dates will be uploaded onto the schools' website.

Karate Club – No session Friday 31 January 2020

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

Kingswood Residential Trip – year 6 – due by Thursday 31 January 2020

A reminder that the **next payment** for Kingswood residential trip will be **due on or before this Thursday (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 was sent out with last week's newsletter for you to fill in and return to the school office. If you have not already done so, please send your form into your child's class teacher asap.

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.** The closing date for receipt of any orders is **Friday 7 February 2020**.

Attendance for last week

The winners of our weekly Head Teacher's certificate for the best attendance week ending 24 January 2020 was class 6T. **Whole School Attendance for week ending 24 January 2020 was 97.73%**

Yours sincerely

Mr C Glasgow
Executive Head Teacher

Busy Bodies

Busy Bodies Parents and Carers,

February booking forms

Please be aware that your February booking forms are due in by this Wednesday 29th January and fees are due in as per normal by the last Friday of the month being Friday 31st January. Should you be outstanding any fees for January, please ensure that these are paid with your February booking forms.

It is advisable that parents/carers regularly check your child's ParentPay account to ensure that your balance remains clear and up to date. Should you have any queries with regards to your fees or payment options, please do not hesitate to contact the Busy Bodies Manager who would be happy to help.

PTA News

BOLDMERE PTA LEAP YEAR BALL!!!

Tickets sales close in the NEXT COUPLE OF DAYS!!! (31st January) 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.*

Sutton Coldfield Bookfest – Saturday 29 February 2020

Storytelling fun and fantastic authors for 2-12 years all day at Sutton Coldfield Library and Sutton Coldfield Town Hall. Leaflets will be sent out with your child this week.