



# NEWSLETTER - APRIL 3



Dear Parents/Carers,

A warm welcome back to everyone following our Easter break! This week is certainly looking like a very warm one, so please can we remind parents to apply **suncream** to children each morning and ensure that **sunhats** and **water bottles** are brought to school each day. Suncream may be sent into school for children to apply themselves, but please name the creams/lotions clearly with your child's name and class.

This half term is a very short one so a few reminders as follows:

This **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May at 1.45pm** we are joining with Junior school for a mental health and well-being support coffee afternoon. Further details are included in this newsletter.

Next **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May** is a **BANK HOLIDAY** so school will be closed to all children.

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May** we are holding **VE Day celebrations** and children may wear their own red/white/blue clothes for the day. Staff have planned some lovely activities and Mrs. Mason has been fortunate to secure funding from Sutton Charities to enable us to create clay sculptures and VE medals during the day. We will also be watching Junior school children perform a special VE day dance during the afternoon.

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May** sees Year 2 children participating in a morning of fun activities at the **Aston Villa Foundation**, working with our AVFC coach Amber.

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May** is Reception trip to **Ash End Farm** and **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May** is our **PTA disco** after school (further details to follow).

**Sports day** will take place on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May** from 1.30pm and we welcome all parents/carers to the afternoon event. Please access the school field via the double gates between Infant and Junior school. Gates will open at 1.20pm but please be aware that the event is weather dependent!

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** School will be closed for Staff training.

Last half term we took part in our **Sponsored Bunny Hop** for Birmingham Hospice, and we would like to thank parents/carers for their donations. We had an amazing day completing an obstacle course around the field, hopping, jumping, skipping and running, and have raised **£407** to We would love to reach our target of £1000 during the next few weeks, so please keep donating!

The Just Giving page link is below:

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/sam-kenny-2?utm\\_medium=FR&utm\\_source=CL](https://www.justgiving.com/page/sam-kenny-2?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL)



## Diary Dates

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May** - May Day Bank Holiday - closed to all pupils

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May** - VE Day Celebrations

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May** - Year 2 Sports Festival @ Aston Villa Inner City Academy (am only)

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May** - Reception trip to Ash End Farm

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** - Professional Development Day. School closed to pupils

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May** - PTA Disco

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May** - Sports Day (Afternoon only - 1.30pm)

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** - Break up for half term holidays

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June** - School re-opens to all pupils

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June** - Nursery Induction Sept 2025 - Closed to current Nursery Children

## Bulls in the City Event

This week, we have also begun to decorate our "Bull in the City" and we are getting very excited by the activity! All children are drawing a self-portrait and once completed, they will be glued onto our Boldmere Bull, varnished and then taken to the Hospice headquarters on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. From there, they will be placed around the City, forming part of the **Bulls in the City Art Trail** during the summer months. The trail map will be sent home with children once finalised and we encourage all children to take part during the summer holidays.

## Nursery Parents and Carers

The Parent Declaration forms for the Early Education Entitlement funding that you completed in September 2024 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 **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May at the latest**. It will only take a few minutes to complete.

**Our Vision:** The Federation of Boldmere Schools empowers all children to embrace learning; achieve their personal best; and build their social, emotional and physical wellbeing.

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## Coffee Afternoon- Mental Health and Wellbeing Support

Join our coffee afternoon and find support for your family through our Senior Mental Health Lead - Mrs Mason (Infants) and Senior Learning Mentor- Mrs Deane (Juniors).

The following support groups are attending;

- Birmingham's new Mental Health Support Team
- Barnardos Autism Team
- Early Help
- Compass Support and more!

It will be a 'no-judgment', space with an opportunity to signpost you to the support that may be needed.

When: Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May

Time: 1.45pm

Where: Junior School Hall

If you wish to attend, please complete the form below.

<https://forms.office.com/e/Xjn86HJ4uv>



Please see poster attached to this newsletter.



## Performance of The Jungle Book

Some exciting information was also shared with Parent Reps last term- 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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.



## Newsletter:

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

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

## Junior Duke Award

I had a lovely day assessing children's Junior Duke Award challenges yesterday. Children were enthusiastic when sharing their books and it sparked lots of conversation. I hope you are enjoying completing the challenges as much as we are when looking at them!

Please don't worry if you didn't send your child's book into school with them yesterday.

There will 2 other assessment dates:

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June & Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July**

A reminder that Nursery and Reception are expected to complete 5 challenges to earn their reward and Year one and two need to complete 7.

If your child completes the expected number of challenges and receives their award, please feel free to complete more, maybe even complete the whole book! We will assess all challenges.

Have fun!

Mrs Mason





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## 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.



## 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](mailto: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.

## Nursery September 2025 Intake

We still have a few spaces available in Nursery for **September 2025**.

If you know of or have a child whose date of birth is between **01/09/21** and **31/08/22** who may be interested in a place, please contact the school office on 0121 464 2338 for further information.

Thank you.

## 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.

## Year 2 Trip - Black Country Museum

Letters were sent home last term 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 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025**.

