

# Boldmere Junior School

## Weekly Newsletter



### A message from Mr Sadler, Head of Junior School

T'was the week before Christmas and all through the school,  
Teachers were frantic but children were cool,  
Aside from the tinsel, parties and festivities,  
Children still learning to the best of their abilities.

Although we are tired you won't hear us moan,  
(Not even when we found out it's definitely not coming home!)  
Because the festive season is truly alive at Boldmere,  
All doing our bit, to spread Christmas cheer.

A great start to the week in our assembly that was headlined,  
By special visitors one of whom was the four-legged kind,  
Thanks for inspiring us police constables Flores and Palmer,  
And for introducing the children to the delightfully playful Tara!

A drumming workshop for Year Three is a highlight this week,  
I'm sure with sticks in hand their performance will be sleek.  
For the children in the BIB, there were many recent laughs,  
As they were joined by their parents to create Christmas crafts,

With their classroom like Santa's workshop, Year Five were just as busy,  
With the help of Martha's mum making cam toys in DT,  
Our Year Six children have been artists, displaying their skill,  
Whilst sketching their portraits that were quite simply brill!

This week will also see our Year Four children take centre stage,  
Performing their Christmas play to the audience they will no doubt engage,  
What a busy week or so we've had and it's flown by so quick,  
And I'm told it's only 11 more sleeps until we hope to see Saint Nick.

Apologies to poetry for presenting my weekly message like this,  
But at this time of year, it was too good an opportunity to miss!  
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**Whether you are celebrating Christmas or not, have a fantastic break everyone and we look forward to welcoming you all back in 2023...which for the children is Wednesday 4th January.**

### **Important meeting regarding school Ofsted inspections**

Both schools were last inspected by Ofsted back in 2011 and since then, the framework against which schools are judged has changed significantly. It is highly likely that both the infant and the junior school will receive an Ofsted inspection during this academic year.

In order to further enhance our engagement with parents, we will be holding an open evening on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January at 5.30pm where parents will be invited into school to learn more about the current Ofsted framework. In addition, parents will also have the opportunity to hear school leaders share the school's current strengths and areas for improvement.

Further information about this event will be communicated after the Christmas break but before then, we just request that you note the date in your diary.

### **Winter water safety**

I think little explanation is needed as to why we are sharing this but below is a link to an excellent resource produced by West Midlands Fire service that is worth discussing with your children. Teachers will touch upon this in school this week too after the tragic events of this weekend. <https://www.wmfs.net/safety/winter-water-safety/>

### **UPDATE - Christmas Holiday Camp**

An update from Kickstart academy re the Christmas holiday club. Places are still available and can be booked through the Kick Start Academy website. Due to insufficient interest, the club will now operate Monday 19<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

8am-6pm £20.00 per child per day  
9am-3.30pm £18.00 per child per day  
8am-12.30pm £12.00 per child per day  
1.30pm-6pm £12.00 per child per day

Further detail and booking information can be found at <https://www.theksagroup.co.uk/venues>

### **Educational Visits Reminder**

Please ensure payments are made via Parent Pay by the required deadlines to enable activities can go ahead.

**Year 5 National Space Centre visit on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

**Year 4 Whitemoor Lakes Residential visit from 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

## **BUSY BODIES**

Merry Christmas greetings to all our families.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our families a wonderful Christmas break, it certainly feels like a well-deserved break. All of our children have worked so hard this half term, engaging in lots of different activities and out of school opportunities.

I would like to thank all the children who took part in our talent show, it was noisy, busy and a fun filled afternoon. Everyone performed amazingly and it was a credit to the children who took part. I think in particular most of the children enjoyed dancing, gymnastics and my favourite martial arts (Kick boxing).

There are many more exciting activities planned for the New Year, have a wonderful New Year in 2023!

Regards,  
Kerema Hyatt  
Busy Bodies Manager

### **Tweet of the week**



The Junior School were spoilt this afternoon with a wonderful performance from our cellists and flautists! We had solo and group performances, including the Harry Potter theme tune and some wonderful Christmas songs! Well done to everyone involved! 🌞🎵



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### **Attendance**

Last week's attendance for the school was 92.3%.  
Our target each week is 97%

The class with the best attendance and gaining their attendance leaf for our tree was 3M.

This terms standings for attendance are as follows:

<b>Week</b>	<b>Class</b>
Week 1	3U and 3P
Week 2	3M and 5W
Week 3	3M, 4QK and 5W
Week 4	6F
Week 5	3M, 6J and 6F
Week 6	3M and 6J
Week 7	3M
Week 8	3P
Week 9	3M
Week 10	3M and 3P
Week 11	3U
Week 12	3M

## **Boldmere Inclusion Base (BIB) News**

We are at the end of 2022 and how quickly the year has gone! I cannot believe how fast my first year with the BIB has flown by. The BIB staff and I really appreciate your ongoing support and look forward to that continuing into 2023. Have a fabulous Christmas break with your children, enjoy the festivities and above all keep safe and well in this cold weather. Happy Christmas and a happy New Year from all in the BIB!

### **Celebrations**

LK- **Jeevika** for last week for joining in with LK in the mornings and **James** this week, for being a super friend.

ED/KM- **Taylor** for working hard in Maths and English

Thank you to **Louise Goodhall**, a local lady who kindly donated the wooden Christmas tree and snowman at our BIB entrance.

Also, a big thank you, to all of you who came to the Christmas Craft afternoon. It was so lovely to see you all! We hope to put on more of these kinds of events in the New Year.

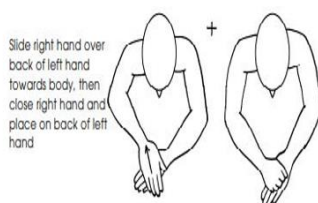
A reminder that **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December are our Christmas parties**. Please send in an individual plate of party food for your child, ensuring it is named and covered. (no nut products please) Children can wear party clothes too if they wish.

Finally, a new Makaton sign for the last week of term. Look out on Twitter for Mrs. Beesley demonstrating the sign for 'Christmas' for you all.

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## **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.

## Diary Dates – school term dates 2022-2023

### **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

Year 4 Christmas Production - Evening performance 5:30-6:30pm

### **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

Year 4 Christmas Production - Afternoon performance 2:00-3:00pm

Year 5 National Space Centre visit

### **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

Christmas Parties

### **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

Children break up for the Christmas holidays

Afternoon church service at St Michael's starts at 2.00pm (Parents to arrive for 1.30pm)

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### **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January**

INSET day – school closed to children

### **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January**

Children return to school

### **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February**

Year 4 Whitemoor Lakes Residential

### **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February**

Children break-up for February half-term

### **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February**

Children return to school

### **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March**

Children break-up for Easter

### **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April**

Children return to school

### **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May**

May Day Bank Holiday – School closed

### **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May**

King Charles III Coronation Bank Holiday – School closed

### **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May**

Children break-up for half-term

### **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June**

Children return to school

### **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July**

Children break-up for summer holidays

### **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July**

INSET days – school closed to children

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