



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

22 May 2018
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A reminder that we break up for May half term this Friday (25 May 2018) at 3.35 pm and that we return to school on Monday 4 June 2018. We hope all our Boldmere families have an enjoyable half term.

Forthcoming Events

Swimming Lessons - Tuesdays

A reminder that **5T and 3P** have commenced swimming lessons at Kingstanding Leisure centre (5T has their first lesson today and 3P will be joining them as from next Tuesday, due to year 3 Inspire Morning). 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. Letters will be sent out soon to class 3P asking for you to indicate your child's swimming ability.

Sports Days – 9.15 am to 11 am

- Upper School Sports Day – Thursday 21 June 2018 – parents/guardians invited
- Lower School Sports Day – Thursday 28 June 2018 – parents/guardians invited

General Information

Inconsiderate Parking on Cofield Road – Care Home

We have been advised that some of our parents/guardians are either blocking the entrance to the driveway or actually parking on the driveway of the Care Home on Cofield Road. This is unacceptable as the Care Home needs access at all times for emergency vehicles and deliveries etc. Please do not block their access.

We take this opportunity to also remind all our parents/guardians to park considerately when dropping off and collecting their children.

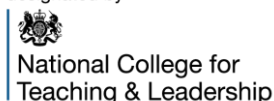
Behaviour Strategy Parent Update

A letter will be coming out separately regarding this.

Absence in term time due to holidays

A reminder to parents/guardians that any holiday taken in term time will be recorded as unauthorised. If you are requesting a leave of absence for your child, a letter must be sent to

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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

Mrs Silverwood, Head of School, prior to the absence. Please note that we have 'Exceptional Circumstances - Leave of Absence in Term Time' forms in the school office.

We continue to monitor the attendance of children whose percentage falls below 90% for the academic year. Although we appreciate that some absences are unavoidable, e.g. due to illness, we would encourage all parents/guardians to arrange medical appointments, e.g. dental check-ups, GP appointments etc. out of school hours, where possible.

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.

A letter/forms will be coming out this week asking for medical information. Please let the office know by the end of this week if you have not received a copy.

Music Fees for the academic year 2017/18

At the beginning of this term, all payments for this academic year's music lessons should have been paid via ParentPay and the total for the academic year is £225.00. We notice that some of our parents/guardians have not paid for this term (Summer Term 2018 – April to July). As fees must be paid in advance, we ask that you check your ParentPay account to ensure that it is up to date. We will be sending out reminder letters to those who still have outstanding payments. Should you wish to discuss with the school office, please contact us as soon as possible. Thank you.

Bringing Valuable items to School

Can we remind parents/guardians that they should discourage their children from bringing valuable items into school, e.g. fit bits, electronic games, etc as we cannot guarantee their safe keeping. Those children in year 6 who have permission to bring in their mobile phones must hand them into the school office at the beginning of the school day.

Water Bottles and Sun Cream/Hats

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. During the hot weather you may wish to apply sun cream to your child before they come to school or send some in with them (named) for their own use.

Lost Property

Has anyone seen a small black Avengers bag containing sensory toys. The bag has a zip around the bottom of the bag and is named. This bag belongs to a year 3 child. If anyone finds this bag, please advise the school office. Thank you.

Attendance for last week

The winners of our weekly Head Teacher's certificate for the best attendance week ending 18/5/2018 are 4h and 6U. **Whole School Attendance for week ending 18/5/2018 was 97.92% .**

Busy Bodies News – Important Information

May Fees

Please be aware that an e-mail will be sent out today via Parentpay to all Parents/ Carers who are currently showing low balances or who **have not yet paid for May fees**. If you receive one of these e-mails, please ensure that you respond with immediate effect to clear these balances. Should you have any queries with regards to your fees please do not hesitate to contact the Busy Bodies desk where we will be more than happy to help.

June fees

June Booking form and fee are due in by Friday 8th June. Please ensure that you collect and return your form **before the last date of payment**. Forms are available at the Busy Bodies desk and also online at the Federation of Boldmere Schools website.

PTA

Look out for a Bags2school plastic bag being sent home this week. The school can earn lots of money by handing in items of clothing that you don't need anymore! Please start collecting over the holiday and we ask you to bring your bag back to school on **Tuesday 12th June**. **(please do not bring in any bags before this date). The drop off point for the bags on that day will be between the two schools.**

The sun is shining! Come and see us at the end of the school day to buy a cooling ice cream or lolly. All profit goes to the school.

On Thursday the cycling Boldmere dads are heading off on their epic fundraising journey. All money collected is buying sports equipment for our children. There's still time to sponsor them at <https://www.totalgiving.co.uk/mypage/boldmeredadscyding2018>

Yours sincerely

Mrs N Silverwood
Head of School