

NEWSLETTER - MARCH 1

Dear Parents

World Book Day - Thursday 2nd March 2017

It was lovely to see so many children (and teachers) dressing up for World Book Day last Thursday. We had a lovely time sharing our favourite books and swapping stories. Thank you for all your support.

Big Pedal 2017

We're taking part in The Big Pedal 2017 challenge which runs from 20th to 31st March. All you need to do is encourage your child(ren) to cycle or scoot to school every day during the event, and join them on their way - parent and sibling journeys count too! For more information go to www.bigpedal.org.uk.

Junior School Book Fair

You are welcome to visit the Junior School book fair which starts today and is open from 3:35pm until 4pm every day until Friday.

Celebrating Attendance

Congratulations to RE, Penguin class for having the best attendance in school the week before half term (98.33%). Well done Penguins!

Congratulations Board

Well done to these children for being nominated by their teachers:

Usman Ibrahim (RE)
Darcey Gower (RI)
Cameron Jones (RM)
Arthur Cartwright (1C)
Priya Puri (1E)
Evie Boylan (1P)
Kade Byrne (2B)
Maesha Rani (2T)
Adam Kilbryde (2W)

Busy Bodies Parents

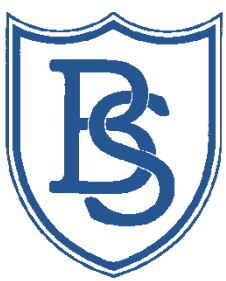
Booking forms and fees for March are now overdue. We are still outstanding a substantial amount of forms and fees for this month, forms have been available for the past two weeks. If for any reason you have not been able to hand your form in yet, please do so immediately. This allows us to know which children are required to be collected from school, without your forms and fees we cannot collect your children. If for any reason you do not require bookings for this month, please inform a member of staff as soon as possible. All parents without a form will be asked to pay a £2.50 administration fee. Thank you for your understanding in advance.

Department for Transport Link Count Surveys 2017

We have been advised that Nationwide Data Collection have been appointed to carry out 12-hour two-way traffic surveys as part of the Department for Transport's annual link count program. There are a number of major and minor road sites scheduled for survey between March and the end of October. The vast majority of surveys are intended to be carried out by enumerators parked at the roadside. We have a site that is being counted on Chester Road and wanted to make you aware of our presence on 9 May 2017. Should you have any queries please contact the Nationwide Data Collection office on 01926 485504.

Play Leader Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a play leader at school. If you are interested please contact the school office for an application form.



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PTA News

The fabulous Harvester in Boldmere are starting a quiz night. The first one is Thursday 23rd March. Each week the quiz will contribute to chosen charities - Boldmere PTA is one of those charities. They promise to be great evenings, get yourself down there. Lots of fun to be had.

Thank you to everyone who made it to our comedy night. It was a fabulous evening with lots of laughter. We had a last minute change of act but I'm sure all attendees will agree Joe Lycett was a surprise, fabulous, famous replacement. We want to say a massive THANKS to Mark Degenetais for being amazing under pressure and getting Joe for us.

A massive thank you to everyone that brought their old clothes for the bags 2 school collection. We've just received the cheque and we raised £168.

We will soon be launching the School Lottery. If you set up a weekly payment then you get a chance of winning cash prizes every week. A flyer will be coming out soon to explain more.

Elfridges will be open again for Mothering Sunday on Thursday 23rd March - flyers out soon.

Autism Services in Sutton Coldfield

Royal Sutton Coldfield Town Council is committed to making Sutton Coldfield an autism friendly and aware town. The Town Council adopted an Autism strategy in September 2016 and committed £10,000 for autism initiatives under the Healthier and Happier pillar of the Six Pillars Plan. Healthier and Happier projects are overseen by the Town Council's Amenities, Leisure and Community Services Committee.

The Autism survey can be accessed via these links:
surveymonkey.co.uk/r/JYXQ56S
or
www.suttoncoldfieldtowncouncil.gov.uk.

The survey will run for the whole of March 2017 and the results will be discussed with Autism West Midlands so a project proposal for autism services can be developed.

Councillor Louise Passey is the Royal Sutton Coldfield Town Council Champion for Autism and can be contacted via email at
Louise.passey@suttoncoldfieldtowncouncil.gov.uk.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

We are collecting vouchers again until after Easter. These vouchers enable us to buy new PE and playground equipment to supplement what we already have in school. Please send your vouchers into school with your child as we have a collection box next to the office. Thank you.

Please see diary dates attached for your information.

Mrs S Kenny
Head of School
7th March 2017