

Spring Term Newsletter 2



Headteachers Message

What a fantastic 2nd half term we have had, it has felt like some normality has returned to school life with some of our Year 5 and 6 children going to Bell Heath for the residential this term as well as sporting events and Parents meetings too.

Our football team represented Birmingham in Sheffield earlier this month against teams from across the country and have had more success this week, qualifying for the finals. Our netballers were successful last week too, all the children involved represented our school, demonstrating our school values, thank you to all the staff involved in these events.

It was so good to see many parents at Parents Evening this half term which was very well attended and also our SATS meetings for Year 2 and Year 6 children. Also remember that our school library is open after school on a Monday so that parents can come with their children to choose a book to read at home. Miss Stroud, our Reading lead is really happy to see so many of you coming along!

As I write this newsletter, I know that there are more exciting things being planned for Bordesley Green Primary School in the summer term, including trips to the zoo, the SuperBloom project, in partnership with the Tower of London and hopefully a Sports Day too.

Happy Easter to everyone celebrating and have a good break to everyone in the Bordesley Green family.

Mr Holmes

Headteacher

Attendance

At Bordesley Green Primary we place great importance on good attendance and punctuality. We know that a child's attendance has a direct impact on their learning. Those children who are regularly absent from school and regularly late do not achieve their potential and do fall behind in class. Please support the school in this by ensuring that your child attends school regularly and arrives ready to learn and on time at 8.30am.

Attendance matters! It is important that your child gets to school on time and aims for 100% attendance!

If your child's attendance drops below 90%, they are considered Persistent Absentees. If this happens you will be contacted and asked to attend an informal attendance meeting with our Attendance lead Miss Burgess, to agree a plan to improve attendance. If attendance still does not improve then FAST Track proceeding may be initiated and this could then result in a penalty notice being issued by the Education Legal Intervention Team (ELIT) and in some cases legal action being taken.

What to do if your child is unable to attend school due to illness.

If your child is ill and unable to attend school you must contact the school office every morning during the absence and notify us of the reason for the absence. When leaving a message please give details of exactly what is wrong with your child rather than just saying 'ill' or 'unwell'. Messages can be left in home language by phoning the school and then pressing 1 to access the answer phone.

If school does not receive a notification on the morning of day one, an Intouch text message will be sent asking you to contact the school. If school has not received a response, then we must carry out a safeguarding home visit on day two of the child's absence.

Punctuality

It is very important that all children arrive on time. School doors open at 8:30am every morning. If your child arrives after 8:50am then they are late and they will not be able to come into school via the usual morning entrance doors but should instead come through the main school entrance. Your child will then need to sign in using our electronic signing in system. We will then be able amend the registers and ensure your child is marked for a school dinner.

Please try to aim to get your child here for 8.30am so that they do not miss out on any learning.

If children are regularly late, a parent will be expected to attend a meeting to look at how punctuality can be improved.

Leave in Term Time

As a school, we no longer authorise requests for children to be taken out of school for a holiday during term time.

Requests for leave will only be granted in exceptional circumstances, and a holiday would not be considered exceptional. Requests for leave must also be made to the school in advance. To do this please come in to the school office to complete the necessary Leave in Term Time application.

Parents will receive a penalty notice from the Birmingham Legal Intervention Team if their child is absent from school without permission. So far this academic year 53 penalty notices have been issued to parents for leave in term time.

Excellent work

One of the highlights for me each week is to see the excellent work that children from across the school produce in all of their lessons. This week Amaal in Year 2 shared her writing with me, and I feel that it deserves to be shared with a wider audience! Amaal was asked to write a potion in English lessons and here it is.

A potion to make the world beautiful

What you need:

Cauldron, spoon, bubbles, feathers, flowers, water drops, leaves and fresh air

What to do:

First you need your cauldron and spoon.

Next get your bubbles.

Then you need your feathers.

After pull out some flowers to put in your potion. After that get about two water drops.

Then get your leaves, put them in your potion.

Now you need to stir and say the magic word!

