



# NEWSLETTER - APRIL 4



Dear Parents/Carers,

What an amazing turnout we had at school on Saturday morning! Our Ground Force Day was a huge success and we would like to offer a big "Thank you" to everyone that attended. You may have noticed the improvements to the front wellbeing garden, the quiet corner and the bike track area, it was amazing how much we achieved during the morning. We had lots of children and adults digging weeds, washing equipment, cutting down bushes, painting fences, sweeping, and planting flowers and seeds - what an super community team effort!

Thank you to the teachers that also attended, giving up their Saturday for school again! Please can we ask now, that all children refrain from walking on the flower beds in the wellbeing garden and help us look after all the plants in the school grounds.

The community spirit lives on further at Boldmere with our hard-working PTA! This year, they are looking for teams of year group/class volunteers to help with the organisation of the annual Summer Fayre on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July**. A Parentmail was sent yesterday, detailing the tasks that require helpers. The PTA raise a huge amount of funds each year which help provide enrichment activities for our Boldmere children. They are a small team of volunteers who work tirelessly for the benefit of the school. I would encourage everyone to please consider how they can help the PTA, even if it is just for an hour. Contact details are attached to the newsletter today, or alternatively, speak to Mrs. Kenny for further details.

The Summer Fayre is always a great event but it does require a lot of volunteers to make it happen!

## Diary Dates

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May** - May Day Bank Holiday - closed to all pupils

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May** - School council cake sale (fund raising for new bikes)

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May** - Reception trip to Ash End Farm

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May** - PTA Infant discos x2

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May** - Nursery Sports Day am/pm

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** - School sports day 1.30pm

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** - Break up for half term holiday

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May** - **INSET day** - school closed to pupils

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June** - School re-opens to all pupils

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> June** - Boldmere to Paris "Cure Leukaemia" bike ride

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> June** - Year 1 Phonic screening test begin

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June** - PTA Elfridges (Fathers' Day)

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June** - National Sports week - Redpoint climbing wall

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June** - Nursery Induction - Closed to current Nursery children

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> July** - Reception Induction sessions (Class 1,2,3) 9:30-10:30am or 1:30 - 2:30pm

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July** - Transition Day

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July** - reports to Parents

## Congratulations Board

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

**Year 1:** Warrick, Chester & Zuri

**Year 2:** James, Malala & Scarlett

## 48 hour Policy-Vomiting/ Diarrhoea

A reminder that children must be clear of any sickness or diarrhoea symptoms for 48 hours before they return to school.

## Newsletter:

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

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

## Value For This Half Term

Our value for this half term is **honesty**.





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## School Council Cake Sale

School council have been working with Mrs Mason to find a way to raise money for new bikes that the children can use on the bike track. Children voted to hold a cake sale.

Each year group will bake cakes in school as part of the Design Technology curriculum and school council will then sell them on Friday 10th May during school hours.

The school dining hall will be transformed into a cafe and children are invited to bring in a £1 donation to buy a cake and eat it at the cafe.

If your child has a dietary requirement, we ask that you kindly provide a suitable cake for your child to eat on the day (please pass this on to the class teacher). All precautions will be put in place during the baking of the cakes.

We look forward to seeing how much money the children can raise!



## Science Week 2024

We had a fantastic Science week last week! The children enjoyed taking part in a variety of exciting investigations.



They have also loved watching the chicks hatch and develop!

## Science Selfie Competition

Thanks for all the fantastic Science Selfie entries.

