



NEWSLETTER - APRIL 2



Dear Parents/Carers,

In typical British fashion this week, our newsletter starts with a mention of the **weather**! This glorious sunshine has prompted us to issue a sunblock, sunhat and water bottle reminder to all parents/carers for the remainder of this week and the final summer term. Please ensure that sun creams are applied each morning before school, and if sending bottle/lotions to school, please label clearly with child's name and class. If there is the need to re-apply at lunchtime, children will be responsible for applying their own sun cream, under the supervision of school staff.

Please ensure that water bottles are sent to school each day, but that they contain only water and not squash.

As you are aware, school breaks up for the Easter holidays on Friday this week, however we have a few exciting activities planned before then!

On Thursday we are joining together for our **Sponsored Bunny Hop**, raising funds for Birmingham Hospice and having a hopefully good time in the process! Please make all donations for the sponsored event via the following link:



https://www.justgiving.com/page/sam-kenny-2?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL



Friday sees our annual **Easter Bonnet parade** and parents/carers are invited to make their way onto the field after drop off. Children will parade around the field immediately after morning registration (approximately 9.05am) and we look forward to seeing lots of amazing creations!!

For the last two weeks we have joined in with **Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel** event. Following the logging of all journeys during the 10 days, we can inform you that Boldmere Infant & Nursery came 395th out of 1299 schools in the competition, with Mrs. Godfray's class (Seals) being top walkers/wheelers! Congratulations everyone, what a super effort -all of this exercise is good for our health and the reduced traffic in the local area also benefits the air quality around school. We made a total of 1619 journeys during the 10 days!

A final paragraph is to provide an update on **staffing changes** after Easter. Mrs Welch Smith and Miss Driscoll, two of our BIB teachers, will be leaving Boldmere at the end of this week to take up new posts at other settings.

Both teachers have been an asset to our teaching team at Boldmere and their skills will be missed. We wish them both good luck in their new ventures and know that their new schools are lucky to have them!

We are also welcoming back from maternity leave, Mrs. Wiggins. Mrs. Wiggins will be working in Lion class each Monday, Owl class on Thursday and Meerkat class each Friday.

We wish everyone a restful Easter break, and look forward to seeing everyone again on **Monday 28th April**.

Diary Dates

Friday 11th April - Break for Easter holidays

Monday 28th April - School re-opens to all pupils

Monday 5th May - May Day Bank Holiday - closed to all pupils

Tuesday 13th May - Year 2 Sports Festival @ Aston Villa Inner City Academy (am only)

Monday 19th May - Reception trip to Ash End Farm

Friday 23rd May - Professional Development Day. School closed to pupils

Friday 23rd May - Break up for half term holidays

Monday 2nd June - School re-opens to all pupils



You may also be aware that **Mr Glasgow** has sent a letter to all parents/carers this morning announcing his retirement from Boldmere.

We reiterate the words shared by our Chair of Governors, Laura Shergold, and we are sure that you also wish him well in his new ventures.

Newsletter:

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

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



NEWSLETTER - APRIL 2



Parent Representative Meeting

Thank you to our **Parent Representatives** who attended school last week for our half termly meetings. We discussed a number of issues that had been raised from our parent questionnaires in March, and also looked at the actions that school has since taken, following the parent feedback. We are pleased to hear that the weekly year group newsletters have been well received and are helping parents/carers to have meaningful conversations with their children about teaching and learning! We have also recognised that there are a few safety issues around school that need to be addressed.

The first of these is around the use of **scooters/bikes in the playground**. Please can we ask that children do not ride scooters/bicycles on the school grounds as there is a real risk of children being hurt in collisions.

We also need to discourage children and parents/carers from accessing the field at the start/end of the day as Busy Bodies children utilise these areas.

Parent Reps also made us aware of an increasing amount of dog excrement on pavements around school.

Please can we remind dog owners to pick up their dog deposits or they risk being **reported to dog wardens** via the link below for **flouting this rule**:

https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20140/environmental_concerns_and_requests/1688/report_dog_fouling

Some exciting information was also shared with parent reps last week- the possibility of a visit from M&M productions in June! We have been offered a last minute **performance of The Jungle Book** on June 20th and following positive response from parents we have agreed to book the event.

As a result, we are requesting a donation of **£5.00** per child for the performance via ParentPay.

An optional contribution (referenced as "additional school fund donation for Jungle Book") will also be added to ParentPay for any parents wishing to make extra donations for this specific event.



