

Boldmere Junior School

Weekly Newsletter

This month's value - Honesty

A message from Mr Sadler, Head of Junior School

Dear parents and carers,

I have reported frequently in this newsletter how proud I am of the many opportunities our children are given, both in school and through the vast array of extra-curriculum activities we offer. With this in mind, I am delighted to share with you that some of our musicians, who recently banded together to form an ensemble, will soon be invited to perform as a part of a Birmingham-wide ensemble at non-other than the Symphony Hall in the city centre! Their music teachers have spoken to the children invited to attend but a date for the diary of those parents affected... Sunday 17th July with further details to follow in due course.

Securing times-tables facts is a key part of the curriculum here at Boldmere and many of our Year 4 and Year 5 children have been demonstrating just how competent they are in an on-going TT-Rockstars duel they are having with each other. According to Miss Walker, her class have just taken the lead in this battle but just as in the premier league, there is still plenty to play for! Keep working hard to those children competing on TT-Rockstars and where the premier league is concerned, words I never thought I would say... 'up the Villa' on Sunday afternoon! A quick word on attendance that last week saw the highest level since I have arrived at Boldmere – a very impressive 97.6%! As we continue on the post-pandemic pathway, huge emphasis will continue to be placed on the importance of positive attendance, with a reminder that attendance in the region of 90% is equivalent to four missed weeks of education during at the end of the year. As a new feature of our newsletter after the half-term break, I will share regularly the attendance of each year group and the class that is on-track to receive their attendance reward at the end of the term.

A reminder that next **Friday 27th May** is a school INSET day meaning that children actually break-up for the day on Thursday 26th May. It is also on Thursday 26th May that children will be encouraged to wear red/white/blue as part of a Jubilee-themed non-uniform day. I look forward to sharing with you next week further detail as to what will be happening in the Juniors to commemorate the jubilee over the coming weeks.

Values Ambassadors



6F Jeevan/Gethin

6FS Evie

6J Myles

5PJ Anne

5B Oliver

5E Laura

4M Chrissy

4W Sylvie

4K Sophie

3H Mickel

3U Flynn/ George

3P Amelia

IMPORTANT – PUPIL DATA COLLECTION FORMS

Please be aware that we will be sending home populated pupil data forms over the next few weeks for you to review and update the emergency contact details that we keep in school.

Could you please ensure that the forms are checked, amended and returned to school as quickly as possible so we can update our records in case we need to contact you.

Reading Records

Please could all children bring their reading record books into school every day. Our school aim is for children to be reading for a minimum of 15 minutes daily in lower school and a minimum of 20 minutes daily in upper school - some of this will take place in school. Teachers monitor reading record books every week. Please could you sign or make a comment when you hear your child read. We appreciate this is most likely to happen in lower school as children become more independent readers as they progress through school.

Myon - online reading system

As a school, we have paid into an online reading system called Myon, which is linked to Accelerated Reader that we use in school.

You can access it via the following address: <https://www.myon.co.uk/>

All children have an individual log in (the same as their in-school Accelerated Reader log in) to access further reading material at home. It is particularly good for researching topics that children are interested in, that they are covering in school and for those children that have a love for non-fiction texts. Please encourage your children to access this weekly as all reading counts towards their daily reading time. Most of the books can be 'quizzed on' at home and this will then count to the number of words and books read, for which we hand out certificates termly.

BIB news

Reminders to parents to please check children's bags for letters.

Please can I ask for those of you who have yet to return the parent questionnaire to do so on Monday please. Thank you to those of you who have done so already.

Future events

In the BIB we will be organising some events over the coming weeks.

Letters will follow about our 'Jubilee Celebration picnic' and BIB Sports day/festival.

Celebrations

Jayden in Giraffes for working hard in class all week.

Shane in LK for expressing himself more clearly in class.

Alfie in ED for working exceptionally well in all subjects.

Sports at Boldmere

We are really pleased that we have so many active children at Boldmere, and this term has certainly been no different! We are delighted to say that we held our first ever inter-school football tournament this half term, which saw over 135 children attend and have lots of fun!

This half term, Mr Wade has been running athletics club for all children and we also have had netball club, tennis club and karate club too. In terms of competitions, we can look forward to rounders, cricket, tennis and tri-golf competitions before the end of the academic year. We will also be competing in the Sutton School's Area Sports competition this year, which sees over 20 Sutton schools attend. More details will be sent about these competitions soon.