The Three Winners are:

William Juetting RI

Nye Sleigh 1H

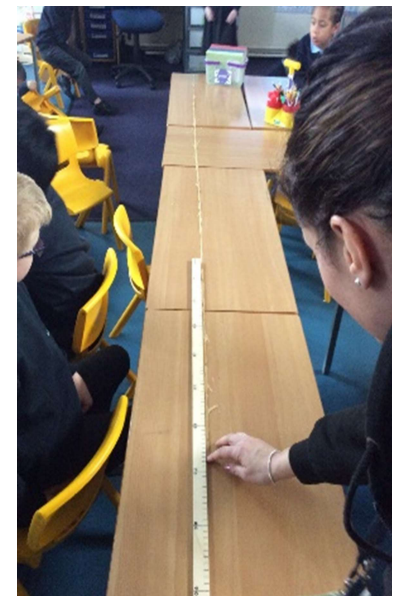
Sophie Pierart 2B

Congratulations to all of them!



## Curly Wurly Challenge

Our Curly Wurly challenge winners were 2P who stretched their curly wurly to an amazing 2 metres and 72cm!!!

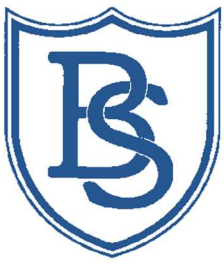


## Absences & Lateness

Please can we remind all parents/carers that you need to call (01214642338) or email ([enquiryinf@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiryinf@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)) before 9am in the morning if your child is going to be absent from school 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.

## Medical Appointments

A reminder that if your child will be absent from school, arrive late or have 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.



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## #BoldmerePTA SUMMER FAIR

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

This year's Boldmere PTA Summer Fair will be held on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July, after school. The PTA need your help to run the event and raise funds that will benefit your children and all children at the school.

Boldmere PTA is an independent charity, run by **volunteers** who are parents and carers of children at Boldmere Infant & Junior School, just like you. The charity is run to **raise funds** that will **benefit your children** at Boldmere schools by enriching their school experience.

The money the PTA donate to the schools enables children to enjoy activities, experiences or academic extras that struggling school budgets simply cannot afford. For example the PTA have recently funded £10k of outdoor play equipment (juniors), mud kitchen & well-being garden (infants), a class worth of iPads, science shows, theatre productions and many more.

We have three charity trustees whose positions are voted on at our AGM. Every parent, carer and teacher of the children at Boldmere is considered a member of the PTA. That's why **Boldmere PTA is YOUR PTA and YOU'RE Boldmere PTA.**

The charity relies on volunteer parents and carers (like you) **donating their time** to plan, organise and run the events and fundraising activities.

Unfortunately in recent years, the **number of volunteers** who regularly contribute their time to organise PTA events has **gradually reduced**, either as their work commitments have changed or as children (and their parents) have moved on to secondary school. It is **not sustainable** to rely on the same small group of volunteers to organise and run all PTA events throughout the calendar year **without additional support.**

### So, how you can help?

We're inviting you and small groups of friends to take on and **share** some of the **tasks & responsibilities** involved in a particular stall at the Summer Fair. More details are on the next page but these include the planning of the stall, working out costs involved, organising a small group of volunteers to run the stall at the event.

This is your opportunity to **give something back** to help YOUR PTA run a successful Summer Fair to raise money that will benefit your children.

The PTA will **provide guidance** and will assist with background admin, risk assessments, printing, money floats, card machines etc.

We want to be clear that **without sufficient volunteers**, the Summer Fair may not go ahead. This means a reduced amount of funds will be raised by the PTA, which ultimately means **your children will not benefit** as much as they could do.

To maximise fundraising and to minimise the administration involved with insurances etc, we are NOT asking for external vendors / stalls at this event. **Please take a look at the next page** for a list of possible stalls (and a brief summary of the tasks involved) that you and a group of friends could help with.

If you are able to help, please [email us](#) with the stall you would like to help with, a brief list of the team you could offer and any ideas you may have. Thank you.

