

Boldmere Junior School

Weekly Newsletter

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A message from Mr Sadler, Head of Junior School

Dear Parents/ Carers,

The Christmas break is now a dim and distant past and 'normal service' as it were has very much resumed in school. And with regard to normal, much of which I am going to share with you in this week's newsletter concerns the tentative steps we have taken, and are taking, towards that 'normal.' For starters, this week has seen the resumption of hall based assemblies, and although we're not quite bringing the whole school together, that will hopefully come later this half-term, it is definitely a positive step. Additionally, lunchtime arrangements have now taken a decidedly 'normal step', with a shared, whole school lunchtime as per pre-Covid times. Where parents are directly concerned, 'normal' will soon see us inviting parents back into school for a variety of reasons, the most significant of which relates to the Y3 Singing Showcase event scheduled for the week beginning Monday 31st January, likely to feature two performances on the afternoon of Thursday 3rd February and Friday 4th February. This will be confirmed in due course. Despite the steps we are taking towards normality, parents should understand that we are not underplaying the threat that remains with regard to Covid and, as if to highlight this very point, Mr Glasgow has this week updated the school's Covid risk assessment and outbreak management plan, both of which can be found via the following link:

[Federation of Boldmere Schools - Risk Assessment - January 2022](#)

[Federation of Boldmere Schools - Educational Outbreak Management Plan](#)

Parents' evening:

Advanced notice... The school will hold its Spring Term parents' evenings on **Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th February**, as with the Infant School. Like the previous parents' evenings, these will again be conducted remotely as parental feedback indicated that this was a more efficient and effective means of facilitating these key conversations.

Whitemoor Lakes:

Parents of children attending Whitemoor Lakes later this term will next week be invited to attend a virtual presentation by Mr Uppal providing more detail about the visit. The presentation will be shared via 'Zoom', the invitation and detail for which will be shared by Mr Uppal later this week.

Values Ambassadors



3P – Jack

3H – Albie

3U – Sam

4M – Lilly

4W – Alayna

4K – Lily-Anne

5B – Delphi

5E – Isla

5PJ – Jamie

6F – Evie

6J – Eisa

6FS - Freya

Boldmere Inclusion Base News – Meet Mrs Preece!

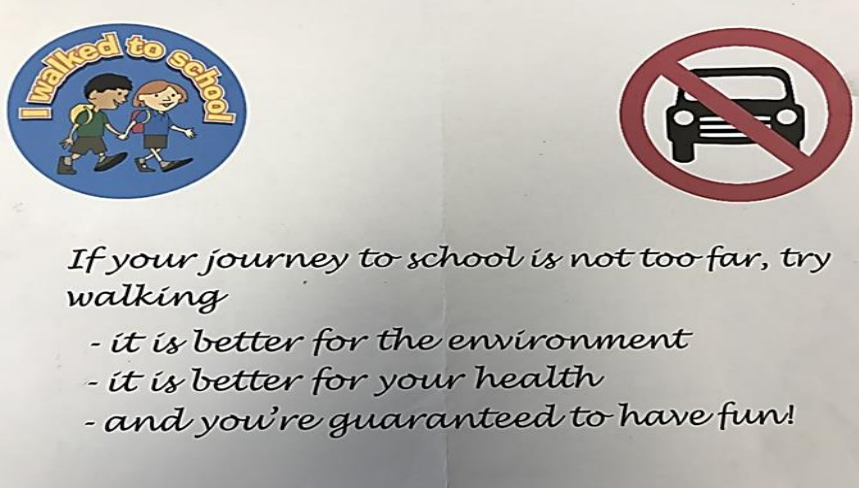


Happy New Year to you all! I hope that you all had an enjoyable Christmas.

My name is Mrs Kerry Preece and I am very much looking forward to working with and leading the team in the BIB starting this term. I have over 25 years teaching experience and for the last 13 years worked in the Communication and Autism Team(CAT) for the Local Authority.

Prior to that, I was a Class Teacher for the Primary age range of pupils in a number of inner city schools. Then I took the opportunity to pursue my love of special needs and was a Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO) and Nursery SENCO before joining CAT.

I am excited about working with the staff, parents/carers and children to develop the provision and support in the BIB. In the coming months, I will be arranging to meet with the BIB parents to invite them to a coffee morning and speak to me one to one. The staff and children will be helping me to devise an action plan moving forwards.



Lunchtime Playleader Vacancy - We are looking to recruit a lunchtime playleaders to join our lunchtime staff in Boldmere Infant and Nursery School. The post is for five days per week, 1 hour 10 minutes per day with an approximate start of 12.10pm.

If you enjoy working (and playing!) with children, and would like to support our fantastic lunchtime team, please contact school for details or click on the link where further information can be found including job description and application form. Paper copies, can also be collected from the Infant school office. <https://www.boldmere.bham.sch.uk/job-vacancies> Please feel free to share this with anyone who may be interested in these positions at our school.

Diary Dates

Spring Term 2022

Wednesday 9th – 11th February

Year 4 residential trip

Friday 18th February

Break up for half-term

Monday 28th February

Children return to school

Friday 8th April

Break up for Easter holidays

Monday 25th April

Children return to school

e-safety reminder

Ensuring that children are safe when using information technology is an essential life skill and is needed more now than ever with children having increased screen time and access to the internet.

We wanted to remind you that on the school website, under 'Safeguarding' 'E-safety' you can access useful resources and links to websites which offer age-appropriate resources and information for parents and carers. These can also be found on your child's Google Classroom in the 'Parent Information' folder.

Remember to follow us on twitter @BoldmereSchools for updates and to see some of the wonderful things happening in school!

