

Boldmere Junior School

Weekly Newsletter

This month's value - Appreciation

A message from Mr Sadler, Head of Junior School

Dear parents and carers,

We recently celebrated World Book Day in school and it's now the turn of British Science week (which as if to make a point, is actually a little longer than a week, running from March 11th – 20th)! It won't surprise you to read that we intend to up the 'Science-ante' in school this week, beginning first thing Monday morning with a Science week themed assembly led by Mrs Welch. Throughout the remainder of the week, Miss Martin, our Science lead, has planned numerous exciting experiments and investigations that the children are going to love! I look forward to telling you all about it next week but ahead of then, feel free to visit the official British Science week website www.britishscienceweek.org/

House point rewards: As many of you will be aware, children in the school are all divided into one of four houses, Kenilworth, Warwick, Stratford or Lichfield and throughout the week, they can earn house points for 'doing the right thing!' These house points are collated weekly, with the winning house announced in assembly. Following the suggestion of one of our prefects, we will now be rewarding the house that gets the most house points with an additional non-uniform day on the last day of that term. This is news the children were excited about when it was shared this week but it could be good news for parents too as it could mean one less uniform to wash that week! Watch this space and we'll share the Spring term winners in a few weeks!

Medical and first aid: Over the past few weeks we have been reviewing and tweaking our medical needs and first aid policy. A slight adjustment that will be made is a reduction in the occasions we are communicating first aid incidents to parents by telephone, recognising that parents too are busy and not always able to take calls during the day. This will not in any way detract from the care or treatment that is given and children will continue to be well-looked after. It just means that there will be less of the 'for your information' telephone reported first aid incidents, meaning we'll only call concerning first aid if it is a significant injury. Any parents with a concern about this, please feel free to share with Mr Sadler on the school gate.

Year 5 Easter performance: Year 5 children should bring home a letter inviting parents to attend this event that will take place on 7th and 8th of April, starting at 2.00pm each occasion. Each child will be allocated up to two tickets.

Contact with school: Finally, a reminder that the year group contact email addresses are now defunct and the best means of contacting school staff is via the school office, either by telephone or emailing the enquiry@boldmere.bham.sch.uk email address, or by speaking with staff at the school gate.

Values Ambassadors



3H – Paisley-Bowe

3P - Francis

3U - Teddy

4K – George

4W - Zayn

4M - Loganjay

5E - Lucy

5B - Sam

5PJ - Aria

6FS - Lillymay

6F - Asha

6J - Eva

**Well Done
Everyone!**

Information for parents and carers on COVID-19 vaccination for 5 to 11 year olds

Children aged 5 to 11 years who are in a clinical risk group or who live with someone who is immunosuppressed can get the COVID-19 vaccine, in line with advice set out by the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI). Eligible children include those with diabetes, immunosuppression, learning disabilities, and other conditions as outlined by the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) in the Green Book.

Vaccinations help to increase protection against COVID-19, which is particularly important for those with underlying health conditions.

Further information is available in the guide for parents of children aged 5 to 11 years published by UKHSA. We have published some frequently asked questions on the vaccination programme including information on eligibility, accessibility and advice for parents of children at high risk from COVID-19. Following advice from the JCVI, healthy 5 to 11 year old children will also be offered two 10 microgram doses of the COVID-19 vaccine. The NHS will prepare to extend this non-urgent offer to all children during April.

BIB News

BIB Celebrations

Giraffes - Harper Rose for a fantastic all around week.

LK- Musab for working hard and producing excellent Maths work all week.

ED- Taylor for working hard in Maths all week.

Well done everyone!!

Other News

Thank you to Harper Rose's Nan for providing the BIB with some tyres for our outside Early Years Garden.

This week, Mr. Sadler came to visit the children in the BIB. He shared a story with each class and they really enjoyed it. Thank you Mr. Sadler, we look forward to the next time.

On Friday 18th March it is Comic Relief Day

The BIB children are celebrating Comic Relief differently to the Infant and Junior Schools. The BIB children are invited to dress in a Red T shirt for the day and bring a 'Comic Relief' nose to wear if they wish to. There is no obligation to join in, this is only if the children feel comfortable.

Cake Sale- Please can we ask that BIB parents bring in cakes to sell on 18th March too. At the end of the day 2.45pm, we will be inviting the BIB parents to collect their children and to purchase cakes at our BIB cake sale. All proceeds will go to Comic relief. Each child can bring a maximum of 50p each to spend.

We look forward to seeing you all.