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## #BoldmerePTA Summer Fair - Friday 5th July 2024

### BBQ Team



- purchase stock (PTA will reimburse)
- organise volunteers to prepare, serve & sell on the stall throughout the Fair
- liaise with school on use of school kitchen,
- create signage for costs
- set up the stall on the day,
- clear up the stall at event close
- distribute/donate/return unused stock

### Bottle Tombola



BOTTLE TOMBOLA

- organise volunteer team to request donations from parents/carers
- collect donations at advertised times
- store donations at an agreed location
- set up tombola stall before the event
- organise volunteers for the stall throughout the event
- clear up the stall at event close

### Children's Crafts



- E.g. sand art / stone painting etc
- Purchase stock (PTA will reimburse)
- decide on pricing and numbers of stock required
- organise a group of volunteers to run the stall
- clear up the stall at event close

### Ice Creams



- purchase stock, (PTA will reimburse)
- arrange for all stock to be stored in suitable location
- organise a group of volunteers to sell on the stall throughout the event
- clear up the stall at event close
- store/return any unused stock

### Lucky Boxes



- Organise a group of volunteers to advertise for donations
- collect donations at advertised times, store donations at an agreed location
- set up tombola stall before the event,
- organise volunteers for the stall throughout the event
- clear up the stall at event close

### Raffle



- organise a small group of volunteers
- approach local businesses to request donations of prizes
- organise a group of volunteers to sell the raffle tickets
- organise the draw to take place during the event
- Organise distribution of raffle prizes

### Tattoos etc



- E.g. glitter tattoos
- purchase stock (PTA will reimburse)
- organise a group of volunteers to run the stall
- clear up the stall at event close

### Other suggestions



- E.g. animal petting / children's book stall / cuddly toys, etc
- We would be very happy to hear any other suggestions of stalls you might want to run (no external vendors due to insurance reasons)
- We would also be happy to hear from any individuals who are available to help on the day with set up etc

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**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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## The Federation of Boldmere Schools

### School Term Dates 2024 – 2025

Autumn Term 2024	Spring Term 2025	Summer Term 2025
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September to Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January to Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> April to Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May*
Half term	Half term	Half term
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November to Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February to Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June to Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July

\*Monday 5th May 2025 is a Public Holiday

#### Professional Development Days

These will be held on:

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025

One further INSET date to be confirmed in due course.

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)

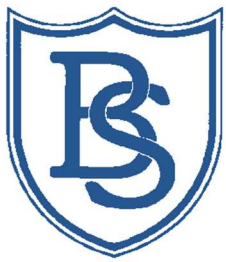
[yr2-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:yr2-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)

#### School Emails

Two new separate email addresses for Infants/Juniors:

[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)



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## MAY HALF TERM SOCCER SCHOOLS



Locations:  
Aston (Aston Villa Inner City Academy)  
Harborne (Lordwood Girls School)  
Tamworth (Bodmoor Heath Training Ground)

Time:  
9:30 - 15:30



Age:  
5-12 years old

**ASTON VILLA  
FOUNDATION**



### Ordering Lunches Via School Grid

Please can we remind parents that you need to order lunches for your child via School Grid. If your child is absent from school, please remember to cancel any ordered lunches as soon as possible to help reduce any wasted meals.

### BIB Newsletter for week beginning 29<sup>th</sup> April 2024

BIB children have been visiting the chicks in Infant school during the last two weeks. They have watched the eggs hatch and have had some little cuddles with our fluffy friends now that the chicks have hatched! Giraffes have also been learning about farm animals in preparation for their trip with Reception soon. A reminder again that ED will be making our weekly visit to **Communita Cafe on Friday**.

Please remember to bring £2 cash as we are learning about money and how to count in different denominations.

Congratulations to **Stars of the week**

Parker in LK

Sam in ED

Alim in Giraffes

Keep working hard all of you!

**PE Champions are:**

Habiba, Yasmin and Alim.

Well done to you three this week!

### Busy Bodies

#### May booking forms

May booking forms are due **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May** with fees due **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**.

Late booking forms will incur a **£5** admin fee per child.

### 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](mailto:customercare@dolce.co.uk)



Mrs S Kenny

Head of

School

30/04/2024

*Shawna Kenny*