

NEWSLETTER - APRIL 2

Dear Parents/Carers,

Reminder

Please ensure all children are escorted onto the premises each morning by a parent/carer. Although we appreciate that parking is limited around school, we must insist that Infant children are accompanied to the school door by a responsible adult. Please do not drop children off outside school. The safety of children is paramount during the morning drop-off. A reminder that parents/carers should not be parking in the school zone area, marked in red tarmac with a single yellow line on Antrobus Road between 7.30 am to 9.30 am and 3 pm to 6.30 pm. Parking in this area at the beginning and end of the school day can cause problems for people trying to cross the road. As always, we ask that parents/carers park considerately when dropping off and collecting their child/children.

Mossy Bank

We have been made aware by a local resident that some dangerous items including pieces of barbed wire and glass have been seen on Mossy Bank. Please can you ensure your children are supervised in this area.

Newsletter:

The weekly newsletter can also be found on the school website:
<https://www.boldmere.bham.sch.uk>

Message from Mr Glasgow: Polling Station - School Open on Thursday 6th May

Although part of our school is going to be used as a polling station, we have been working in collaboration with the elections office to keep the school open whilst polling is taking place.

This is not an ideal situation and the elections office gave us no choice with the decision to use our school premises for polling purposes, this is a decision beyond our control. However, since being notified by the elections office that our school will be used, we have worked hard to negotiate our training room (the building situated between our two schools) to be the polling station under Covid-19 restrictions.

The training room is an independent building, so no members of the public will have access to school in any way possible, it is, therefore, safe for children to attend as normal, which we saw as being vital under the current circumstances. We will manage and monitor the use of this building as a polling station throughout the day, allowing the schools to remain fully operational. We hope you appreciate our efforts in making these arrangements, which we certainly could have done without. However, we will make it work, so the children attend school

Diary Dates

Summer Term 2021

Thursday 27th May- Break up for half term holidays.

Friday 28th May- Professional Development Day, school closed to all pupils.

Monday 7th June- School re-opens to all pupils.

Tuesday 20th July- Break up for summer holidays.

Wednesday 21st July- Professional Development Day, school closed to all pupils.

Autumn Term 2021

Thursday 2nd September- Professional Development Day, school closed to all pupils.

Friday 3rd September- Professional Development Day, school closed to all pupils.

Monday 6th September- School re-opens.

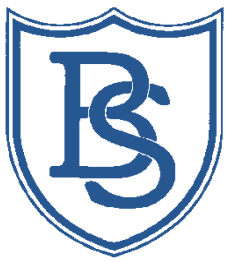
Friday 22nd October- Break up for half term holidays.

Monday 1st November- School re-opens to all pupils.

Friday 17th December- Break up for Christmas holidays.

Nursery September 2021

We still have a few Nursery places available. If you know of or have a child whose date of birth is between 01/09/17 and 31/08/18 who may be interested in a place, please contact the school office on 0121 464 2338 for further information.



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Reception classes are currently isolating due to a positive Covid-19 case in a Reception child. Due to the nature of the Early Years, including free flow between the indoor and outdoor learning environment, and lunchtimes together in the dining hall, all children in the Reception classes are considered close contacts. All Reception children must isolate for 10 days from 21.4.21, the last day of contact with the positive Covid-19 case. The last day of isolation is up to, and including, 1.5.21. Children will return to school on 4.5.21 (next Tuesday). Please ensure that all children are monitored closely during this time, and arrange a PCR test should your child display any Covid-19 symptoms.

Deaf Awareness Week

Next week we will be celebrating Deaf Awareness week and thinking about how we communicate with each other. At Boldmere Infant and Nursery, we have already introduced Makaton signing to support with communication, and children are enjoying learning our "Sign of the week" with their teachers each week. Miss. Thomas, who works in the Boldmere Inclusion Base, is helping introduce Makaton throughout school. She has shared the Toy Story song, "You've Got a Friend in Me" using Makaton, and we are hoping that all children and staff can learn this and perform next week. Although Makaton is slightly different to British Sign Language, we feel that encouraging and supporting differences and inclusivity is important however this is achieved.

Information From Birmingham City Council

Reception Places September 2021 National Offer Day- 16th April 2021

You will be sent an email informing you which school has been offered. The email will name the school your child has been offered on 16 April 2021 which you should receive by 4pm. Please check your SPAM or Junk folder.

