

Summer Term Newsletter



It has been another challenging year and everyone is now ready for the summer holiday. I would like to thank everyone for their support when following the guidance and procedures we have put in place to keep everyone safe on the school grounds, hopefully in September we will be back to some form of normality.

As the academic year comes to an end, a number of staff are leaving us – Miss McCone, who has taught in Year 6 this year, Mrs Kaur, who has been a Teaching Assistant at Bordesley Green for 14 years and has most recently worked in Reception and Mrs James, who has been a Teaching Assistant for 20 years at Bordesley Green. I would like to say thank you to them for all of their hard work and support. I know that we will welcome you all back to Bordesley Green in the future.

I would also like to say good luck to all of our Year 6 pupils who are moving on to the challenge of Secondary School, we have not been able to celebrate your time fully due to the pandemic however I know that each class has prepared something special for our final assembly. You will all be missed but I know that you will continue to do really well next year. Good luck in the future Year 6.

I hope that you all have a good Summer break, stay safe and healthy. Please see my Summer Challenges at the end of the newsletter, have a go, how many can you complete? We will see you on the 6th September.

Mr K. Holmes
Headteacher

Message from the Chair of Governors

On behalf of the Governing Board at Bordesley Green, I would like to thank you all for supporting each other through a difficult year. We have been attending several meetings this year and in all of them we have learnt how staff and children have worked hard to catch up with the missed time. The school leaders have made some significant improvements to ensure the curriculum is exciting and challenging so all children can catch up and make progress. Some governors have also visited school and have found the climate and ethos to be very positive and the school is a joy to be in. We also know that the education goes beyond the classroom and there are many ways this year that the school has provided additional support through lockdown and the return to school.

Running a school is very much a team effort, so once again thank you for your support with this.

Mrs S. Rana

Return to school

We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back to school on **Monday 6th September**. All leaders and other staff will be on the playground and at the school gate to welcome you back on the first day.

The expectation is that all pupils will return and attendance is compulsory. The gates will be open from 8.30am-8.50am each morning, please make every effort to arrive between these times each day. All leaders and other staff will be on the playground to welcome you back on the first day.

School will end for all pupils at 3.20pm, there will be no staggered end to the day however the one-way route onto the playground will remain in place. On Friday's, school will finish at 12.30pm for all pupils.

We will continue to encourage your children to use hand sanitiser or regular hand washing with soap and water and more frequent cleaning of classrooms and touch points will take place.

Children are expected to wear school uniform to school from September and black school shoes. Brightly coloured trainers or shoes are not permitted.

Breakfast Club will begin from **Monday 6th September**, please contact the school office on Thursday 2nd or Friday 3rd September on if you would like a place. We are looking forward to running after school clubs from September. More information will follow about the exciting opportunities we will offer at the start of the term.

Travelling to and from school

In September, can I ask that whenever possible you walk to school with your children or park sensibly and considerately when arriving at the start or end of the school day. On Wednesday 14th July there was an incident outside of school where a member of our school community needed medical attention, an ambulance was called but could not drive up Drummond Road due to the inconsiderate parking of parents, fortunately the person needing treatment was ok however the fact that the ambulance was delayed could have had serious repercussions. It is not acceptable to double park, blocking the road or park on the zig zag lines, fines can be issued for both of these. We have regular support from the police and parking enforcement officers. Please support us to keep your children safe.

I would like to thank the parents who supported us during this incident.

Our Sensory Garden



This year Miss Holloway and Mrs Higgins have been working really hard to develop our school environment. One of the areas they have worked on is the development of our sensory garden. The garden which was officially opened last week is amazing and we are all looking forward to children accessing it next year.

School Office Reminders

Dinner Money (KS2)

From September 2021, the cost of a school dinner will be increasing to £2.35 per day (£9.40 for 4 days). This is the first increase to school dinner prices for over 4 years but unfortunately, due to rising costs, it has been necessary for this increase.

School Ping

Thank you to those parents that have downloaded School Ping. This is the way that we are now communicating with you and would appreciate if you would check this regularly for any new information that may be posted. If you have not yet downloaded it would you do so as soon as possible please as you may miss important news that you need to be aware of. An email invite has been sent out to you and If you have any difficulties setting this up please contact the school office on 0121 772 1601 or by email: office@bordsgrn.bham.sch.uk

KS1 Milk Money

The price of the KS1 milk cartons has increased over this school year and so from September 2021 it is necessary for the cost to be increased to £7.00 per half term

Training Days

School will be closed on the following days for Staff Training Days next year:

- Thursday 2nd September 2021
- Friday 3rd September 2021
- Friday 17th December 2021
- Tuesday 4th January 2022
- Monday 25th April 2022

Diary Dates

Thursday 2nd September-Training Day (SCHOOL CLOSED)
Friday 3rd September-Training Day (SCHOOL CLOSED)
Monday 6th September - Year 1-Year 6 children return to school. - Nursery parents meetings begin
Tuesday 7th September and Wednesday 8th September- Story Times in Reception classes. 15 children from each class attend with a parent.
Wednesday 8th September- Nursery Pay and Stay
Thursday 9th and Friday 10th September- Reception 1-1 Parents Meetings
Monday 13th September - 10 children from each Reception class start school - 8 morning and 8 afternoon Nursery children start school
Wednesday 15th September - 10 children from each Reception class start school - 8 morning and 8 afternoon Nursery children start school
Monday 20th September – Final 10 children from each Reception class start school - 8 morning and 8 afternoon Nursery children start school
Wednesday 20th October - Parents Consultation Evening
Friday 22nd October - School closes for half term
Monday 1st November - Children return to school

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

Have a great summer break, stay safe and we will see you all on **Monday 6th September**.

Mr Holmes' Summer Challenge

Visit a park and try a new activity.



It could be golf, tennis or something else..

Read a book by your favourite author in an unusual place and send me a photo.



Scavenger hunt- Find:

- 2 things that are squishy
- something blue
- 3 things that are round
- 2 things that you turn
- something you put together
- 5 things that come in bottles
- 2 things that you twist
- something that is hard and rough
- two things that begin with the letter E...

Draw a picture of anything you like...

Learn a new skill-will it be cooking? Baking? A sport or something else?

Ask someone to take a photo of you practising.

Build a model of your favourite place or person-you can use whatever you like to build it! Lego, boxes, paper...

Nature Challenge
Why not visit a park and see what wildlife or plants you can spot?

Keep a record of everything you manage to see.

Emoji Maker
Do you have a favourite emoji?
Design one of your own.



Blue Peter Challenge-Why don't you look into applying for a Blue Peter badge? You can get them for lots of different things like writing a letter, poetry, drawing a picture...

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/joinin/about-blue-peter-badges>

Write a letter to your new teacher, telling them about you, what you like and dislike and what you are looking forward to next year.

Shape hunt-search around your house, which 2D and 3D shapes can you find?

Have a go at completing any of my summer challenges and send me a photo to headteacher@bordsgrn.bham.sch.uk
Good luck!