



Our vision: The Federation of Boldmere Schools empowers all children to embrace learning; achieve their personal best; and build their social, emotional and physical wellbeing.

Dear Parents/Guardians

15 May 2018  
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*We hope all our families who are celebrating Ramadan have an enjoyable time.*

## Forthcoming Events

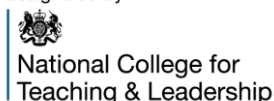
- Tuesday 22 May 2018 – **Year 3 Inspire/Coffee Morning** – more details to follow
- Friday 25 May 2018 – **School photographer in school** taking class and team photographs.
- w/c 4 June 2018 – **Year 6 Bikeability** – places will be confirmed w/c 21 May 2018.
- Friday 8 June 2018 – **Upper School Charity Afternoon** (children only)
- Thursday 14 June 2018 – **Year 5 Inspire/Coffee morning** – more details to follow
- Thursday 21 June 2018 – **Upper School Sports morning** (yrs 5 and 6 ) – parents invited – time to be confirmed.
- Friday 22 June 2018 – **Year 3 trip to West Midlands Safari Park** – more details will be sent out after half term.
- Wednesday 27 June – **Year 6 Inspire/Coffee Morning** – more details to follow
- Thursday 28 June – **Lower School Sports morning** (yrs 3 and 4) – parents invited
- Wednesday 4 July 2018 – **Year 6 transition day** – children visiting their new secondary schools
- Thursday 5 July – **Year 4 Inspire/Coffee morning** – more details to follow
- Friday 6 July 2018 – **Lower school charity afternoon** – (children only).
- Details regarding the Year 6 performance (Tuesday 10 July at 2pm and Wednesday 11 July at 6 pm) will be sent out nearer the time.
- Thursday 12 July – Open Evening for all parents/guardians to come into school to see their child's work and meet their new class teachers. No appointments necessary. More details to follow.
- Details regarding the various year 6 activities taking place week commencing 16 July, will be sent out nearer the time. However, we confirm that the **Year 6 Leavers Assembly will take place at St Michael's Church on Thursday 19 July at 6 pm**

## Swimming Lessons - Tuesdays

Today (Tuesday 15 May 2018) is the **last day for 5M and 4H** to go swimming.

Next week **only 5T** will commence swimming lessons at Kingstanding Leisure centre as year 3 have their inspire/coffee morning. The following week **both 5T and 3P** will have their swimming lessons. 3P will try and make up their missed session at the end of the academic

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year. Please ensure your child has their swimming kit with them in school each Tuesday morning. Girls should wear one-piece swimming costumes and boys should wear swimming trunks NOT long shorts. All long hair must be tied back.

## **General Information**

### **Riding of scooters and cycles on the school premises – front of the school**

A reminder that children should NOT be riding their scooter or cycle on the school premises, particularly at the front of the school on the pathways and parent/guardian waiting area. This is very dangerous and may cause an accident.

### **Celebrating Ramadan (15 May – 14 June 2018)**

We are aware that some of our families will be celebrating Ramadan over the next few weeks and that children may be fasting. In the interests of your child's health and safety, could you please let us know in advance by filling in the consent slip below and sending it into the school office. Thank you.

### **Refreshments –price increase as from week commencing 4 June 2018**

The prices have been kept as low as possible but there has been a small increase in some items:

- **Toast – 20p**
- **Orange juice – 30p**
- **Flavoured water - 70p**
- **Viva Milkshakes – 60p**

### **Music Lessons**

Due to year 6 SATs taking place in school this week, there have been no violin lessons/piano lessons today. All other music lessons (which take place in the afternoon) will continue this week. As stated in our music contract (peripatetic music lessons – brass, violin, woodwind and cello), we guarantee a minimum of 25 lessons per academic year.

If you have not yet paid your music fees for this term (Summer Term 2018), please do so asap and check your ParentPay account – the total amount for the whole academic year is £75 x 3 (Autumn, Spring and Summer) = £225.00. If your account indicates you have paid more than this for the academic year, we will refund you or carry over the amount to the next academic year. Please contact the school office if you wish to discuss.

