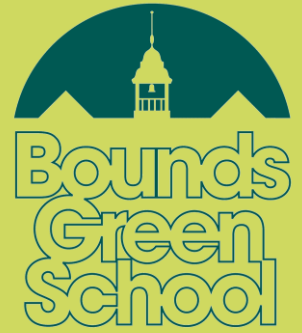


Bounds Green School Newsletter

29th Sep 2023



A Message from Bounds Green

A Message from Nadine

It has been an amazing two weeks at Bounds Green School! Almost all Reception children are now in all day every day and are settling so well with the adults in their classrooms. Specialist music lessons have recommenced for some children, including singing assemblies for all and whole class instrument lessons for Year 5. Year 2 have really enjoyed their trip into the centre of London as part of their Geography learning. Year 5 have been for their first weekly swimming lessons and this will continue for the rest of term.

I have continued to enjoy getting to know families, children and staff. Thank you to everyone who has made me so welcome. Please do come to say hello to me on the gate in the mornings or at Parents Evenings next week.
Nadine



From the Governors

We are seeking new Governors to fill vacancies that have arisen on the School's Governing Board. There are spaces for both current parents of children in the school, and non-parents. For the parent vacancy, interested candidates will need to self-nominate. If there is more than one candidate, then an election must be held. If you'd like to consider standing, please look out for the start of the process later this term. For non-parent spaces, we would welcome any introductions you might be able to make.

All candidates should ideally be of the local community, but no other particular experience or skills are required. All we ask is a passion for the successful progress of our children through our school, and the personal capacity to commit to the role.

If you'd like to know more, or have a conversation about being a Governor, please don't hesitate to get in touch with Nadine or directly with me at governors@boundsgreen.haringey.sch.uk

Mark Chapman

Chair of Governing Board

Nursery for January 2024 start

If your child will be 3 years old by 31st December 2023 then there is a possibility that we will be able to offer Nursery places for a January 2024 start. If you believe your child is of the right age and would like to apply for either a 15hr or 30hr place, please either complete the form on the school website:

<https://boundsgreenschool.co.uk/parents/admissions/nursery-admissions/> or come into the school office and collect a form.



Nut-Free School

Please remember that we are a nut-free school, this includes After School Club. Please don't bring an After School Club snack for your child that includes nuts, such as; peanut butter sandwiches, granola bars (as many also contain nuts), etc.

School Payments

As an on-going reminder we'd like to make sure parents and carers keep up to date with their school payments. You can make payment via School Gateway using your mobile and email address. If you are having any troubles with creating an account or logging in, please make sure that the office has the most up-to-date information for you.

Reporting Absences and Late Collections

If you need to report your child absent for any reason (sickness, appointment, etc) then please make sure you do this through the voicemail service on the phone, or through a text on School Gateway. Please don't email the admin email address as this is not continually monitored, especially during busy periods so may not be seen until later in the day.

For any late collections or if someone different is collecting, please also call directly to the office with as much notice as possible so that it can be passed onto the teacher

School News

Snacks for School / Clubs

We'd like to remind parents and carers that children in Yr3-6 are allowed to bring in a piece of fruit or vegetables to have during morning playtime. Please don't let your child bring in anything other than fruit or vegetables.

As we are a healthy school, this also continues into the After School Club and all activity clubs. Your child is allowed to bring in snacks but please make sure these don't include chocolate, biscuits, crisps, sweets, and NO NUTS at all.

After School Club Update

On Thursday 5th October – there will be no ASC collection from the Lunch Hall. Year 4,5,6 parents are to collect from the main ASC room just for this day. Parents/carers need to provide healthy snacks for ASC; no chocolates, crisps or fizzy drinks.

All payments for ASC being made through childcare vouchers or Tax-Free Government payments, should be paid into the Bounds Green Juniors account, even if your child is in Infants.

Year 6 Secondary School Applications

A reminder that Secondary School applications need to be submitted by 31st October 2023. Any applications made after this time will be deemed as late applications. Applications need to be made through eadmissions, via the following website: <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>

Once you've created your application and added all your documents, please remember to submit the application, once it's been successfully submitted then you will receive an email confirming it, along with a reference code, please keep record of this code for any future queries.

