

Boldmere Junior School

Weekly Newsletter

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A message from Mr Sadler, Head of Junior School

Dear Parents/ Carers,

First and foremost, how special it was to see the smiles on children's faces as they entered the school gates this morning. And how broader still were the smiles of parents a few moments later!

It feels like it's been a long time coming but I'm delighted to now take the opportunity to introduce myself to you as Head of the Junior School. Although I am only a couple of days in to the role, already I am beginning to feel right at home in what is clearly an excellent school with delightful children and fantastic staff. As was the case in my previous school, I will work diligently and with great integrity to ensure the children of Boldmere receive nothing but the very best, recognising only too well that children get only one chance at their education. It is my intention in the coming days and weeks to immerse myself fully in the school community, taking time to thoroughly learn the school's workings, strengths and areas for improvement along with most importantly of all, getting to know your children as soon as possible. I am also a great believer in the benefit of forming effective partnership with parents and carers therefore in the coming weeks, I look forward to exploring how this partnership can be enhanced further for the benefit of your children. As with other key staff, I will be available daily on the school gate so please do not hesitate to share with me anything of importance.

Best regards,

Matt Sadler – Head of School

Emails - A reminder that all absence information should be emailed to enquiry@boldmere.bham.sch.uk Any information regarding teaching and learning should be directed to the appropriate year group email address, where the year leaders will respond to the enquiry.

Water bottles - Water bottles should be sent into school each day but please can we request that they are not stored in children's book bags. Leakages often spill onto reading books and we have had a number that have been ruined when they cannot be dried out. A reminder that water bottle should also only contain water and please can parents/carers ensure they are cleaned regularly with soapy water or Milton sterilizing solution.

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Values Ambassadors



Due to the Christmas break, there are no values ambassadors to share with you this week but there will be a celebration assembly held at the end of this first week, we look forward to sharing these with you in our next newsletter.

Diary Dates

Spring Term 2022

Wednesday 9th – 11th February

Year 4 residential trip

Friday 18th February

Break up for half-term

Monday 28th February

Children return to school

Friday 8th April

Break up for Easter holidays

Monday 25th April

Children return to school

Covid guidance - The Government and DfE have provided updated guidance for schools this week, as well as providing new isolation and testing information. School is continuing to encourage good hygiene and ventilation, along with limiting mixing within school. Our Management plan will be updated this week and will be made available on the school website. Updated Government Guidance can be found athttps://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection?utm_source=4%20January%202022%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19#SymptomsPositiveTest

Please continue to report any positive LFT and PCR results to school immediately, in order that isolation dates can be logged and online learning can be provided for your child. We will provide online learning for all children who test positive for Covid-19 and are subsequently isolating at home. Thank you for your continued support during the ongoing challenges that the pandemic is presenting to families, schools and the local community.

Staff update – In addition to Mr M. Sadler, we are also pleased to share with you that Mrs K. Preece has been appointed as Inclusion Base Manager and Mrs. C. Wheeler has joined Reception team, working a job share in Turtle class.

Speeding and Double Parking on Cofield Road

A reminder that the speed limit outside the school on Cofield Road is 20 miles per hour.

We also remind our parents/carers not to double park when dropping off or collecting your child as this forces other cars to have to drive around these vehicles, causing them to come very close to children and adults walking on the pavement.

Busy Bodies

Booking forms – Parents, please be aware that if you are returning your BB booking forms by hand, this must be handed in to school reception or to management in the school drop-off areas and they will be delivered to Busy Bodies.

Booking forms for January were due in by Wednesday 5th January, payments are due in by this Friday 7th January. January's fees will be debited on Monday 10th January, please ensure that your child's ParentPay account is up to date.

Should you have any queries with regards to your children's fees, please contact the Busy Bodies Manager in the first instance.

Contacting School

Email addresses for correspondence specific to your child's class/year group, to support with teaching, learning and online/home learning support only:

yr3-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk
yr4-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk
yr5-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk
yr6-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

For general enquiries or for reporting a school absence, medical appointment, end of school arrangements, please contact the school office on 0121 464 3656 or email enquiry@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

e-safety reminder

Ensuring that children are safe when using information technology is an essential life skill and is needed more now than ever with children having increased screen time and access to the internet.

We wanted to remind you that on the school website, under 'Safeguarding' 'E-safety' you can access useful resources and links to websites which offer age-appropriate resources and information for parents and carers. These can also be found on your child's Google Classroom in the 'Parent Information' folder.

Remember to follow us on twitter @BoldmereSchools for updates and to see some of the wonderful things happening in school!

