

Autumn Term Newsletter 2



As we reach the final two weeks of term, I would like to say thank you to you all for your support this term. As we continue to live with the pandemic, we have returned to some normality with parents attending Shining Stars assemblies and Parents Evenings this term; this was really important for me as many of our younger children's families had not been into school before.

The Autumn term has been a busy time in and out of school with a range of activities taking place, including swimming for two classes in Year 3, a Year 4 trip to Blakesley Hall museum, Professor McGinty - the time travelling historian visiting Years 2 and 5, PC Luke visiting all year groups, parent workshops and after school clubs and competitions taking place.

Unfortunately, we have had to reintroduce some protective measures over the last couple of weeks, to slow down the spread of coronavirus as infection rates begin to rise again. Thank you to everyone for your support and understanding regarding the measures we have in place in and around school.

We have had to cancel the world-famous staff pantomime this year however children can wear their Christmas jumpers on Thursday, the last day of term. **Friday 17th December is a Training day.**

I would like to give my thanks to everyone who works in school, it has been a real team effort this term to ensure that we continue to provide your children with a broad and balanced curriculum with a wide range of opportunities and experiences.

Finally, I would like to say thank you to Ms Phillips, who has worked here as Executive Headteacher for the last two years and a term. Her support for Ms Burgess and I as new Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher has been invaluable to both of us. Ms Phillips will continue to support me and the Leadership Team and is one of our school governors.

We return to school on **Wednesday 5th January**. Thank you again for all of your support this term, have an enjoyable and restful Christmas period.

Mr K.Holmes

Headteacher

A message from Ms Phillips

It has been my pleasure and my privilege to work at Bordesley Green as Executive Headteacher for the past two years. I came in at the start of Mr Holmes' new role as Headteacher and I now leave the school in very safe hands under his leadership. Bordesley Green is a very special place and your children are a credit to you. I won't be here every week as Executive Headteacher, but I remain committed to supporting the leadership team in driving up standards and will continue to serve on the Governing Board as well. Our two schools (Blakesley Hall and Bordesley Green) will continue to have a strong partnership and I'm sure we will both flourish and grow as we learn from each other. I wish you all a very jolly holiday and the best of health and much happiness in the New Year.



Ms Phillips, Executive Headteacher

Staffing news

We are saying goodbye to Ms Billett from the Nursery and Mrs Begum, class teacher for 2B who is starting her maternity leave at the end of this term. Thank you and good luck to both for all of their hard work and support to the children of Bordesley Green. Welcome to Mrs Walsh who will be joining us in the Nursery and to Miss Iqbal who is the new Year 2 teacher; I know that you will make them both feel very welcome.

Attendance and Punctuality

Well done to everyone who comes to school every day and is on time, remember the gates are open from 8.30am-8.50am each day. Improving attendance is a whole school target to improve. Ms Burgess and the attendance team are working extremely hard to ensure that attendance figures improve. A number of our families have been fined for taking leave in term time, this can result in a court summons too.

Well done to 6W (96.3%), 6J (95%), 5B (95%), 4KA (95.5%), 4M (96%), 3B (95.6%), 3H (95.1%) and 2O (95.1%) who have all achieved attendance over 95% this term. Keep it up!

Parent Questionnaire Results

Thank you to everyone who completed the parent questionnaire earlier this term. We were very pleased with the results:

- 98.9% of responses agree or strongly agree that their child is happy at school
- 98% of responses agree or strongly agree that their child is safe at school
- 90% say that we have high expectations for their child
- 97% of responses agree or strongly agree that their children do well at Bordesley Green
- 94% state that we make sure that pupils are well behaved
- 92% of parents feel that we communicate well with them
- 95% of parents would recommend Bordesley Green Primary School to another parent
- 88% agree or strongly agree that they know what their child is doing in school and what they can do to improve
- 80% agree or strongly agree that they know what their children will learn during the school year

We are taking steps to improve our communication with parents, we are currently looking at a system for setting targets for your children, to make sure everyone knows what they can do to improve. To ensure that parents know what their child is learning, they can find each year groups Knowledge Organisers on the school website, and we will also be sending an information sheet out for each year group at the start of each term.

Knowledge Organisers can be found at:

<https://www.bordsgrn.bham.sch.uk/curriculum/>

Parking around school

The biggest concern raised by parents on the parent questionnaire was regarding traffic, and parking at the start and end of each day. PC Cooper was outside of school last week, helping us to address parking and traffic issues in the morning. Unfortunately, some of our parents continue to make poor choices regarding parking, leaving their car and blocking the road. West Midlands Police have issued over 40 tickets in the last month, which result in a £100 fine and 3 points on your licence. I understand how difficult it is to park near to school each day, however, I would like to request that you are patient when trying to park or drive by the school. Please be considerate of others and our school neighbours, in the morning and end of each day.

If at all possible, please walk to school or park a little further away and walk, this will reduce traffic and help us to keep everyone safe. Thank you.

School Uniform and jewellery

Please can I remind you that children must wear school uniform and black school shoes to school. We are having an increasing number of children wearing trainers. Children should not wear jewellery, only stud ear rings are allowed.

Reminder - Reception September 2022

If you have a child born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018, they will be due to start Reception September 2022. You will need to apply for a Reception place on the Birmingham City Council website. The closing date is 15 January 2022. Applications after this date will be processed as late applications, and you may not get a place for your child at this school.

Office updates and Medical Appointments

If your child is unwell and not in school, you must ring and choose option 1 to leave a message on the absence line giving us the reason why they are not in school. Please do not just say that they are unwell or sick, we need to know exactly what the illness is. If we do not have a reason, your child's absence will be recorded as unauthorised. By leaving a message on the absence line, this enables us to answer calls that are coming into school at a very busy period in the morning. Thank you.

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 should be avoided.

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), Miss Pennington (AHT for Phase 3), Miss Clayton (AHT for Curriculum), Ms Burgess (Deputy Headteacher) or I.

Have a good break everyone, we will see you all in the new year! All children back in school on **Wednesday 5th January.**