Absences

An important reminder about absence requests and penalty notices for unauthorised absences.

The Education Legal Intervention Team have notified school that they have now begun to issue penalty notices (fines) for unauthorised absences.

Please note that fines are issued to **BOTH PARENTS** and **BOTH PARENTS** must pay the penalties.

Failure to pay the penalty notice, will result in the matter proceeding to court and could potentially lead to a criminal record.

Junior Duke Award

It has been lovely to see some of the Junior Duke challenges that children have already completed.

The award has sparked lots of conversation across school. A reminder that on **Monday 27th April** children are invited to bring their books into school so that the challenges they have completed so far can be signed by Mrs Mason or other assessors.

Other assessment dates are;

Monday 2nd June & Monday 7th July (final date)



Vaisakhi Celebrations

We would like to wish our Sikh families a very Happy Vaisakhi which will be celebrated on Sunday 13th April. Vaisakhi remembers the founding of the Khalsa (Sikh Identity) by Guru Gobind Singh in 1699, marking the beginning of the harvest season and also the Sikh New Year.

The children have been learning about the celebration by watching the CBBC series 'Let's celebrate' where we met Sarbjot and his family to find out how they prepare for and celebrate this special time.

During yesterday's assembly Year one and two had some special visitors. Saatchi and Gursimran from Year 4 came to deliver an assembly, alongside Sevasha in Year One, all about Vaishaki.

A huge thank you to Saatchi who created a slide show explaining what Vaisakhi is.

The children demonstrated excellent listening skills and could answer all the questions in Saatchi's quiz at the end.

Thank you once again girls!





NEWSLETTER - APRIL 2



Book Explorers

Congratulations to those children who have already completed their bronze award.



Please bring in your sheets by the end of the week so that you are ready to complete your silver award after the Easter holidays. For those of you who haven't started, there is still plenty of time!

Parking Around School - Message from the PTA

The school recently approached the PTA to fund some additional signs to go around the bend on Cofield Road which are painted with double yellow lines. These signs are to prevent parents from parking in a dangerous place, which could also impede access for emergency vehicles, should they be needed. The yellow lines on the bend are not enough to stop this, hence the signs.

Whilst the PTA are always glad to be able to provide funds to the school, it is a shame that instead of funds being used to fund experiences, books or iPads that will benefit many children, the funds are instead being diverted to help a few entitled parents make better choices when parking that currently ignore existing signage and laws.

Please respect the signs and do not park on the bend.

Medical Appointments

A reminder that if your child will be absent from school, arrives late or has to leave early due to a medical appointment we do need to see some evidence in the school office.

We will need to keep a copy of this to support your child's medical attendance mark on the registers. Thank you.



Attendance - updated processes

Our amended Attendance Processes have been circulated via Parent Mail, including request for absence forms.

Please can we remind all parents/carers that you need to call (01214642338) or email enquiry-inf@boldmere.bham.sch.uk before 9am in the morning if your child is going to be absent from school (illness or Religious Observance) or if they are going to be late for any reason. If we have not heard from you then a call will be made to you as part of our responsibility to safeguard children. Thank you.

Congratulations Board

Congratulations to these children who are on the Congratulations Board this week:

Year 1: Sammy, Gigi & Rashaun

Year 2: Fleur, Alaiyah & Delilah



Nursery September 2025 Intake

Offer letters were sent out on **Friday 28th March 2025** via email.

Acceptance slips and proof of address should reach the school by **9am on Friday 11th April 2025** at the latest.

If we do not hear from you by this date, we shall offer your place to the next family on our waiting list.

Reception September 2025 Offer Date

A reminder that offers of Reception places for September 2025 will be made by the Local authority by email on **Wednesday 16th April 2025**.

Parking around school

For reporting illegally parked vehicles, please follow the link....

https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20109/parking/1983/report_an_illegally_parked_vehicle





NEWSLETTER - APRIL 2



Year 1 Trip - Dudley Zoo & Castle

Letters were sent home last week with details of the Year 1 trip to the **Dudley Zoo & Castle**.

Please could you complete the consent form along with the meal preference form and return them to school.

Payment must also be made via ParentPay by **Friday 2nd May 2025**.



Year 2 Trip - Black Country Museum

Letters were sent home last week with details of the Year 2 trip to the **Black Country Museum**.

Please could you complete the consent form along with the meal preference form and return them to school.

