

Boldmere Junior School

Weekly Newsletter



A message from Mrs Welch, Assistant Headteacher

Welcome back! We hope you had a restful holiday and we would like to extend our wishes to all our families for a happy new year.

The children made a fantastic start back last week and we have already got stuck in to school life with lots of exciting learning opportunities. It has been lovely hearing the corridors full of the sounds of music from our Year 4 pupils as they learn either the Dohl and Djembe drums, clarinet or violin.

Our value for the half term is co-operation and we will be considering and reflecting in our assemblies and lessons on the many ways we can work together to help each other.

Exiting news: Health for Life

'The Health for Life programme is aimed to promote an ethos and environment which encourages a proactive approach to developing a healthy lifestyle.'

We are really pleased to share that we have successfully completed the Health for Life in Schools programme from Services for Education. There will be an award ceremony to receive our plaque next week. A massive thank you to Mrs Churchill and Miss Pritchard-Jones for working so hard to make this a reality and to the parent/ carer helpers who have supported us with this. We still have more we look forward to achieving as part of this, so keep a look out as we develop our sewing and growing skills in our raised beds as the year progresses. If there is anyone with expertise in this area, we would love to hear from you with any help you could offer. I think Mrs Churchill is hoping to have a golden potato award before the year is out!

Just a small reminder also that as the weather remains cold and wet please ensure children are coming to school with a suitable coat every day so they can go outside at break times and lunchtimes. Shoes should also be suitable for this time of year.

We will be sending out an online form this week via Parent Mail for parents and carers to complete if you are currently in receipt of Free School Meals/ Pupil Premium **or** if you think you could be eligible. I would encourage all families to complete the form if you are unsure as the additional funds we could receive will help not only your child, but can benefit the whole school. Please complete the online form as soon as possible. Proof of benefits may be required.

Extra-Curricular Clubs: Moving forwards, many of our extra-curricular activity clubs will incur a £2 per week charge per child – further information about this will follow via Parent Mail.

Important meeting regarding school Ofsted inspections

As advised before the Christmas break, and via Parent Mail last week, school leaders, staff and Governors will be holding an Ofsted information session for parents/carers of children at the Federation of Boldmere Schools on Thursday 12th January from 5.30pm until 6.30pm. The meeting will take place in the Junior School hall.

To enable us to prepare adequately for the meeting, we would be grateful if you could indicate your attendance and pose any questions in advance by completing the Microsoft form found via the link below by Wednesday morning.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=o1qZlB4jj0KY5rkBJrERNy4McYFALfNEjga3-UkIGCFUOTRERTVUWkISMIISOUU3T0tSVTIUUFpCQS4u>

Reminder - Year 5 & Year 6 Maths Workshops

Further to our Parent Mail sent last week please remember that the workshops will take place from 9.15am to 10.45am on:

Year 6- Thursday 19th Jan

Year 5- Tuesday 24th Jan

Please indicate who will be attending using this following Google Form so we can get an idea of numbers <https://forms.gle/35i3JeYenpWLJjw9A> maximum 2 adults per child.

Year 6 Leavers' Hoodies

The deadline for ordering hoodies is Friday 3rd February. Please place any orders by this date via the link below:

<http://www.sportologyonline.com/collections/boldmere-school>

Kickstart holiday clubs

Due to the success of the clubs run so far, we have agreed that Kickstart Academy will continue to run holiday camps here at Boldmere for the majority of school holidays. As previously, bookings should be made via the Kickstart website and further details regarding each club will be shared in the school newsletter closer to the time.

Young Voices – 25th January 2023

Please make coach payments urgently if you have not already done this. No further orders for tickets or t-shirts can be taken.

Year 4 Whitemoor Lakes Residential Visit from 15th – 17th February 2023

Please ensure final payments have been made as the deadline was 31st December 2022.

BUSY BODIES

Welcome back to all our families, happy 2023! We hope that everyone had a good break and are excited to start the new school term.

Last week we welcomed back our children to school on Wednesday 4th January, and it was lovely to see such excited faces throughout the school and Busy Bodies. This term we have plenty of activities planned for our children to engage with and we will be hoping to have a disco towards the end of this half term.

February booking forms will be available from Monday 23rd January and will be required in by Wednesday 1st February.

Please either email to khyatt@boldmere.bham.sch.uk or return to a Busy Bodies member of staff or the school office.

Fees are due in by Friday 3rd February 2023. Thank you.

Tweet of the week

← Tweet



Federation of Boldmere Schools
@BoldmereSchools

6F enjoying Djembe Drums in music this morning!



186 views

10:02 · 06 Jan 23 · Twitter for iPad

Attendance

Last week's attendance for the school was 96.83%. Our target each week is 97%
The classes with the best attendance and gaining the attendance leaf for our tree were 6J & 3M.

This terms' standings for attendance are as follows:

Week	Class
Week 1	6J and 3M
Week 2	
Week 3	
Week 4	
Week 5	
Week 6	
Week 7	
Week 8	
Week 9	
Week 10	
Week 11	
Week 12	

Celebration Assembly w/c 09/01/23

Congratulations to our Values Ambassadors and House point winners:

3U	Gabriel
3P	Freddie
3M	Kareem
4RW	Henry
4Q	Aariz
4H	Ella

5W	Emma
5CS	Isaac
5B	Grace
6F	Devesh
6J	Sam
6PJ	Aryaan



Congratulations to Iman in Year 6 who has just finished a season performing in "Nativity! The Musical" at Birmingham Rep. We have heard fantastic feedback from some members of the school who have been to see the show!

