

BORDESLEY VILLAGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Spring (ii) Newsletter

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back - we hope you enjoyed the half term break.



We extend warm wishes to pupils, parents, carers and colleagues who are welcoming the holy month of Ramadan. Ramadan is a time for reflection, prayer and worship and we hope this year's observation brings you peace, joy and good health. Ramadan Mubarak!

As we continue the Spring Term there are a range of activities for the children to look forward to. Having made pancakes as part of their R.E last week they have developed their understanding of Christians using up rich foods prior to Lent which is also a 40-day period of fasting and spiritual reflection beginning on Ash Wednesday. The **Book Fair** will arrive in school on **Monday 3rd March** with the children having the opportunity to dress as a favourite character for **World Book Day on Thursday 6th March**.

After school clubs will begin next week too and run for the half term. **There is Multi-skills for Yr.2 (Mon.), Football for 6A (Mon.) and Handball (Wed.) for 6B. Please sign up as soon as possible.**

Yrs. 1 and 6 will be going to the cinema at Star City on Wednesday March 12th to see 'If' and 'Kensuke's Kingdom' respectively.

Yr.4 are timetabled for **Bikeability** sessions for w/b 31st March.

In the same week we will announce the winning house for this half term and initiate and afternoon reward.

Following Eid-ul-Fitr, where leave for religious observance will be granted for **one day** (though the date has yet to be confirmed), **Yr.3 will present their Eid assembly** to their peers and their parents. Marking the end of Ramadan, classes across the school will also celebrate with Eid parties.

As always, we want to acknowledge the children's achievements and in our end of term Rewards Assembly we will award certificates for behaviour, good (97%) and/or improving attendance, as well as the termly Headteacher's Award.

Attendance monitoring remains ongoing. Parents have a responsibility to inform the school of any term time leave and conversations with parents to date have been appreciated. The criteria for 'authorised' leave revolves around 'exceptional circumstances' however, and as a result of families across the MAT taking holidays / visiting relatives abroad they have now been issued with fixed penalty notices by the local authority. This amounts to an £80 fine (if paid within 21 days) for each child and is also issued to each parent with parental responsibility.

Where parents are choosing not to engage with the school and inform them of such absences, the school will though, be forced to conduct home visits. Should we believe families have taken unauthorised leave we will have no alternative, but to continue the referral process and share their details with the local authority.

Please check term time dates before booking holidays or making any travel arrangements for your child, and notify the school accordingly of any non-attendance. Unexplained absences could be deemed a safeguarding concern.



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We have previously spoken of the difficulties associated with recruitment and retention within the teaching profession. We are faced with the same level of challenge at Bordesley Village and consequently have to inform you that there has been a change within the Yr.2 team. While Mrs Karwowski, AHT, remains as the lead practitioner,

Ms Islam is now the teacher responsible for Yr.2/2B. Taking up the post on 24th February, alongside Mrs Delair, an experienced TA, they have been very successful in supporting the children through this period of transition. While we appreciate this can be unsettling for some children we will continue to monitor and support all those involved.

A **coffee morning for parent/carers of all Yr.2** children has been re-arranged for **Wednesday 2nd April** and hope you will come along for refreshments, meet with Snr. Leaders and take the opportunity to meet and talk with other parents across the year group.

As always, thank you for your support and let's look forward to a positive and productive half term.

Yours sincerely,

Rubina Darr

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Senior Executive Leader

Term time dates

Monday 24th February - Friday 11th April – Spring Term (ii)

Monday 14th April – Friday 25th April – Easter Holiday

Monday 28th April – Friday 23rd May – Summer Term (i)

Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May – Half Term

Monday 2nd June – Thursday 17th July – Summer Term (ii)

Friday 18th July – Wednesday 3rd September – Summer Holiday