



Dear Parents/Guardians

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General Information

Parent Questionnaire

Attached to this newsletter is a copy of the junior school annual parent questionnaire. We would be grateful if you could complete this short questionnaire to provide us with some feedback on the school. We have used the information to improve aspects of our work in school and very much welcome your support. Please return your completed questionnaire to the school office by Friday 15 March 2019.

Associate Governor opportunity

As a consequence of one of our current Associate Governors being recently elected to the role of Local Authority governor on our Full Governing Board, we are pleased to be able to appoint a replacement for this Associate Governor role on our FGB. If you are interested in being considered for this role on our FGB, we would kindly ask that you submit an expression of interest in the first instance. This expression of interest should be no longer than one side of A4 with a clear explanation of the skills/experiences/abilities that you have to offer in relation to this role.

The FGB will look at all expressions of interest and decide which applicant will add to and complement the current skills set of our FGB. Any newly appointed Associate Governor will join our FGB to ensure we retain a strong focus on our three core strategic functions, which are:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction.
- Holding the head teacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils.
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

If you are interested in this role on our FGB, please submit your expression of interest to either of our school offices, marked for the attention of the FGB by Friday 15 March 2019.

The FGB will then consider all expressions of interest received by the deadline and determine who has the necessary skills/experiences/abilities for this demanding role on our FGB.

If you have any questions in relation to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Glasgow. We look forward to hearing from you.

School Crossing Patrols

We have been advised by the Head of Service: Community Services and School Crossing Patrols, that following the Council's meeting on 26 February 2019 when they discussed their Financial Plan 2019-2023, a decision was made that school crossing patrols will now remain at priority sites. This will include the crossing on Boldmere/Cofield Road. We are very pleased to pass on this good news.

Inconsiderate Parking

We take this opportunity to remind parents/guardians to park considerately when dropping off or collecting their child from school. We particularly ask that you be considerate when parking near to **Copenhagen Mews**.

Tesco – School Uniform

Tesco has previously provided school with an online uniform shop to purchase embroidered jumpers and cardigans for children. We know this has been very popular with parents and school has received very welcome commissions from the sales. Tesco are no longer providing this service and it has been transferred to MyClothing. We have been assured that the quality of the clothing will be of the same standard and that school will continue to earn 5% commission on all purchases. For more information you may access the link by going through www.myclothing.com

Please note, school uniform may also be purchased through Clive Marks in Boldmere and any of the department stores.

Uniform Grants

A reminder that the uniform grant forms are available from the junior school office.

Forthcoming Events

4B's Class Assembly – Wednesday 6 March 2019

4B's class assembly will take tomorrow place on 6 March 2019 at 9.05 am. The assembly will last approximately 40 minutes. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible,

Tennis Lessons this half term – new sessions commencing this week

We start the new block of tennis lessons this week. Those children whose parents have paid via ParentPay and returned the consent slip, have been given a place. A confirmation letter will be sent out today. Children in years 4, 5 and 6 will have their lessons on Thursdays and those children in year 3 will have their lessons on Fridays. **HOWEVER, PLEASE NOTE, for this week only, all tennis lessons will take place on Friday (8 March).** Children have been advised.

Year 6 UK Residential Trip – October 2019 – Boreatton Park

A letter was sent out last week to our current year 5 children, regarding the above residential trip, which will take place in October 2019. If you have not received a copy of this letter, please contact the school office as soon as possible. A copy of the letter is also on the school website. Please note that a meeting has been arranged for parents/guardians on 6 March 2019 at 5.00 pm in the school hall to discuss in more detail. If you wish your child to attend this trip, please return your consent slip to the school office and pay the deposit of £45 via ParentPay by Friday 15 March 2019.

Red Nose Day – Friday 15 March 2019

More details to follow.

World Book Day – Thursday 7 March 2019

A reminder that children at the junior school may come into school this Thursday in their pyjamas/onesies/dressing gown/slippers to celebrate World Book Day.

Attendance for last week

The winners of our weekly Head Teacher's certificate for the best attendance week ending 1 March 2019 was 3K **Whole School Attendance for week ending 1 March 2019 was 97.25%**

Busy Bodies

Polite reminder that March booking forms and fees are now overdue. If you have not yet handed in your form or made payment, please do so immediately.

A reminder that parents should keep up to date with their child's Parent Pay account, even if you make payments by vouchers. This is a quick and easy way to keep you informed of the current balance on your account. Should you have any queries with regards to your Busy Bodies' fees please contact the Busy Bodies' manager.

PTA News

SAVE THE DATE - Comedy Night on the 29th March 2019. TOP ACTS!! Please see the attached flyer. Tickets are now on sale at 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.

Dog Mess

We have been informed by a number of parents that the walk to school has become somewhat of an obstacle course. This is due to the large amounts of dog mess that is not being picked up by their owners. We are quite sure that this is not the fault of our school community but unfortunately, this appears to be a growing problem. It has become so much of an issue that it was recently reported in the Sutton Observer, where it was suggested that if this was a continuing issue, the public were advised to calling 0121 303 6007. We are led to believe that action will be taken in the areas where they receive a number of calls.

Evita – Sutton Coldfield Town Hall

We are pleased to inform you that Tudor Musical and Comedy Society are proud to present their version of Evita. Their performances will be from Tuesday 26 March to Saturday 30 March 2019 at 7.30 pm (Saturday matinee at 2.30 pm). The tickets are priced at £17-£19 with child tickets priced at £12-£14. If you wish to book tickets, you can do so by calling direct on 07842214631 or book online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/tmcs. Flyers are available at the junior school reception area.

Yours sincerely

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Head of School