### **France Trip - 2018**

A reminder that the final payment for France should be made by Thursday 24 May 2018. The total cost of this trip is £435.00. Please check your ParentPay account to be sure that you are up to date with payments and contact the school office if you wish to discuss. By now we should have received all completed passport forms and photographs, as requested.

You will need to apply for a Health Insurance Card which you can do online, free of charge. Please do not send in these cards until we ask you to do so.

### **Water Bottles**

We still have a number of children who do not bring water bottles to school. Please ensure that your child has a water bottle in school which is named. They will be able to re-fill their water bottle during the school day.

## **Lost Property**

A named lunch box has gone missing in school. It is described as a square black lunchbox with a stripe (Smash). It belongs to a child in 5F. If anyone has seen this lunchbox in school, please bring to the office. We would also ask that if your child has a similar looking lunchbox to this, that you check it has your child's name on. A reminder that all items brought into school (lunchboxes, water bottles, PE kit, hats etc) and school uniform, must be named.

## **Attendance for last week**

The winners of our weekly Head Teacher's certificate for the best attendance week ending 11/5/2018 is 4H. **Whole School Attendance for week ending 11/5/2018 was 97.06%**

## **Busy Bodies News**

Polite Reminder – that **May fees are now overdue**, please ensure that fees are paid immediately.

**June Booking Forms** are also available on the school's website under the Busy Bodies heading and will be available at the Busy Bodies desk on Monday 21 May. Please return forms and fees by Friday 8 June.

Thank you for your immediate action to the above matters.

## **PTA**

'A big thank you, again, to Jayne and her team at Boldmere Harvester. They held a Twinkle Toes kids disco in the school holidays and raised over £50 for our Boldmere children. We cannot thank them enough for their continued support.

Thanks to everyone that came to our Junior disco last week. We hope your children had a fantastic time. Without volunteers we cannot hold these events, so thank you so much to all the parents that came to help.

Last week, the Boldmere Dads charity bikers caused a stir as they cycled into the school assemblies. They talked and answered all the children's questions regarding their mammoth cycle. If you missed the leaflet that came home, you can find out more at <https://www.totalgiving.co.uk/mypage/boldmeredadscycling2018>'

## **Community News -**

### **King Edward VI High School for Girls (Independent School)**

Open Occasions – Saturday 23 June from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm and Saturday 22 September 2018 from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm. Examination Dates for entry September 2019, Friday 5 October 2018. Closing date for applications is 12 noon to Monday 24 September 2018. For more details go to [www.kehs.org.uk](http://www.kehs.org.uk)

**Wolverhampton Grammar School's Secondary School Discovery** Day – for year 5 children from across the West Midlands. This is a free event on Saturday 19 May. The day begins at 9 am and finishes at 3 pm with a free lunch. For more details contact 01902 421326 or email [gle@wgs-sch.net](mailto:gle@wgs-sch.net).

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**Grammar Schools’ admissions – entry September 2019**

A reminder that the entrance test to be considered for entry to any of the Grammar Schools in Birmingham in September 2019 will be held on **Saturday 8 September** this year and parents of year 5 children considering a Grammar School education for their child will need to register them for the test by **4pm on Friday 29 June 2018.** For more details visit [www.birminghamgrammarschools.org](http://www.birminghamgrammarschools.org)

Yours sincerely

Mrs N Silverwood  
Head of School

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**Consent Slip – Fasting – During May/June 2018**

Name of my child .....Class .....

Fasting Dates .....

If you agree to your child fasting, please fill in the consent slip below. This is so that all staff in our school are aware for health and safety purposes. Should your child become ill or dehydrated during the day, we need to know what you would like us to do should they feel faint or become ill as a result of fasting. Part of our normal procedures in dealing with these sorts of symptoms is to give a child water and if we cannot do this, then you would have to come to collect your child and deal with them at home. Thank you for your co-operation.

Name of my child.....class .....

Please allow my child to fast. In case of any health issues or emergency, \*I agree/disagree to school giving water (\*please delete accordingly). I can be contacted on the following emergency contact number

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Signature of Parent/Guardian.....date .....

*Please return this slip to the school office in advance and provide us with the dates your child will be fasting.*