Hocus Pocus!

Now the world is beautiful!

By Amaal In Year 2



With the many challenges around the world, especially in the Ukraine, wouldn't it be lovely to have a potion to make the world beautiful!

Science Week

Earlier this term, we had our Science Week where all classes completed a range of exciting activities linked to plants and growth. Well done to the following children who won the Science Poster competition: Umair and Saja (Year 1), Mustafa in Y3, Iman in Year 4 and Iqra and Iqra in Year 5. Their winning entries are displayed in school.

Training Day

Monday 25th April is a Staff Training Day. All children are expected to return to school on **Tuesday 26th 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 (SENDSCO and AHT for Phase 2), Ms Pennington (AHT for Phase 3), Miss Clayton (AHT for the Wider Curriculum), Ms Burgess (Deputy Headteacher) or I.

We have been asked to share the following information with all families. The COVID-19 vaccination is now available for all 5 to 11 year olds.

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION RESOURCES FOR SCHOOLS: COVID-19 VACCINATION FOR 5 TO 11 YEAR OLDS

Information for school and parents

➤ ***Why is my child being offered the COVID-19 vaccination?***

For decades, vaccinations have protected our children and young people from potentially serious diseases, including measles, mumps, rubella, flu, polio, tetanus and meningitis. By the time they leave school, a child will typically have been offered vaccinations against 18 different diseases or infections – the COVID-19 vaccine is one more vaccine that children will soon be able to have to protect them from illness.

We all want to get back to normal – we want our children to go to school, do the things they love and catch up on lost time spent time with family and friends. But COVID-19 is still active and causing some children to miss out on their education and things they enjoy.

[The Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation recommends that 5-11 year olds](#) be offered the vaccine, which has been approved by the UK's medicines regulator, to boost immunity and increase their protection against any future waves of COVID-19.

The COVID-19 vaccine is already making a big difference to help protect us all. The vaccine does not remove the virus, but research and experience in countries around the world shows it can prevent the worst effects of COVID-19 and reduce the risk of infection to your child and those around them.

➤ ***How do I get my child vaccinated?***

From Monday 4 April, parents/legal guardians will be able to have their child vaccinated at a site and time convenient for them – at a local vaccination centre, community pharmacy or a GP practice offering vaccinations for this age group.

From Saturday 2 April, parents/guardians can book an appointment through the [National Booking Service](#) or by calling 119.

The NHS will write to all parents/guardians of children aged 5-11 about this, over the next month, with more information about the vaccination programme.

Please be aware that only a parent or legal guardian can take their child for a COVID-19 vaccination.

➤ ***What vaccination will my child be given?***

Children aged 5-11 with no other underlying health conditions will be offered two paediatric (child) doses of the Pfizer vaccine, with at least 12 weeks between doses. A paediatric dose is smaller than doses given to those aged 12 and over.

If a child has had COVID-19 they will still get extra protection from the vaccine, but they will need to wait 12 weeks before getting vaccinated.

➤ ***Children who have recently tested positive for COVID-19:***

The Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) recommend:

- **Children aged 5 to 11 years will need to wait for 12 weeks following a positive test for COVID-19, before having their first or second COVID-19 vaccination;**
- **Children aged 5 to 11 years** who are at increased risk, should wait 4 weeks (28 days) from a positive test result, before having their vaccine.

Example text message to send to parents / example social media post

It's time for your child's next vaccine. You can book your child's COVID-19 vaccine from 2 April, via the [NHS website](#), or call 119. Getting your child vaccinated will boost their immunity and keep them doing the things they love.

Further information

There is more information about the COVID-19 vaccination for 5 to 11 year olds available here:

- [COVID-19: A guide for parents of children aged 5 to 11](#)
- [What to expect after your child's COVID vaccination – A guide for parents of children aged 5 to 11 years of age](#)
- [COVID-19 vaccinations: A guide for parents of children aged 5-11 years of age at high risk](#)
- [Birmingham and Solihull COVID-19 Vaccination Website](#)