Payment must also be made via ParentPay by **Friday 2nd May 2025**.



BIB Newsletter Week beginning 7th April 2025

Stars of the Week

Elijah in Giraffe class for engaging in several activities during the week.

Axel in ED for good communication with Alison and for making his own den.

Yasmin in LK for excellent independent Maths work on statistics.



Giraffe class had a lovely time at the soft play center this week, good fun was had by all.



End of term reports will go out at the end of this week. There will be additional information attached to this regarding your child's progress so far this year. If you have any questions about this, please ask.

Decorate an Egg competition Wednesday 9th April- please bring your decorated eggs to the BIB tomorrow. Please make sure they have your child's name and class clearly displayed. James from WBA and Mrs Glasgow will be asked to award prizes.



Fond farewells to Mrs. Welch Smith and Miss. Driscoll who are taking up new posts in new schools after Easter. We all wish you the best of luck. You will be very much missed by us all.



Finally, I want to thank you all for your ongoing support and wish you all a happy Easter and a lovely break.



NEWSLETTER - APRIL 2



Busy Bodies News

As we draw closer to the Easter half term holidays, I would like to say a huge **THANK YOU!** To all the amazing families that have kindly donated toys, books and craft materials to Busy Bodies this half term. As a not for profit club, your donations are gracefully received and the children have been making the most of all the lovely things too.

Busy Bodies is taking on the Hedgehog Walk



Last week our Reception children, along with some superstar helpers took part in walking 1.5km around the top of our school field. We explored the natural environment around us, listening to the songs of birds, and checking for insect in the bug hotels within our forest area. The children had a grand time and we would love our families to help us on our way to raising £60.00 or more to go towards the Wildlife trust mission of protecting the wildlife around us.

This week we will complete our challenge of the 3km walk and we look forward to any support you can give. If you are able to make a donation be it £1.00 or more, kindly visit our fundraising page:

<https://thewildlifetrusts.enthuse.com/pf/kerema-hyatt>

Credits/ outstanding Busy Bodies fees

We would like to encourage all Busy Bodies families to check their child's ParentPay account to check that fees are paid and up to date. If you have a substantial amount of credit on your child's account, kindly stop further payments going in as we are in the process of transitioning across to Arbor.

Arbor transition

As stated on the letter accompanying your April booking form Busy Bodies is in the process of transferring from ParentPay to Arbor. The transition will happen by **2nd June 2025**, during this time we ask that parents limit the amount of funds paid into ParentPay.

There will be two afternoon sessions 4:30pm- 5:00pm on Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th May, should you have any questions about the Arbor app. We will go through what it will look like, how to make bookings and hoping for a smooth and easy transition for us all.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate in contacting the Busy Bodies Manager who will be happy to help.

Team building activity-

Last week the Busy Bodies team joined together to exhibit their creative skills by taking part in pottery painting at Mitchells Art & Craft Centre. Least to say I was very impressed with our creations, we had a calming session which is not usual for our team as we are used to the busy, vibrance of our club. Well done everyone!





NEWSLETTER - APRIL 2



The **Boldmere Futures CIC** are running a competition and giving one lucky winner the opportunity to have their flag design flying high on the Flagpole in Boldmere high street.

Please see the competition PDF below.

The closing date is **31st March 2025**.



FLYING YOUR FLAG FOR BOLDMERE COMPETITION TIME!

We have created a trail of 59 small Commonwealth flags on lamp posts around Boldmere

for you and all the family to find!

Visit the website for more info www.boldmere.org/cwg2022/flyingflag/maps/

COMPETITION TIME - WHAT ARE YOUR FAVOURITE THINGS ABOUT BOLDMERE?

Design your own flag and be in for a chance of your flag flying high in Boldmere!

Go on an adventure and find some of the Commonwealth Flags, then design your very own flag about all your favourite things in **Boldmere**.

Send a photo, JPEG or PDF of your A4 flag designs to flags@boldmere.org with your name **by the 31st March 2025**

and be in for a chance of seeing your design flying on Boldmeres very own flag pole
GOOD LUCK!



Email addresses for correspondence specific to your child's class/year group.

bib-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

nursery-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

reception-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

yr1-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

yr2-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk



School Emails

The two separate email addresses for Infants/Juniors are:

enquiry-inf@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

enquiry-jun@boldmere.bham.sch.uk



Mrs S Kenny
Head of School
8/4/2025



Sarah Kenny