

# Autumn Term Newsletter

## October 2021



We have had an excellent first half term this academic year as we slowly return to some form of normality in school. It is really pleasing to see children going swimming in Year 3, visiting Blakesley Hall in Year 4, Professor McGinty visiting Year 5 to talk about Egyptians, Parent Workshops for some of our families in Reception, and Year 2, and after school clubs starting including our children taking part in sporting competitions.

Next week we are looking forward to welcoming parents onsite for our first Parents Evening of the academic year, you will receive your allocated appointment slot from your child's class teacher. If you are unable to attend we will do our best to provide a phone appointment at another time. Please let us know if you would like this.

To ensure that Parents Evening runs smoothly and to provide reassurance for staff and parents we are putting the following measures in place:

- Only **one parent** to attend
- No children (including younger children) to come to parents evening, you will be unable to attend if you arrive with children
- We are asking all adults to wear face coverings when moving around school
- Screens will be in place in the classrooms
- Parents Evening will be spread over two nights. You only need to attend one evening
- Parents are asked to arrive promptly for the first appointment and will wait outside until their first appointment time

Thank you for your support with following these measures.

Please continue to look at the school website and our school's twitter feed for up to date information and examples of activities and events that are taking place in school including children learning about cleaning their teeth in Reception and Year 1, excellent writing, maths and science work too.

You will also find our new digital prospectus on the website following this link:  
<https://www.bordsgrn.bham.sch.uk/prospectus/>

Finally, we are welcoming Miss Pennington back to school following her maternity leave, thank you to Mr Austin who has ably led Phase 3 (Years 4,5 and 6) in Miss Pennington's absence.

### **Attendance and Punctuality**

One of our schools' main priorities this year is to improve attendance and punctuality. It is important that your children are on time and in school every day. The school gates are open from 8.30am to 8.50am each morning. Holidays during term time are not permitted and cannot be authorised. It is compulsory for your child to be in school every day and on time. A number of penalty notices have been issued by the Local Authority to our families who have taken leave in term time. Ms Burgess and our attendance team will be regularly communicating with parents and families who we are concerned about.

Well done to all of the children who are coming to school on time every day.

### **End of the school day routines**

As you will be aware, the end of the school day can be very busy. We aim to open the school gates just before 3.20pm, Monday to Thursday and at 12.30pm on a Friday. Please can I ask that everyone follows the one-way system, and that only **one** adult from each family comes onto the school grounds to collect the children, this will help to reduce crowding by the exit gate. If you want to avoid the crowd, please leave arriving to collect your children to nearer to 3.30pm.

A number of parents have raised their concerns about parking at both the start and end of the day. Again, I am requesting that you do not double park or block the road or pavement. You **must not** park on the yellow zig-zag lines. Please try to park on surrounding roads and walk to school.

### **Homework**

Thank you to everyone for supporting your children at home with their homework and listening to them read regularly. We are all really pleased to see Reading packs and homework books being returned to school each week. It is important that your children have the opportunity to practise and revise the skills they have been taught. Well done to everyone.

### **School Uniform**

I am really pleased to see lots of children wearing the correct school uniform and black school shoes, looking very smart, well done. If you have uniform at home that is in good condition, we are more than happy for you to donate it to the Community Hub. Please wash any spare items, put them in a bag and bring them into school, your support is much appreciated and this will enable us to help other members of the Bordesley Green family too. Thank you.

### **Medical Appointments**

Please book any medical appointments outside of school hours, or during the holidays if it is a routine check-up with the dentist or optician. Appointments during school time must be avoided.

### **School Office Reminders**

#### **Reception September 2022 Applications**

(Children born between 01/09/2017 and 31/08/2018)

Applications for a reception place for your child should now be made on line at [www.birmingham.gov.uk/schoolsadmissions](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schoolsadmissions)

The closing date for applications is **15 January 2022**

#### **REMINDER - Secondary School Transfers September 2022**

(Year 6)

Applications for a secondary school place for September 2022 should be made online at [www.birmingham.gov.uk/schoolsadmissions](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schoolsadmissions)

The closing date for applications is **31 October 2021**.

### **School Ping**

Thank you to those parents that have downloaded the School Ping App. As this is our new way of communicating with you, please ensure that you download the app to enable you to receive all of the information that is sent out.

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 (SEND/CO and AHT for Phase 2), Miss Pennington (AHT for Phase 3), Miss Clayton (AHT for Curriculum), Ms Burgess (Deputy Headteacher) or I.