

# Spring Term Newsletter 2



## Headteachers Message

It has been great to get all the children back in school this month. They have settled quickly into school life, working hard and showing real resilience. We have continued to follow strict guidelines in school to ensure we reduce the risk of the Covid19 virus, ensuring bubbles do not mix, regular hand washing, staggered timetables, and face coverings worn by staff in communal areas. We will continue to ask all adults to wear face coverings on the school site, please support us with this. It is also important that you arrive at the correct times to collect your children at the end of the school day to reduce crowding on the school site and waiting times.

We are pleased with the attendance figures in school over the last four weeks, however we can still do better, it is important that your children are in school every day and on time. The gate closes at 8.50am each day. I must also ask that if your child is showing symptoms of coronavirus, it is essential that they are tested and receive a negative test result before they can return to school.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank James Whelton for all of his support as Chair of Governors whilst I have been Headteacher. James has served as a governor for a number of years but has now taken the decision to stand down.

Please do not hesitate to contact me, Ms Burgess or any member of the Leadership team if you have any questions or concerns.

School will be closing for the Easter holidays on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 at normal wave times and will reopen on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April**.

Have a good holiday everyone.

Mr K.Holmes

## Ramadan 2021 and fasting

When we return to school, the month of Ramadan will have begun. As in previous years at Bordesley Green Primary school, I would ask that only Year 5 and Year 6 children are expected to fast. Due to coronavirus restrictions and staffing levels, we will not be able to supervise any fasting children in school, therefore they must be collected at lunchtime. The timings of the lunch break for Years 5 and 6 are:

Year 5-12.45-1.30pm

Year 6-1.00-1.45pm

Your children must be back in school for the start of their afternoon lessons.



### Our School Values and Enrichment Activities

Since returning to school this half term, each class has completed an Enrichment Project linked to our school values. The Enrichment activities have taken many forms including baking and cooking (bread, cakes and pizza), pottery, origami, building a model of the school and writing a pantomime. We felt that this was a real opportunity to enable the children to reform relationships with their teachers and teaching assistants, friendships with other children and working together to develop a number of skills. The sessions have really enthused the children and they have really enjoyed learning new skills. We are celebrating all of their achievements in assemblies this week. Next term, the teachers will be coming up with more exciting ideas for their next enrichment projects. Look out for photos of these on our schools Twitter account.

### Attendance

It has been fantastic to see so many children safely back in school over the last few weeks and enjoying their learning again. As I am sure you are aware, attendance in school is now mandatory for all pupils. With so much learning time lost over the last 12 months, it is more important than ever that every child has excellent attendance in order to give them the best opportunity to make up for this lost time. In school we want to encourage all children to attend as regularly as possible, five days a week. In order to do this, we will be introducing a new attendance incentive after the Easter holidays known as **Attendance Monopoly**.

Each week the best attending classes in Early Years, KS1 and KS2 will have the opportunity to roll a dice and move around our new Monopoly boards to earn a reward for the week.





### **School Uniform**

Since returning to school in March, we have not strictly enforced our expectations with regards to school uniform and school shoes, however I must ask that after the Easter break, all children must wear the correct school uniform and black school shoes/trainers. If your child is wearing trainers they must be all black.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

### **Bordesley Green Primary School Food Bank**

Thank you for your continued support with donating food, toiletries and cleaning products to our foodbank. Your donations not only support our families but also the wider community. Please continue to keep the donations coming. For more information on what we are collecting please refer to the donation letter.

### **Health and Relationships Education**

Following consultation with a group of parents, staff and children, we will be holding Zoom meetings for each class regarding the Birmingham HRE policy and scheme of work. Invitations will be sent out to each class at a later date.

### **Coming Soon - School Ping**

After the Easter holiday, we will be introducing a new communication method called School Ping. This will be the new way that all letters and information are sent to you. Details will be sent to you when we return after the holiday.

### **Training Day**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April** is a staff Training Day. All children are expected to return to school on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April**.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Leadership team, Mrs Denton (AHT for Phase 1), Ms Dovey (SENDCO and AHT for Phase 2), Mr Austin (AHT for Phase 3), Miss Clayton (AHT for the Wider Curriculum), Ms Burgess (Deputy Headteacher) or I.