

Boldmere Junior School

Weekly Newsletter

A message from Mr Sadler, Head of Junior School

Dear parents and carers,

To start with the 'extraordinary', along with their counterparts from the Infant School, children were treated to a wonderful display of live music, dance and even some audience participation provided by Toscana Strings. Simply put, this was a truly fantastic way to round off another busy week and I am certain your children would have told you all about it. As alluded to in last week's newsletter, this was evidence again of the steady procession towards normality and both children and there is plenty more on the horizon too for both children and even parents to enjoy as we head into Spring.

This last week or so has seen an increased number of clubs that we are offering to children, and this is only going to increase further in the weeks to follow. As ever, where demand exceeds what we can offer, we will communicate this accordingly and will manage this as fairly as possible in the offer of future club provision.

Finally from me this week, just a reminder that we are currently running a survey to elicit parental feedback concerning the school, in terms of our strengths and from a parental perspective, what we could do better. The survey will run until Friday, after which we will collate and share the outcomes accordingly, ahead of meeting as a leadership team to address improvements suggested and identified. Thanks in advance for your support with this.

Medical matters

We are currently in the process of auditing the medical needs of children within the school and will communicate issues arising accordingly. This will include checking expiration dates for inhalers and other medication/ equipment that may result in the necessity to contact parents accordingly. Your prompt response to this will be appreciated greatly.

Year 3 Singing Showcase

Advance warning that two family members will be invited to attend the shows which will take place on 3rd and 4th February. More details will follow over the coming weeks.

Values Ambassadors



3P – Micah

3H – Erin

3U – Evan

4M – Billy

4W – Lydia

4K – Clarissa

5B – Indi

5E – Isla

5PJ – Maisey

6F – Dylan

6J – Tobias

6FS - Priya

LK - Taylor

ED - Habiba

Boldmere Inclusion Base Notices & Celebrations

Reading together with your child - Just a reminder to parents/carers to write a short comment in your child's reading book each time you read with them at home. We enjoy looking at the comments that you share.

Fruit - Snack time fruit is provided for all of our Key Stage 1 pupils in the BIB. For our Key Stage 2 pupils, we do try to share out any left over. However, it is not provided as an entitlement for them. Therefore, if you would like to provide your child with a piece of fruit to ensure they have snack please do so.

Water Bottles - Water bottles should be sent into school each day. Please can we ask that they are not stored in the children's book bags. Leakages can happen and spill on to reading books. There have been a number of new books that have been damaged as a result.

Giraffes - Thierry and Jeevika completed some fantastic writing. They both wrote a caption to practice their spelling.

LK - Habiba achieved her Rockstar badge and **Musab** achieved Rockstar legend.

ED - Both **Taylor** and **Alfie** took part in the school football trails this week. Taylor played well and was great at defending the ball. Alfie scored a great goal.

Well done everybody!

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

Year 6 Leavers Hoodies

Please see the separate email being sent this week for further details. The final order date is **Friday 11th February 2022.**

PTA News & Happy New Year!

PTA January Meeting

The next PTA Meeting will be held on Thursday 20th January at 8:15pm on Zoom. Please let us know if you are able to join us and we shall circulate zoom login details on the day. We plan to discuss events for 2022 and debrief on the PTA's successes in 2021.

If you would like to join us for the Zoom meeting, please send an email to boldmere.pta@gmail.com – even if just to listen to what we do. We hope to host an in-person meeting soon when circumstances allow.

Future Ideas

We have some exciting events and activities planned for this year including the very popular Ball, Platinum Jubilee celebrations and the Summer Fair to name a few. We always welcome new ideas with open arms, so please do send us an email if you wish to share ideas for new activities/events or if you wish to volunteer to help out at future PTA events.

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.

Win a Forest Staycation!

Play Your School Lottery for a chance to win a Forest Staycation or cash prizes of up to £25,000. Tickets cost £1 per week and are available via www.YourSchoolLottery.co.uk/play (search for "Boldmere")

Busy Bodies Important Information

A huge thank you to all our families who already returned their February forms along with their signed consent forms in acknowledgement of our fees increase from April 2022.

February booking form- to be returned no later than Wednesday 26th January 2022, as your February booking form starts the week commencing 31st January. Fees must be paid in advance being no later than Friday 28th January. Please ensure that your child's ParentPay account is clear and up to date, in order for us to accept your required session for next month's form.

Outstanding fees

We ask that parents check their children's ParentPay account to ensure that they do not have any outstanding fees. The Busy Bodies Manager will be sending out reminders today, should you have any queries regarding your children's fees, please do not hesitate in contacting the Manager in the first instance.

After school sports clubs

After school sports clubs have commenced this week and some of our Busy Bodies children will be attending. Polite reminder to parents, please inform the Busy Bodies Manager if your child/ren will be attending these sessions and later returning to Busies.

Any children cancelling the whole afternoon session will automatically receive a full refund as we can then allocate their place to other children waiting for these days.

Children who will be returning to Busies after the sports club session, will all receive a snack and their normal session fees will still apply as we will not be able to allocate their session to any other families due to the children returning to us afterwards.

Should the sports club be cancelled for any reason, they will be able to attend Busies as their session are already reserved for them in advance. Parents who have initially cancelled their child/ren session completely will not have their place reserved automatically and therefore will need to contact the Busy Bodies manager to book this as an extra session should they require it and we will do our best to accommodate your session needs.



One person's rubbish is another person's treasure!

Reusing old things or things you don't need anymore, stops us sending items to landfill.

If you have clothes or toys you don't use you can send them to the charity shop so that someone else can reuse them and raise money for charity at the same time!

Written by Martha 4K

What a great way to help save the planet!