



NEWSLETTER - APRIL 3

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back everyone! We hope that you have all enjoyed spending time with your families during the holidays. We have a very short half term but a very busy one, with lots of exciting activities planned during the coming weeks. I would however, like to mention the events that took place during the last week of Spring term, before we look forward to this term.

Easter Bonnet Parade

Thank you to all children who took part in the parade, although the weather was a little drizzly, it did not dampen our spirits! The winners for each class are as follows:

Nursery- Lily & Evie.

Reception- Aryella, Aneurin & Jovan.

Year One- Bethan, Hoi, Hau & Jack.

Year Two- Ella, Penny & Emily.

Thank you to the PTA for donating the competition prizes.



NEU Proposed Strike Days

As you may be aware during the Easter holidays the NEU announced further teacher industrial strike action days. The proposed strike days are **Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May**. We will be sending further information via Parentmail on Thursday regarding the proposed strike days.

PTA Iftar Event

What a lovely community event this was! A huge thank you to Charlie and the PTA who organised our first ever Iftar event at school on the 29th March. The evening was a great success and I know that myself and the staff who attended were very fortunate to have been included. Thank you for offering us the opportunity to witness prayers and share a delicious meal with those of you observing Ramadan. Let's hope that the event becomes a regular part of the community celebrations!

Tea With Me

On Thursday 30th March, Mrs. Mason and Mrs. Kenny met with all children who had earned 30 class points and shared a "Tea with Me" afternoon. Not only did we consume lots of biscuits, but we all drew pictures about what makes us happy at school and shared ideas about how we can improve school! Children were also presented with a beautiful star badge, and we would encourage children to wear this at school each day. Congratulations to all children who attended the afternoon. We look forward to our next Tea With Me during the summer term!

Diary Dates

Monday 1st May - May Day Bank holiday- School closed.

Monday 8th May - King Charles III Coronation Bank Holiday - School closed.

Tuesday 9th May - Reception trip to Ash End Farm.

Friday 12th May - Reception classes Height & Weight Screening.

Monday 15th May- Year Two trip to Black Country Living Museum.

Friday 26th May - Break up for half term holidays.

Monday 5th June- School re-opens to all pupils.

Friday 21st July- Break up for summer holidays.

Monday 24th July & Tuesday 25th July- School closed for professional development days.

Monday 4th September & Tuesday 5th September - School closed for professional development days.

Wednesday 6th September-School re-opens to Year 1, Year 2 & BIB.

Friday 27th October- Break up for half term holiday.

Monday 6th November-School re-opens to all pupils.

Friday 22nd December- Break up for Christmas holidays.

Nursery September 2023 Intake

Offer letters were sent out before Easter. Reply slips and proof of address need to be returned to school by **Friday 21st April 2023 at the latest**.



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School Trips

Trip letters for each year group will be sent home soon. We also have a few extracurricular activities planned for the summer term which will help to provide a range of new and exciting experiences for our children. Attached to the newsletter today is an overview of activities that take place throughout the academic year. This information has been shared previously with our Parent class representatives. The events identified will incur costs ie parental contributions, but we hope that by sharing this information, parents/carers can see across the course of the year, what financial requests may be made by school, and subsequently help families plan for the expenses.

Reception Health Screening

The NHS will be measuring the height and weight of the Reception children on **Friday 12th May 2023** (parents are not required to attend). A letter will be sent home this week with your child explaining what will happen and what the information is used for. All children will be checked unless you have informed the school office that you **do not** wish your child to take part.

Dolce School Catering

If you would like to contact Dolce our school catering company regarding anything to do with school lunches please contact them via customercare@dolce.co.uk



Eid Mubarak

Eid Mubarak to all of our children and their families celebrating Eid this week. Please could you inform school on 0121 464 2338 or email enquiries@boldmere.bham.sch.uk if your child will be absent from school on the day of celebration. Please be assured that the day will be an authorised absence for religious observance. It would be lovely to see any photos taken during your celebrations, so please send them into school so that we can share them with the rest of the class.

Nursery Parents and Carers-

The Parent Declaration forms for the Early Education Entitlement funding that you completed in September 2022 or January 2023 need to be rechecked and signed for the Summer Term. Please can we ask all parents and carers to come to the school office by **Friday 5th May** at the latest. It will only take a few minutes to complete.

Congratulations Board

Reception- James, Olivia & Aidan.
Year One- Rupert, Eleanor & Grace.
Year Two- George T, Rose & George C.

Newsletter

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

Sustrans Walk And Wheel To School

During the 10 day challenge last term, we are very pleased to announce that children at Infants made a total of 1,888 journeys to school by walking and wheeling. We have also now received information regarding the competition and we are ranked 312th in the National competition but an impressive 62nd in our Region, **and** we are the highest Infant school in the Region! What a great way to exercise each day, well done everyone! Let's keep this up during the summer term.

King Charles Coronation

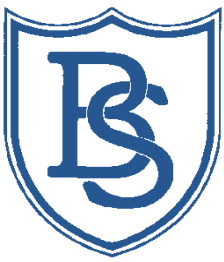
Further information regarding our school celebrations will be shared in next week's newsletter.

Celebrating Attendance

Congratulations to Meerkat class 2M for achieving 99.33% attendance the week before the Easter holidays. Well done!

Ordering Lunches Via School Grid

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



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Boldmere Inclusion Base News From Mrs Preece:

Welcome back all! I hope you had a fabulous Easter break and spent some quality time with your families. We are expecting a busy term as always.

Welcome to Ms. D. Finlay who will be with us in ED this half term before Miss Driscoll returns.

Celebrations (for the week before half term)

Jayden in Giraffes for fabulous focus during creative lessons.

Sam and Shane in LK for fantastic focus in lessons and effort with handwriting.

Enya in ED for her wonderful performance in the Year 5 production.

Notices

Thank you for the Therapy Dog consents that I have received so far. Please can those of you who are yet to return them please send them in by this Friday 21st April.

As the weather improves we hope to spend some more time in our outside areas. Thank you to those of you who have offered contributions of utensils and pans for the sandpit.

Can I ask that names are put in coats, jumpers and cardigans especially as these can often get misplaced if taken off in the warmer weather.

We are hoping to hold a Parent Coffee morning on May 16th 9.15-10.30. Please save the date. Details will follow.

Finally, a polite request, if your child brings a packed lunch or snack to school; please do not include full sized chocolate bars or sweets.

Busy Bodies

April booking form- Please be aware that this is the first week of the April booking form. All forms and fees were required prior to the Easter half term. If at this point we still do not have your booking form, please be aware that in line with our charging policy there will be an administration fee charge of £5.00 per child applied to your account upon receipt of your late form.

Proposed strike dates- We are aware that there are two further proposed Teacher strike days being Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May- Please be aware that if you have already booked these dated on your April booking form, we will not charge for these sessions. Should these proposed dates be cancelled, your child will be collected as per your booking form request.

Help needed- We would really appreciate any unwanted good quality children's school clothing, socks, underwear, tights etc. If your child has any Barbie dolls and/ or dolls clothing this would also be very much appreciated and goes towards a new home where it will be used and cared for by our children.

May/June booking forms will be available from next week Wednesday 26th April.

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

Dogs

Polite reminder that dogs/puppies are not allowed on the school site, whether they are walking or being carried. The ONLY exception are guide dogs.

Mrs S Kenny
Head of School
18/04/2023