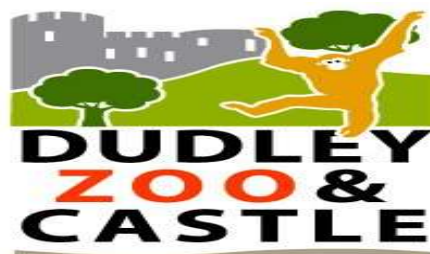


## Year 1 Trip - Dudley Zoo & Castle

Letters were sent home last term 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 2<sup>nd</sup> May 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](https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20109/parking/1983/report_an_illegally_parked_vehicle)





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## SUTTON SOCCER COACHING CLUB



AT MERE GREEN SCHOOL B75 5BL  
(OPPOSITE SAINSBURY'S)  
STARTING SATURDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> MAY 2025

### SATURDAYS

Group 1	9.00am – 10.00am	School Year Reception
Group 2	9.00am – 10.00am	School Year 1
Group 3	10.15am – 11.15am	School Year 2
Group 4	10.15am – 11.15am	School Year 3
Group 5	10.15am – 11.15am	School Year 4
Group 6	11.30am – 12.30pm	School Year 5
Group 7	11.30am – 12.30pm	School Year 6
Group 8	11.30am – 12.30pm	School Years 7,8 &9

Dear Parents,

I am delighted to inform you that following 30 years success of the **SUTTON SOCCER COACHING CLUB**, the new term will start on **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May** and will run for 12 weeks.

Qualified F.A. coaches run the club **including Head Coach ex-Aston Villa and England star Tony Morley**. Coaches are **DBS checked**.

The club is for children of all abilities, total beginners are introduced through fun and confidence building practices. We teach children not just football!!

The **NEW SAMBA GOALS** are used for all groups in shooting practices and matches which all children play in every week. Coaching is held on the football pitches so boots or trainers and outdoor clothing should be worn.

The cost of the club is £8.75 per week which is payable every four weeks (£35) (only £3.75 per week for second and subsequent brothers and sisters, payable every four weeks £15) with the first payment due on week one. The club is fully supervised so children may be left in our care, however, parents are welcome to stay and watch if they wish to.

**ALL PLAYERS RECEIVE AN ENGRAVED TROPHY AT THE END-OF-TERM PRESENTATION.**

**TO BOOK A PLACE PLEASE TEXT THE FOLLOWING TO THE NUMBER GIVEN BELOW**  
**SUTTON+CHILD'S NAME+GROUP NO (1or2or3or4or 5or 6or7or 8)**

**07518 522 809**

*Alan Bourton*





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## SEND Occupational Therapy Newsletter

### PARENT & CARER OFFER

#### Sensory Circuits at Home:

This online webinar explains the benefits of using a sensory circuit and how to implement one at home to support your child with regulation throughout their day

Scan the QR code, book via Eventbrite

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2025: 13:00-14:00

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2025: 13:00-14:00



Coming Soon: In Person Sensory Circuits at Home for families

#### Transition Through Education Virtual Webinars:

How to support children and young people to transition through education

Scan the QR code to book via Eventbrite

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2025

- Getting School Ready: 09:30-10:30
- Preparing for Secondary School: 11:30-12:30
- Moving on from Secondary School: 13:30-14:30



#### SEND Occupational Therapy Webpage:

We are in the process of developing our website on Birmingham's LOCAL OFFER. You can access our OT newsletter, **FREE** advice videos on different topics including dressing skills, sleep, P.E, sensory and many more!

#### Occupational Therapy Advice Line

Parents, professionals and education staff can contact the OT advice line to gain advice and signposting on children's OT needs.

Monday- Friday, 09:00- 16:00.

0121 683 2325

Interpreting Advice Line information is found on our website via the QR code.



#### Community Paediatric Occupational Therapy Webpage:

A variety of advice packs (self-care, school skills, sensory) are available on the Occupational Therapy website.



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## Busy Bodies News

### Welcome back.

We hope that all of our lovely families had a wonderful Easter break, with the thought of us all eating plenty of chocolates too.

We have now reached the summer term of school, and the weather has been amazing so far too. With this in mind, we would like to remind everyone to stay safe in the sun, wear your sunhats and suncream and remember to drink plenty of water too.

### May Booking form.

Please be reminded that May's booking form is required by this **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April and fees in by this Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**. Kindly indicate if your children will be attending afterschool clubs and then returning to Busy Bodies afterwards.

### Tax Free Childcare account

We are aware that a few parents have been trying to make payments via the Tax-free Childcare scheme for Busy Bodies and this has not been possible. We are now aware of the issue and will try to resolve this as soon as possible.

If you are trying to make payments, please hold fire until the end of the week.

### Arbor

We would like to thank all our families that have already downloaded the Arbor app. Many of you have been enquiring about how to sign in, please note that the school will be sending out letters to all of the Busy Bodies families within the next two weeks, so keep an eye out!

The letter will indicate the signing in process with your username and password. Please hold fire for now. We will be holding two question and answer session on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 3<sup>th</sup> May. Please attend if you have any queries and we can work it out together.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate in contacting the Busy Bodies Manager on telephone: 0121 464 1343 or email: [busies@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:busies@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)

Thank you for your kind support throughout.

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

[bib-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:bib-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)

[nursery-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:nursery-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)

[reception-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:reception-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)

[yr1-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:yr1-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)

[yr2-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:yr2-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)



### School Emails

The two separate email addresses for Infants/Juniors are:

[enquiry-inf@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry-inf@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)

[enquiry-jun@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry-jun@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)



Mrs S Kenny  
Head of School  
29/4/2025

*Sarah Kenny*

