

# Spring 1

## January 2023



**Welcome back everyone!** Happy New Year, I hope that everyone has had a good break and are raring to get back into school! One of the highlights of my days is to open the school gate each morning and be greeted by smiling faces and enthusiastic children, who are ready to come into school. We have had an exciting start to the term with a theatre trip for Years 4, 5 and 6 children to see "Nativity" and the Year 3 classes already restarting swimming lessons, which is such an important life skill to have!

We have a number of parent's meetings planned this term, please see the list of dates below for when they are taking place as well as some exciting visits and visitors coming up too!

One of our school priorities this year is to increase the profile of health and fitness, including mental health and well-being; just one aspect of this is healthy eating and breakfasts. As a school, we have subscribed to the National School Breakfast Programme, where we provide bagels for all children each morning. It is scientifically proven that children who have a healthy breakfast do better in school.

Did you know?

- 20-30% of school children skip breakfast on a regular basis.
- 81% of teachers agree that hungry children are unable to concentrate.
- Eating breakfast is linked to doing better at school.
- 20% of parents of primary aged children find breakfast the trickiest time of the day.
- Eating a healthy breakfast can lead to improved mental health and mood in children.
- Breakfast provides lots of important vitamins and minerals.

(Information taken from <https://www.family-action.org.uk/what-we-do/children-families/food/breakfast-support/breakfast-at-home/>)

As a school, we will be looking at ways of supporting you and educating your children about the importance of a healthy breakfast at the start of the day, bagels being available each morning is just the start. Please try to avoid trips to the shop to buy your children chocolate, crisps and fizzy drinks in the morning, it is not a good way to start the day or a cheaper option!

Thank you.

Mr K Holmes

### **Welcome from Miss Holmes-Assistant Headteacher for Phase 1 (Nursery, Reception and Year 1)**

I hope you all had a lovely two weeks with your children and enjoyed the New Year celebrations.

I wanted to introduce myself. I am Miss Holmes (with no relation to Mr Holmes) and will be taking on the role as one of the Assistant Heads here at Bordesley Green. My main responsibility will be Phase 1 (Nursery, Reception and Year 1). I have always thoroughly enjoyed working with the younger children and spent much of my teaching career within Reception.

The children have all been very welcoming along with the staff, which has helped me to settle in.



I will always be on the playground if I am not teaching so, please come and say hello. If you do have any queries and would like to speak to me, please send an email to the school office.

I am excited to get to know you all and work alongside you in the coming years.

Best wishes,  
Miss Holmes

### **BGPS Parliament (School Council)**

At Bordesley Green Primary, we firmly believe that every child should have a voice that is heard, valued and respected.

During UK Parliament Week, we launched elections for representatives to join BGPS Parliament and we were thrilled by the enthusiasm of all of our children and their willingness to make a real difference to our school. We were so proud of the speeches they wrote and delivered so well! After a ballot, one representative from each class from Year 2 to Year 6 was chosen to carry out the very important role and duty.

During our first meeting, MPs discussed our main focuses for the Spring term, which included voting to taking part in the Operation Compassion Foodbank Appeal. A crate has already been filled with donations and has been collected by Liam Byrne MP. We feel honoured to continue to support our school community through this initiative.

Another important focus for us is to ensure that our school environment, both inside and outside, remains clean and tidy. Everyone at BGPS wants our environment to look it's best at all times! Our MPs already have some brilliant ideas, such as litter picking around the local area and raising awareness about this in the school community. We are super excited to hear all about the ideas the MPs will gather from the children in each class and we are certain that you will support us in ensuring our school environment looks great every day 😊

Miss M.Shaheen

### **School Uniform**

The expectation is that all children wear school uniform and black school shoes each day to school, children should not be wearing brightly coloured trainers to school. School uniform can be purchased through the school website or local supermarkets such as Asda, Morrisons, Tesco or Morrisons. Further information regarding uniform can be found on the school website.

Please can I request that **you label your child's belongings with their full name and class** so that when any items are mislaid they can be easily returned.

If you have any school uniform at home that is now too small for your children or unwanted and is still in good condition, we are very happy to receive this uniform which we will then keep in our Community Hub. This will then be donated to families who need our support.

Thank you.

## Reminder – Reception 2023

The closing date to apply for a reception place for September 2023 is 15 January 2023. The application needs to be made online by visiting [www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

If your child currently has a place in our Nursery you still need to apply for a Reception place.

## Nursery September 2023

If you have a child born between 01/09/2019 and 31/08/2020 they would be due to start Nursery in September 2023. If you wish to apply for a place would you please come to the school office to complete an application form. We would need to see your child's birth certificate and proof of address (council tax bill or child benefit letter).

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Leadership team, Miss Holmes (AHT for EYFS and Year 1, Miss Dovey (SENDCO and AHT for Years 2 and 3), Mr Miller (AHT for Years 4,5 and 6), Miss Clayton (AHT for the Wider Curriculum), Ms Burgess (Deputy Headteacher) or I.

## Dates for your diary

<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>School Library reopens 3.30pm-come and choose a book with your children.</b>
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2.50pm</b>	<b>Y4 Multiplication Times Tables Check Parents Meeting</b>
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Year 3 Canal and Waterways workshop</b>
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2.30pm</b>	<b>Y6 Parents SATs Meeting</b>
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>3H Class Assembly</b>
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Year 1 trip to Coventry Transport museum PC Cooper working with Y5 and Y6</b>
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>6J Class Assembly</b>
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	<b>5M Class Assembly 2D Class Assembly NSPCC Maths Number Day</b>
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Year 5 visit to National Space Centre</b>
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Parents Evening</b>
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Shining Stars Assemblies Break up for half term holiday</b>
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>All children return to school.</b>