Finally, we are delighted to announce that the SCPSFA (Sutton Coldfield Primary School's Football Association) has been reinstated, meaning we will have competitive football return during the next academic year. This will see a return for boys' football in a league and cup format and we are also really happy to announce that a girls' league will also be set up next year too.

Busy Bodies

ParentPay reminder- Kindly ensure that your child's ParentPay account is up to date including your May fees payment- We will be sending out ParentPay reminders for those outstanding fees by the end of Tuesday

Key work sessions- On Tuesday 24th May we will be holding year group meetings with our children. Some of the activities that will take place on the day will be cooking, indoors and outdoors activities as well as face painting.

If for any reasons your child is not able to take part in the face painting, please inform the Busy Bodies Manager in advance and by Monday 23rd May. Thank you.

PTA

Next PTA Meeting – Tonight 8pm

This month's PTA meeting will be held this evening, Tuesday 17th May, at the Harvester on Boldmere Road from 8pm. This will be our first in-person meeting since Covid restrictions were relaxed. We would love to see some new faces, even if you just wish to listen in with a drink in hand. We look forward to seeing you there.

PTA Junior School Disco – Thursday 26th May

Don't forget to purchase tickets for the School Disco via our website www.pta-events/boldmere Tickets are priced at £5 and include entry, drinks, snacks, sweets and an hour of fun, dancing and games led by a professional entertainer.

- Session 1: 3:30-4:30pm – Year 3 & Year 4
- Session 2: 4:45pm-5:45pm – Year 5 & Year 6
- Children attending Session 1 (Years 3&4) do NOT need to be collected from school as usual. School staff and PTA volunteers will ensure those with pre-booked tickets are taken safely to the disco. Parents/carers are then asked to collect their children at 4:30pm from the Year 4/5 collection point.
- For any children due attend Busy Bodies, please be assured that arrangements will be made for Busy Bodies staff (with assistance from school staff and PTA volunteers) to drop off and collect your child from the disco.

Auction Donations – Summer Ball

We need your help please.....Do you work for a business who would be willing to donate an auction prize for the PTA ball next month or have any other contacts you could sweet talk into donating anything? All proceeds will go to the school, so the bigger the prizes the better!! Put your thinking caps on and tap up your networks. Please contact us on boldmereptaball@outlook.com

PTA Ice Cream Shop

Our fantastic team of volunteers will aim to open the PTA Ice Cream shop each Thursday and Friday after school (weather permitting). Also, on particularly hot & sunny days we hope to open the shop if we have enough volunteers available. Please remember to pay with exact change if possible, or we also accept contactless payments. If you wish to join the Ice Cream Team, please send us an email.

Pre-loved School Uniform Shop – Grab a Bargain!

Our Boldmere PTA pre-loved uniform shop is available online and we now have PE items in stock. Please visit our website www.pta-events.co.uk/boldmere (click on "shop" at the top of the page, then "uniform & merchandise") Our fantastic team of volunteers will aim to have your items delivered to your child's class within 7 days. Please also look out for pop-up uniform sales after school, which will be communicated via the class whatsapp groups.

Save the Date

PTA Summer Fair – Friday 8th July – more details to follow.

Diary Dates

Thurs 26th May Children break up for May half-term & Junior PTA Disco
Fri 27th May – School closed for pupils (staff training day)
Mon 6th June Children return to school
Thurs 30th June (Y3/4) and Fri 1st July (Y5/6) - Junior School sports' afternoons
Weds 6th July Whole school transition day (and secondary transfer day)
Weds 20th July - Children break up for the summer holidays
Wed 7th September - Children begin the new school year

MEDICATION FOR PUPILS

Please remember that **ALL** medication to be taken during the school day must be handed to the School Office and a consent form completed before this can be given. We have had some children coming to school with medication in their bags which they intended to self-administer but this is **NOT ALLOWED**.

Celebration Assembly 05/05/22



Celebration Assembly 13/05/22



Why not book a special Queen's Jubilee Picnic Lunch for Thursday 19th May via the School Grid website

THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE PICNIC
THURSDAY 19TH MAY

PICNIC LUNCH
CONTAINS A SELECTION OF PARTY FOOD:
Sausage Rolls, Filled Sandwiches (Including Coronation Chicken), Pizza Bites, Wedges, Cucumber Sticks, Carrot Sticks, Salad Bar

DESSERTS
Celebration Cake
Fruit
Yoghurt

dolce

QUEEN'S JUBILEE
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Tweet of the week!

