



Dear Parents/Guardians

27 February 2018
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Forthcoming Events

Environmental Week – Whole school

This week is Environmental Week and the whole school is taking part in a range of curriculum activities as part of the Mayor's Challenge. Each year group is designing, building and evaluating wildlife habitats for around our school:

- Year 6 - bug hotels
- Year 5 - hedgehog houses
- Year 4 - bird houses
- Year 3 - plant pot people

We will post pictures of the work the children have produced on our school website so that you can see their creations. Thank you for supporting these projects by providing materials for the construction.

Thursday After School Football – with Mr Uppal – Cancelled this week

Mr Uppal is cancelling this week's after school football on Thursday, due to the possibility of adverse weather conditions.

4C and 3M – Swimming Lessons

A reminder that this morning was the start of swimming lessons for 4C and 3M. These sessions will continue until Tuesday 27 March 2018. Please ensure your child has their swimming kit in school each Tuesday morning.

5M's class assembly will be take place on Wednesday 7 March 2018

A reminder that parents/guardians of pupils in 5M are invited to attend their class assembly on 7 March 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.

For information, 3E's class assembly will take place on Wednesday 14 March 2018

World Book Day – Thursday 1 March 2018

We will be celebrating World Book Day in school on Thursday 1 March, when children may come into school wearing a costume of their favourite book character. Your child will be issued a £1.00 book voucher which may be used when purchasing books from participating shops or at our forthcoming book fair. The book fair will take place at the junior school week commencing 19 March 2018 after school. Details to follow.

Easter Production Details – Year 5 - Tuesday 27 March 2018 at 2 pm.

Parents/guardians of children in year 5 are invited to their Easter production which will take place on **Tuesday 27 March 2018 at 2 pm.** A letter containing full details will be sent out shortly. You will not need a ticket for this performance but spaces are limited to two adults per family, due to fire regulations. The dress rehearsal will take place on Monday 26 March at 2pm when children from the junior school and year 2 will be watching.

Easter Service – Wednesday 28 March – 11 am

Children will be walking to and from St Michael's church on Wednesday 28 March for an Easter service. Please ensure your child has their coat with them in school on that day. On this occasion, only children and school staff will be attending.

General Information

New Behaviour Strategy in School

We are sending out a letter to all parents/carers this week regarding our Behaviour Strategy in school, including information regarding a parent workshop.

Parking outside school

We would like to express our sincere thanks and gratitude to all parents/carers who park considerately when driving their children to school. It has been pleasing to see a reduction in the number of cars parking on the double yellow lines, which has led to a safer experience for children crossing the road at this point. Your co-operation in keeping these double yellow lines clear is very much appreciated.

We are, of course, aware of the difficulties of parking around the school. We again urge you to respect local residents who need access to their houses via their drop-down kerbs. Many thanks for your support!

School Meals – Feb to March 2018 half term

A reminder that dinner money should be paid for in advance of your child receiving a school meal. The cost per week is £11.25 payable via ParentPay. If your child has school meals every day, the cost for this half term is £54.

Parent Questionnaire

Yesterday we circulated a questionnaire. We would be very grateful if you could fill this in and return it to the school office or your child's class teacher by 2 March. A copy of the questionnaire will be available from the school website. The results of the questionnaire will be sent out via the newsletter.

Music Fees

A reminder that music fees for this academic year are payable in three stages (September 2017 for the Autumn Term), (January 2018 for the Spring Term) and (April 2018 for the Summer Term). The cost per term is £75.00, making a total of £225 for the whole year. If your child has music lessons and you are unsure regarding payment, please check your ParentPay account. At this stage, we should have received two payments of £75. Should you wish to discuss, please contact the school office as soon as possible. ***May we remind you that as we pay the Music Service for lessons in advance, we will require half a term's notice should you not wish your child to continue with their music lessons.***

Attendance for last week

The winners of our weekly Head Teacher's certificate for the best attendance week ending 9 February is class 3M. **Whole School Attendance for week ending 16/2/2018 is 94.64%**

Busy Bodies News – Important Information

IMPORTANT REMINDER:

Please ensure that you have picked up and paid for your March booking fees, the last date for payment is FRIDAY 2nd March. Booking forms are available at the Busy Bodies desk and online at the Federation of Boldmere Schools website.

Can we advise parents to check your child's Parentpay account to ensure that any outstanding fees are settled immediately as there are still a number of fees outstanding from February?

Should you have any queries about your child's account please do not hesitate to contact us.

PTA

A huge thank you to the Harvester in Boldmere. Over 20 excited pupils (and teachers) went and had a delicious breakfast as their prize for selling Christmas Fair raffle tickets. Everyone had a ball and filled their bellies. The Harvester was amazing (as always) and super generous for our kids. Look out for another chance to win with Easter approaching.

The Elfridges store will be opening its doors again in a few weeks for Mother's Day. Your kids will be able to get a gorgeous gift for their fabulous mums. Presents will be wrapped and kids will write their own labels to bring home ready for the special day. Get your vouchers (to exchange for gifts at the store) online at <https://goo.gl/cP86MN>

Yours sincerely

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Head of School