Parking on nearby roads

The school have received complaints from local residents about inconsiderate parking by families at the beginning and end of the day. Some cars have been parked in front of resident's driveways blocking them in or out, and some cars are regularly parked on yellow lines which is a hazard. Could we please remind you all to park safely and respectfully at all times.



18 March 2022

Red Nose Day - Comic Relief - Friday 18th March

This year, Comic relief are supporting the humanitarian crisis in the Ukraine so we would like to invite children to dress in **yellow and/or blue** with a red nose of course, and give a **£1 donation**. **The School Council** have also come up with a few fun events for the day:

- **Bake sale** - Please could you donate any home or bought bakes to school on the Friday morning. School councillors will be responsible for collecting and selling these during the day. Please put your child's name and class clearly on any boxes/tins if you want them returned. Children will be able to buy a baked sweet treat from **20p – 50p**.
- **Guess Mr Sadler's favourite cup cake** - In each class, children can pay **£1** for a guess, choosing from 30 cup cakes. The winners in each class will be rewarded a prize.
- **Chocolate raffle** - Have the chance to win from a big selection of Easter eggs and other fantastic prizes, tickets cost **£1 each or £4 for 5**, tickets went on sale today.
- **Teachers' forfeit** - Pay **50p** to see your teacher do something funny for a good cause! Forfeits to be decided! Past examples were: teach with their hands tied behind their backs all day, wear school uniform/pyjamas, flip pancakes or be soaked with water pistols! This was surprisingly popular with the children last time!
- **Super soak a member of staff!** - The class that raises the most money will have the opportunity to **soak a teacher in the stocks!** Who could it be?

Please send your child in with some loose change if they would like to take part in any of the above activities. Donations can also be made through parent-pay via a direct link below:

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=6929>

Thank you in advance for all your support. We hope the children and staff can finally enjoy a Red Nose Day to remember this year!

PTA News

March PTA Meeting The next monthly PTA meeting will take place on Wednesday 23rd March at 8pm. Further details to be shared in due course.

Mothers' Day Elfridges The Elfridges shop reopens its doors on Friday 25th March for children to select a gift for the significant female(s) in their life. Gifts are suitable for Mothers, Carers, Grandparents, Aunties etc. Elfridges is strictly a pre-order only service. Tickets cost £2.50 each and are available to purchase now at www.pta-events.co.uk/boldmere Ordering will close at midday on Wednesday 23rd March.

PTA Summer Ball The tickets for the 2022 Summer Ball are now available to purchase and are selling quickly! Don't miss out, it is sure to be a fantastic evening including a 3 course meal, live band, auction and games. Tickets cost £50 each and can be purchased now at www.pta-events.co.uk/boldmere The Ball will take place at Aston Wood Golf Club on Friday 10th June 2022 from 7pm until 1am. If you have any queries please contact boldmereptaball@outlook.com

Online Shopping Please consider using www.smile.amazon.co.uk (add "Boldmere Schools PTA") or www.easyfundraising.org.uk/boldmereschoolspta Both are free and easy to sign up to. Once you've signed up the PTA will receive a small but essential percentage of every purchase made that will benefit our school and all our children.

Diary Dates

Remainder of 2022

Friday 8th April

Break up for Easter holidays

Monday 25th April

Children return to school

Thursday 26th May

Children break up for May half-term.

Monday 6th June

Children return to school

Wednesday 20th July

Children break up for the summer holidays

Wednesday 7th September

Tweet(s) of the week!



Easter breakfast club - Wylde Green United Reformed Church will be hosting a breakfast club over the April school holidays in their Britwell Rd Hall. The plan is to organise

- A continental breakfast of cereal, fruit, toast and drinks.
- A make your own sandwich bar to take a lunch away,
- Colouring, word searches and the opportunity to use the field at the back of the church as a playground.

All are welcome. There is no charge but donations will be welcome. There is no need to book but please contact revchrisdowd@protonmail.com if you'd like to come along or volunteer to help.

Easter holiday club - Ofsted registered activity provider Aspire Active Camps is running a jam-packed week of sports and physical activities this Easter.

Boldmere families get a unique discount code that means you get 15% off!

Discount code: BOLDIAPR22

Aspire Active Camps is running 11th April - 22nd April at Bishop Vesey's Grammar School

The activities that are running:

- Multi Sports
- Active Leaders
- Dance and Stage Beatz
- Cricket Academy
- Xtra-Time

To book a single day, a couple of days or the whole week, you can visit the Aspire website to find out more and make your booking.