



Dear Parents/Guardians

9 February 2018
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Forthcoming Events

Football Club with Mr Uppal is CANCELLED this Thursday (8 February)

As Mr Uppal will be attending Culmington Manor this week, there will be NO football club on Thursday. Children have been advised.

3P (Miss Pipkin) – Rearranged Parents Evenings

We have rearranged Miss Pipkin's parents' evenings for the following dates: **Wednesday 14 February and Thursday 15 February 2018**. We are sending out a letter with your child today. Please fill in the appointment slip on that letter and return it to the school office or Miss Pipkin as soon as possible. You will receive a confirmation note indicating your date and time.

Tuesday 13 February 2018 – 9.15 am at the Infant School – Internet Safety Workshops

A reminder that parents/guardians are invited to attend the above workshop. A letter was sent out last week inviting you to come along, although we appreciate that not all of you will be able to attend due to family or work commitments. If you would like to attend, please fill in the reply slip at the end of that letter and return it to the school office.

5F's class assembly will be take place on Wednesday 14 February 2018

Parents/guardians of pupils in 5F are invited to attend their class assembly on 14 February at 9.05 am. The assembly will last approximately 40 minutes. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible, however, we appreciate that some parents/guardians may not be able to attend due to family and work commitments.

Pinkie Purple Day – Friday 16 February 2018 – Charity Day

This annual charity event helps to raise money towards eradicating childhood polio. We are asking that the children come into school on Friday 16 February **in their school uniform but they may accessorise with pink or purple items**, e.g. socks, hair band, t shirt etc. We are also asking for a voluntary donation of £1.00. We thank you in advance for your support.

Swimming Lessons – Tuesdays – Kingstanding Leisure Centre

Next Tuesday (13 February) will be the last session for classes 3E and 4B to go swimming. Commencing Tuesday 27 February classes 3M and 4C will begin their swimming lessons until Tuesday 27 March. Please ensure your child has their swimming kit with them in school on those dates.

School meal celebration days

The kitchen staff are inviting those children who would not normally have a hot meal (who usually bring sandwiches to school) to celebrate the following events with those children who have school meals:

Tuesday 13 February – Celebrating Pancake Day: menu to include – Sizzling Pork or Quorn Sausages served with Yorkshire pudding, Golden fish fingers and flaky cheese and onion pasty, Marvellous mashed potato, garden peas and baked beans, delicious pancakes with toppings of syrups: chocolate, strawberry, golden syrup or lemon juice and sugar.

And/Or

Thursday 15 February – Celebrating the 23rd Winter Olympic Games in South Korea – **menu to include:** Gold winning Margarita Pizza, Winter warming Teriyaki chicken and rice, Korean vegetable noodle stir-fry, with Bobsleigh peas, Curling carrots and Snow potatoes. Also Olympic Gold Medal cookies and Rocky Hockey chocolate crunch.

If your child usually brings sandwiches and would like a hot meal on **either or both** of these days, please fill in the slip at the end of this newsletter and return it to the school office. Please ensure you make your payment on ParentPay. We cannot accept any orders unless your account is in credit AND you return the slip to the school office by Friday 9 February. *(please note, we must receive your slip in the office, otherwise we will not know you wish to order a meal/s).*

General Information

Parentmail1 Upgrade to Parentmail PMX

A reminder that on Friday 9th February, we will be upgrading our email communication system from Parentmail 1 to PMX.

Attendance/Absences - Safeguarding

We would like to remind parents/guardians to ring the school office by 9.30 am on the first day of your child's absence from school. This ensures our records are up to date and that office staff do not spend time chasing parents/guardians to establish the reason for your child's absence. Please also ensure that the school office have up to date emergency contact details for you.

Attendance for last week

We would like our overall weekly attendance figure to be higher than that of similar schools, ensuring that it is the best it can possibly be. We are sure that parents/guardians would agree with us on the importance of attending school every day whenever possible. We do appreciate that at times some absences are completely unavoidable due to a variety of reasons, which may include short or long term medical conditions that the children may be affected by. We really want to celebrate excellent attendance in school and we award weekly Head Teacher Certificates and Attendance Certificates both termly and annually, which rewards attendance that has been the best it can possibly be. **The winners of our weekly Head Teacher's certificate for the best attendance week ending 2 February is class 3E.**
Whole School Attendance for week ending 2/2/2018 is 96.97%

Busy Bodies News

IMPORTANT REMINDER

February booking forms and fees are now overdue. Should you require any sessions for this month please hand in a form immediately. We will not be accepting any children who have not yet handed in a booking form. Due to the lateness there will now be an admin fee added to your fee of £2.50.

PTA

Thank you to everyone that came to the first PTA meeting of 2018. There are lots of lovely things coming up organised by the PTA so watch this space.

If you are registering to take part in the **Great Midlands Fun Run (GMFR)** and would like to raise money for Boldmere School then please send us an email at boldmere.pta@gmail.com and Sue Emmerton, who is collating a team, will add you to the list.

Have you entered into the **Boldmere Schools Lottery yet?** For every £1 ticket that is entered, 40p goes back to the schools. Enter online now at www.yourschoollottery.co.uk Search for Boldmere School, register and you could be our next winner! It's easy.

Community

We have been asked by St John's Church Walmley to advertise the following club:

'You are invited to **Pot of Gold Club**. If you have lost someone close to you through death or your parents' break-up or you have lost a parent, brother, sister, grandparent, aunt, uncle or best friend, Pot of Gold Club is for you.

At Pot of God Club kids aged 6 – 11 help each other learn to cope with their sad feelings by playing games, listening to stories, and doing some art work.

We are starting a thirteen week course on Monday 5 March 2018 from 6.30 – 8.00 p.m. during school term time. For more details call the church office on 0121-313-0413 or email office@stjw.org.uk

If you would like to come please let us know and arrive at church to register for the first session from 6.00 p.m. on Monday 5 March. We look forward to seeing you then.'

Yours sincerely

Mrs N Silverwood
Head of School

School Menu – Celebration Days

My child usually brings sandwiches and would like a hot meal on the following day/s

- Tuesday 13 February – Pancake Day
- Thursday 15 February – 23 Winter Olympics Celebration

(please indicate above which dates you would like your child to order a hot meal)

I confirm that I have made the necessary payment (£2.25 per meal) on ParentPay and I return this slip to the school office by **Friday 9 February 2018**

Name of my child Class

Signature of Parent/Guardian