Reception Applications

A reminder that Reception applications need to be submitted by 15th January 2024. Any applications made after this time will be deemed as late applications. Applications need to be made through eadmissions, via the following website: <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>

Once you've created your application and added all your documents, please remember to submit the application, once it's been successfully submitted then you will receive an email confirming it, along with a reference code, please keep record of this code for any future queries.

Reception Children Meal Types September 2023

Reception children are all entitled to have a Universal free school meal, if you would like to see what your child is having for lunch each day, please see link for our school menu:

<https://boundsgreenschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Bounds-Green-Menu-Summer-2023.pdf> .

We find that by parents being able to see what the children are eating, they can have conversations with them the night before about what is available and what they might like, which helps the smaller children try new things.

On the other hand, if you find your child is struggling to eat and would like to change them onto a different meal type, please email Ashleigh in the office on arobertson@boundsgreen.haringey.sch.uk

Each child in school needs to be either 'school meals' or 'packed lunch', unfortunately you cannot swap meal types each day as the kitchen pre-orders the food in advance.

Juniors School Meals Information September 2023

The Mayor of London has implemented that every child in Years 3-6 for one academic school year only (end date July 2024), will be allowed to have free meals. If your child is still having a packed lunch and you would like to change meal type please email Ashleigh in the school office

on arobertson@boundsgreen.haringey.sch.uk and she will give you a date your child can start this meal change. If your child was having a school meal from last academic year, this has continued into this year so you don't have to do anything.

If you have an outstanding amount for school meals owing from last year, a new payment request on School Gateway will be available for those parents to clear their debt.

All debts need to clear as soon as possible- if you have a high debt and unable to clear this in one payment and need support please email Ashleigh and she can support you in payment plans etc.

Emails from the School

If you are finding that you aren't receiving emails from the school, it could be because your email company is blocking our email address, or sending it to the junk mailbox. Please note that the email address that school emails come through from is SC3092005a@schoolcomms.com, make sure this is added to your safe senders list so that emails from here go straight to your main inbox.

Important Dates

Dates for your Diary

Below are important dates of which you should be aware. Wherever there is a new addition, it will be printed in **bold** so that it stands out. In the case of Educational Visits, we aim to give as much notice as possible, however, please be mindful that occasionally last minute, educationally enriching opportunities arise which are considered too good an opportunity to pass up. Please look at this section of the newsletter every week as there are sometimes unavoidable changes to dates that you will need to take note of.

<u>September 2023</u>	<u>March 2024</u> • 28.03.24 – Last day of School
<u>October 2023</u> • 03.10.23 – Parents' Evening (Yr1-6) • 04.10.23 – Parents' Evening (Yr1 CF & Yr6 RC only) • 05.10.23 – Parents' Evening (Yr1-6) • 06.10.23 – Mixed Football Tournament (Y5&6) • 11.10.23 – Flu Vaccine • 20.10.23 – INSET Day • 23.10.23 – Half term week – school closed • 31.10.23 – Yr1 Multi-cultural Picnic, 2:15-3:25pm	<u>April 2024</u> • 15.04.24 – First day of School
<u>November 2023</u> • 14.11.23 – EYFS Parents' Evening • 16.11.23 – EYFS Parents' Evening • 20.11.23 – Road Safety Week	<u>May 2024</u> • 06.05.24 – Bank Holiday • 27.05.24 – Half Term Week
<u>December 2023</u> • 21.12.23 – Last Day of school	<u>June 2024</u> •
<u>January 2024</u> • 08.01.24 – INSET Day • 09.01.24 – First day of school	<u>July 2024</u> • 24.07.24 – Last Day of School
<u>February 2024</u> • 12.02.24 – Half Term Week	

Spare clothes

We'd like to ask if parents/carers have any trousers/skirts/shorts that they'd be able to donate to the school for spare clothes. Please don't bring in any tops/jumpers as we have too many of these already. Thank you!