Please **do not** contact Birmingham City Council before you receive the formal notification of your child's school place. You must be in receipt of your formal notification email before contacting the council.

You will only need to inform us by 30th April 2021 if you are refusing this offer. Details of how to do this will be included on your offer email and letter. If you do not refuse the offer, the school will update their records to show the offer has been accepted.

By refusing the offer, you will lose the place as this will be given to a child on the waiting list for that school.

Parent Survey

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Following our Spring term Parent's evening, we ask parent/carers to complete a short survey to support us improve aspects of our work in school. Could we ask that you complete and submit the survey and we will then share outcomes with you in a future newsletter. This year we are also asking for your feedback regarding the remote learning provided during the Covid pandemic of 2020/21.

To access the survey please follow the link below.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=o1qZIB4jj0KY5rkBJrERN7BTrZ->

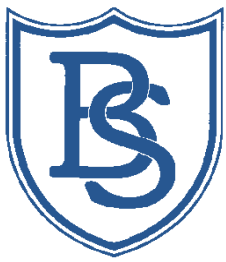
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We appreciate your time and feedback.

Thank you to the parents/carers who have already completed the survey.

Children's Data Checking Sheets

Data checking sheets were sent home with your child before the Easter holidays. Thank you to the families who have already returned them. Please could all outstanding forms be checked, amended if necessary, signed and returned to the school office as soon as possible. Thank you for your support.



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Busy Bodies Newsletter

A huge welcome back this week to our lovely Busy Bodies Manager Kerema, who has been on maternity leave prior to the birth of both her and partner Bruce's baby son Tao.

May Booking forms - a reminder that all forms should be returned/emailed (email address on booking form) no later than Wednesday 28th April to ensure your requirements can be covered, due to ongoing capacity numbers.

May Fees - we will be debiting your May fees from week commencing 3rd May, please check your Parent pay account and make your payments promptly. Thank you
Parents whose registration fees are up to date for 2021, but have not been accessing BB provision and now wish to do so for the coming summer term, please phone BB on -0121 464 1343 in the first instance and speak to Kerema, Helen or Jayne .

PTA News

Thank you so much for your patience with the year group tea towels that you ordered. These have now been sent out to you. I think you will agree they look absolutely Fab. Thank you so much for buying.

Watch this space for future fundraising. As the lockdown eases the PTA will be getting together to think of new ways to fundraise for our kids. Please see our social

media <https://www.facebook.com/boldmereschoolspta> and <https://www.instagram.com/boldmerepta/> or get in touch through boldmere.pta@gmail.com if you have fundraising ideas or would like to join in. It is amazing to be part of the Boldmere family, we would love to hear from anyone who would like to get involved.

A quick reminder of how you can help in the meantime

- Enter the School Lottery online at www.yourschoollottery.co.uk Search for Boldmere School, register and you could be our next winner!
- Shop through Easyfundraising, www.easyfundraising.org.uk register with us as your charity and the retailers will make a donation to the schools.
- Start shopping at Amazon Smile www.smile.amazon.co.uk register with us as your charity and whenever you buy with Amazon they donate to our schools.
- Does the company you work for 'Match fund' charity events? Would you consider match funding for us?

All are very easy to join, please take part and encourage others to help in the same way.

Message From Mr Glasgow:

Peripatetic Music Tuition Delivery In School

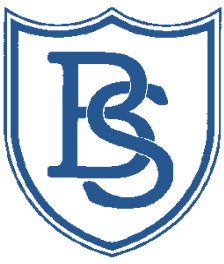
As Covid-19 restrictions continue to ease and improve with time, we are able to look at how we can further develop our operational capacity to allow us to return to some type of normal in school. Of course, we still need to be mindful and cautious of our approach when doing so, as Covid-19 has not quite left us yet.

With each passing day and week in school, we are resuming more and more of our normal provision whilst still remaining vigilant of the effects of Covid-19.

We have increased the numbers of pupils accessing our before and after school provision in line with the request for places. This week we have reintroduced some after school clubs, with a huge number of request for places, as well as some additional lunchtime club provision.

We will be planning to reintroduce **face to face music provision** along with competitive sports as soon as we can.

Please do bear with us and please be mindful that it is Covid-19 that has caused these inconveniences, as we certainly want the children to have the best possible chances at our schools.



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

bib-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

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