



# Newsletter - April 1



Dear Parents/Carers



## Easter Bonnet Parade

This will take place on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April. Weather permitting, we will have a parade around the field after the morning drop off. Start working on your designs now!

**Reception Eye Tests** Eye tests will take place on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April in the infant hall. You only need to return the form if you want to opt out of the test.



## Diary Dates.

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April**- Break up for Easter holidays.

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April**- School re-opens to all pupils.

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May**- Pupils break up for half term holidays.

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May**- Professional Development Day - school closed to all pupils.

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June**- School re-opens to all pupils.

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July**-Nursery Induction. Closed to all current nursery children.

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July**- Pupils break up for summer holidays.

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July**- Professional Development Day - school closed to all pupils.

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September**- Professional Development Day - school closed to all pupils.

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September**-Professional Development Day-school closed to all pupils.

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September**- School re-opens to Year 1, Year 2 & the BIB.

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October**- Break up for half term holidays.

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October**- School re-opens to all pupils.

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December**- Break up for Christmas holidays.

Well, what a very busy term we have had! I am sure that, like staff, you are all looking forward to the Easter holidays. A reminder that we have the annual Easter Bonnet parade on Friday. Parents are requested to make their way onto the field after drop off in the morning, and once all children have been registered in their classes, we will join you with our Easter Bonnet parade. A reminder too that school resumes on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April.

From 1<sup>st</sup> April, the Government has updated guidance "Living with Covid". The recommendation is that Covid 19 is treated like other illnesses. The attached link provides the update.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-response-living-with-covid-19/covid-19-response-living-with-covid-19>



## Attendance Picnic

This Friday morning sees the first of our attendance picnics. The class with the best termly attendance will be joining Mrs Kenny and the juniors for a treat on Mossy Bank.

## REMINDER Ordering Lunches Via School Grid

Please can we remind parents that you need to order lunches for your child each week via School Grid.



**Reception offer date** a reminder that offers of Reception places for September 2022 will be made by the Local authority on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April.

## Newsletter:

The weekly newsletter can also be found on the school website:

<https://www.boldmere.bham.sch.uk>

## Email addresses for correspondence

specific to your child's class/year group.

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## BIB NEWS

### The week ahead

A busy, fun packed week ahead this week before we break up for the holidays. We are going on our trip to see 'Dear Zoo' at the Birmingham Hippodrome, we have our Decorate an Egg for Easter competition and an Easter Egg hunt to look forward to.

### Thank you

Thank you to all of you that have sponsored your children for Autism Acceptance Week. We certainly have had fun doing our exercises each day. I hope you have seen our posts on Twitter. Please make sure all your sponsor money is in by 8th April.

Again, I have two further thank yous to make for generous donations from the community. Louise Goodall, donated a lovely wooden rabbit for the centre piece of our Easter Egg hunt this week. Craig O'Connell and Next Generation Roofing, gifted us a piece of AstroTurf to go in our Early Years Garden.

### Celebrations

Giraffes- Thierry for demonstrating increased confidence in the Reception environment and with the children in the Reception class.

LK- Theo for a super effort all week with his work in class.

ED-Jeffrey for a fantastic PE lesson with his peers in 4M.

### Final note

Some parents in the BIB have needed to contact staff early this week about issues. Please remember that you can ring the BIB directly using option 5 on either Junior or Infant numbers. There is usually a staff member on site from 7.30 am - 5.30 pm.

Have a lovely Easter break all!

### For Mainstream

Thank you for supporting your children with their sponsored events during Autism Acceptance week last week. Please ensure any sponsor money is registered on ParentPay by April 8th.

**Busy Bodies** How fast did this last half term go! We would like to wish all our lovely families a wonderful and restful much needed Easter break.

**April booking forms** We are currently outstanding over 25 booking forms for our Busy Bodies families despite reminders in the last two weeks of newsletters and parents being handed forms personally. We have now most nights 75 plus children attending and a waiting list of families looking to join our club. Therefore, we are required to staff accordingly, we apologise in advance if we cannot accommodate your bookings, should your requirements not already be on our registers for this coming week.