CAUDWELL CHILDREN GET SENSORY PACKS

Caudwell Children have created The Get Sensory Pack to provide affordable sensory equipment to those who need it. The packs are available to children aged 0-18 who have a confirmed disability or chronic illness. Please use the links below to check eligibility criteria and to apply for a pack:

[Get Sensory Packs](#)

[SurveyMonkey Powered Online Survey](#)

Boldmere Inclusion Base (BIB) News

Happy New Year to you all! I hope you had a lovely break with your children and extended families. It was fantastic to see all the children back last week, they settled quickly back into the routine of school.

This week there are just a few reminders this week from the BIB team.

PE Kits

LK and KM have mostly achieved this target. Therefore, this term, the children can come into school already wearing their PE kits should they wish too. New Independence and Community targets will be set for those classes.

Book Bags and Reading Books

Please make sure that the children bring their reading books and book bags into school each day.

Also, just after half term we will be taking part in World Book Day, as we did last year. Details to follow.

Parent Coffee morning January 18th at 9.15am

Thank you to those of you who have confirmed that you will be attending the BIB Coffee morning. Please ensure that you return your slips to your child's class teacher.

Parent Surveys

Thank you to those of you who have returned Parent surveys. Your comments and feedback are invaluable to us to continue to develop and grow. Please return these to your class teacher by 16th January.

Makaton Sign of the Week

To welcome in the New Year, Miss Tulley has posted the new sign of Happy New Year on Twitter, check it out and practice with your children.

Sign



Symbol



Child Illnesses

Whilst we obviously encourage positive attendance wherever possible, if children are not well enough to attend school then they should rest at home and return when feeling better. Not only does this allow for the child to recuperate but also, it ensures that illnesses are prevented from spreading more broadly and therefore impacting in school (and on children and families) for longer.

We therefore thought it appropriate to share with you part of the school's first aid and medical needs policy that specifies the absence period expected for different illnesses.

48 Hours

Vomiting/ Diarrhoea – after last symptom of sickness or diarrhoea

Impetigo –until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 hours after

Antibiotic treatment

4 Days from symptoms

*German Measles

*Measles

Chicken Pox – until vesicles have crusted over, usually 5 days.

5 Days from symptoms

*Whooping Cough – 5 days from commencing antibiotics

*Mumps – 5 days after onset of swelling

Other

*Scarlet Fever – can return 24 hours after commencing antibiotics

Scabies – after the first treatment

Tonsillitis – until feeling better

Ear infection – until feeling better

Fever – until fever has gone

***Notifiable Diseases**

There is a list of notifiable diseases; the school has a duty to keep records of any children who have suffered from any of these illnesses.

Parents may note that there is no specific guidance for Covid therefore it should be interpreted as per the majority of illnesses in the 'other' category - e.g. the child should return when they feel better.



Art Classes @Tintageltutoring

Free taster lesson on Monday 9th January

At Tintagel Tutoring our brand new art classes for primary school children are starting on Monday 9th January 2023 from 5pm-6pm. This first session will be a free taster class and we would love your child to join us. Booking is essential as there are limited spaces available - please contact us to book your child's space.

Following this, Art Classes will run every Monday from 5pm-6pm and cost £40 for a block of 6 classes. All resources and equipment will be provided for your child to use during the lesson.

Find out more at: www.tintageltutoring.co.uk. To book contact us through our website or call/message us on 07967 629738



Kind & Craft Club!

We are holding our Blossom Kind Club sessions for girls in school Yrs 1-3 every Saturday morning! These are a safe space filled with craft, kindness, friendships and fun!

Starting From
January 21st:
Saturday Mornings
(10am-11.30am)

£3 per week

**AT CHESTER ROAD
BAPTIST CHURCH**
Chester Road, Sutton
Coldfield B73 5HU

***Cafe on site for parents!**

To sign up please email:
blossom@cherisheduk.org
www.cherisheduk.org

Diary Dates – School Term Dates 2022-2023

Thursday 12th January

Parents' Meeting re: Ofsted Information

Wednesday 25th January

Young Voices Performance at Resorts World Arena

Wednesday February 1st and Wednesday February 8th

Spring term parents' evening (remote)

Wednesday 15th February – Friday 17th February

Year 4 Whitemoor Lakes Residential

Friday 17th February

Children break-up for February half-term

Monday 27th February

Children return to school

Friday 31st March

Children break-up for Easter

Monday 17th April

Children return to school

Monday 1st May

May Day Bank Holiday – School closed

Monday 8th May

King Charles III Coronation Bank Holiday – School closed

Tuesday 9th – Friday 12th May

Year 6 SATs test week (further detail to follow for children and parents in Year 6)

Friday 26th May

Children break-up for half-term

Monday 5th June

Children return to school

Friday 21st July

Children break-up for summer holidays

Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th July

INSET days – school closed to children

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