As per your parents contract with us booking forms and fees are required on time and in advance of childcare provision unless otherwise discussed with the club's Manager and authorised by the Executive Head Teacher. This enables us to plan ahead for adequate staff provision to engage our children in a variety of age appropriate activities, themed evenings such as our Easter egg hunt and planning for our morning and afternoon snack provisions. Please ensure that you hand your form in on time as this elevates time consuming extra admiration work for staff who could be planning alternative activities for our amazingly lovely children.

Busy Bodies Easter egg hunt will take place on **Wednesday 6th April** afternoon session weather permitting outside on the playing fields (Receptions in their Early Years area), otherwise this will take place within the Busy Bodies setting.

Thank you to all our lovely parents for all your continued support and understanding of our busy club and the hard work of all staff that goes into the smooth running of Busy Bodies at all times. We look forward to welcoming you all back in the new term



### Golden Table:

This week the following children have been nominated for the Golden Table in the dinner hall:

Zara, Hannah, Tori and Erin from Penguin Class

Eleanor, Darcie, Esmee and Conan from Meerkat Class

Thank you children.

### Congratulations Board

#### Reception

Toby, Madeline, Eli

#### Year One

Zahra, Jamie, Ivy

#### Year Two -

Aaizah, Ivy, Ava

Thank you children

### Celebrating Attendance

Congratulations to Penguin class for achieving 100% attendance last week. Well done!



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## PTA NEWS

### Year 2 Leavers Hoodies 2022

This week is your last chance to order one of our fantastic Year 2 Leavers Hoodies. If you wish to purchase one for your child, please visit [www.pta-events.co.uk/boldmere](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/boldmere). The hoodies cost £20 each, feature the names of all Year 2 pupils on the back and come in a choice of sizes. Orders must be placed by **midday on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022**.

### Save the Date - Comedy Night

Boldmere PTA will be hosting a fantastic evening of stand-up comedy on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May**. Further details and information on how to buy tickets will be shared after the Easter Holidays.

### Save the Date - School Disco

The Infant School Disco will be held after school on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May**. More information will follow after the Easter Holidays.

### School uniform donations

A big thank you to everyone who donated school uniform last week. Please watch this space for the launch of the PTA's pre-loved uniform shop.

### PTA Summer Ball

Don't miss out on your tickets for the PTA Summer Ball. It is sure to be a fantastic evening including a 3 course meal, live band, auction and games. Tickets cost £50 each and can be purchased at [www.pta-events.co.uk/boldmere](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/boldmere). The Ball will take place at Aston Wood Golf Club on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2022 from 7pm until 1am. If you have any queries, please contact [boldmereptaball@outlook.com](mailto:boldmereptaball@outlook.com)

## Holiday Breakfast Club

Wylde Green United Reformed Church will be hosting a breakfast club over the April school holidays in their Britwell Rd Hall. The plan is to organise

- A continental breakfast of cereal, fruit, toast and drinks.
- A make your own sandwich bar to take a lunch away,
- Colouring, word searches and the opportunity to use the field at the back of the church as a playground.

All are welcome. There is no charge but donations will be welcome. There is no need to book but please contact [revchrisdowd@protonmail.com](mailto:revchrisdowd@protonmail.com) if you'd like to volunteer to help.

**Lunchtime Clubs** We have had a large uptake of lunchtime clubs for the first half of the Summer term. There are a few spaces left for the Year two tennis and girls football. If your child would like a place, please call the school office so that we can open up Parentpay for you to make payment. The other clubs are oversubscribed so the office has sent home unsuccessful slips in your child's book bag and where possible refunds have been made. Unfortunately, some payments are pending so we are unable to refund these until funds are cleared by Parentpay. This will be after the Easter Break now. An explanation is below advising parents of the different methods to make a payment via Parentpay.

## Methods of Payment via ParentPay

Due to the success of our lunchtime clubs, we are regularly oversubscribed for places. We try to refund parents their money as soon as possible but often this can be very delayed due to funds not being available because of the method of payment used by parents.

To clarify so that parents can make their own informed decisions:

If using the bank transfer method of payment - it can take 3-5 working days and sometimes up to 10 days for the funds to be cleared by the bank before school can access the money to make refunds.

If parents scroll further down the payment page to checkout and choose either visa checkout or pay - use another method and then put/save your card details, the money is then cleared immediately so that if necessary school can refund as soon as we are able to.

This applies to all payments made via ParentPay. We hope this helps explain things a little more clearly.

Mrs S Kenny  
Head of School  
5/04/2022