

Boldmere Junior School

Weekly Newsletter

A message from Mr Sadler, Head of Junior School

Dear parents and carers,

This is the final week ahead of the October half-term break and there is still much to look forward to, as there are positive memories to look back on! Starting with looking back, many of our Year 6 children enjoyed a fantastic residential visit to Willersley Castle last week where I am certain lasting memories were made. Rather than share the highlights in writing, I encourage you to head over to our Twitter feed that was effectively taken over by 'the castle crew' last week as we did our best to keep all updated with the fun children (and staff) had! Undoubtedly, this was one of the most successful residential visits I have been involved with, testament to the resilience and positivity of the children, and the unwavering efforts of the staff to ensure the very best for them. Simply put - thank you to all involved! Learning was equally positive in school last week, no less so than for those Year 6 children that remained behind and enjoyed many fun activities themselves, a definite highlight of which was the cooking session where the children learned to make cottage pie! Sadly, I didn't get the opportunity to taste it but certainly it looked delicious. Cooking was also a highlight of the learning in Year 5 last week, where children enjoyed making and tasting Anglo-Saxon inspired recipes. These too looked amazing! Elsewhere, other highlights of last week saw learning inspired by our very own Millie who shared with the children her proud background and heritage as part of our learning associated with Black History month. And finally, to finish on a sporting theme, some of our Year 5 and 6 children had the fantastic opportunity of representing the school in a tag-rugby competition recently which they did so with both pride and success. I won't say too much about this because I am conscious that the children themselves have written a match report that is included later in the newsletter. This will be a recurring theme in subsequent newsletters and I look forward to sharing with you the efforts of the girl's football team who competed earlier this afternoon in their first competitive fixture. The sporting opportunities will continue to be offered, both competitive and non-competitive, throughout the year. The majority of these target the upper school children but there will also be a few competitions accessible to our younger children too. Watch this space.

In terms of looking ahead, Friday this week sees us visit the church for our annual Harvest festival; this will be the first opportunity many of our children will have had to do this due to Covid restrictions. As is tradition, the children will walk to church in their classes after morning registration, and will return around 11.00am. Please advise us if your child is likely to be absent or arriving late on Friday morning as it will be the case that all staff bar the admin team will be involved in the church visit. Also on the theme of looking ahead, there is much to look forward to in the Hannan household early next year, as she is expecting the birth of her second child during the Spring term. This is wonderful news for Mrs Hannan and I am sure you will join me and passing on your well-wishes and congratulations.

On behalf of all the staff, I do wish you all a fantastic half-term break when it arrives and I look forward to seeing all the children back in school on **Monday 31st October**.

Free School Meals and Pupil Premium Funding

Thank you to those families that have applied online following our recent email. If you have not yet applied for Free School Meals this academic year, or if you are unsure if you would be eligible, please complete the application form via the link: <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/birmingham>

Please remember that Pupil Premium funding may be used towards educational visits and clubs during the year if you are eligible.

Reasons for Absences

If you need to report your child as being absent from school please call the School Office on 0121 464 3656 and select Option 1 to leave a voicemail, alternatively you can email the School Office at enquiry@boldmere.bham.sch.uk messages should be received by 9.00am. As the school need to record reasons for absence for safeguarding purposes the **reasons you provide should be specific**, for example, a high temperature or cough, a headache, vomiting and/or diarrhoea, or as a result of an accident. **Please do not just state that your child is ill or unwell as this may need to be followed up with you.**

Year 6 - Secondary Transfer Preferences

Please remember that the Birmingham City Council School Admissions online site is available until 31st October for you to make your Secondary Transfer choices via the website https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20119/school_admissions

If you live outside of Birmingham City Council please check with your Local Authority.

Home addresses and emergency contact details

Please remember to inform the School Office via email if you move home address or if any telephone numbers or email addresses change.

NUT ALLERGIES

We are aware that some pupils have come into school recently with snacks/ packed lunches that contain nuts or nut products including Nutella and Ferrero Rocher. Due to our pupils and members of staff with nut allergies we do not allow any nuts or nut based food items.

Lego Donations

If families have any Lego they no longer want we would welcome donations for our pupils. Please bring donations to the School Office.

Pupil Photos

Individual photos of the children will be taken on Friday 11th November and will be available to buy ASAP. All pupils should wear school uniform on this day.

BIB Newsletter

Celebrations

Giraffes- **Thierry** for trying hard with ball skills in PE.

LK- **Sam** for demonstrating a fantastic work ethic all week.

KM- **Cole** for Brightening the room with a happy positive attitude every day.

Notices

Thank you to those of you who have sent in family photos. Please do send in photos of your child and their family for us to display in class by the end of the week.

Thank you to Millie, who came into the BIB to share stories for Black History Month.

We are looking forward to seeing you all at Parent's evening on Wednesday.

Finally, a big thank you to you all for your continued support this half term. All of us in the BIB wish you a happy half term holiday.

VALUES AMBASSADORS W/C 17/10/22

6J Lucas	4RW Dylan
6PJ Daniel	4Q Gurkaram
6F Shahzeb	4H Amelia
5W Ben	3M Lyra
5CS Tabitha	3P Ava
5B Lucy	3U Clara

Tweet of the week

(As much a plea to the parents of Y6 children that attended Willersley Castle as anything else...)



Lost property from Willersley Castle!!!! Come and claim 🔥



173 views

Attendance

Last week's attendance for the school was 95.9%. Our target each week is 97% so this is an excellent week indeed.

The classes with the best attendance and gaining their attendance leaf for our tree were jointly 3M, 6J and 6F.

This terms standings for attendance are as follows:

Week	Class
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

After-School Clubs

We will be emailing information regarding the Multi-Skills club we will be running after half term. A link will be emailed for you to book a place child if you wish to. The club will run on these dates, including the dates that are listed below:

Year 3 – Monday 31st October until 12th December

Year 4 – Tuesday 1st November until 13th December

Year 5 – Wednesday 2nd November until 14th December

Year 6 – Friday 4th November until 16th December

These sessions will be run by Mr Hooper from Kick Start Academy between 3:30 and 4:30pm.

One Page Profile/SEND Target Review Meetings - Main Junior School only

Just a quick reminder.....

If your child has a One Page Profile/Individual Target Plan, we are offering additional meetings on either Tuesday 1st, Wednesday 2nd or Thursday 3rd November. Letters have been sent out and this was in the newsletter last week.

If you would like an additional meeting, please indicate this on the reply slip or, alternatively, e-mail me on senteam@boldmere.bham.sch.uk if this is easier. Please indicate if you would prefer a meeting via schoolcloud or face-to-face.

The deadline for returning forms / emailing the address above is today (**Tuesday 18th October**) as appointments are being organised tomorrow. If we do not hear from you, we will assume that you do not require an additional meeting and your child's paperwork will be sent home to you. If you request an additional meeting, you will be notified of the time and date of the meeting by Friday 21st October. If you have any questions or concerns, please e-mail me at the address above.

Many thanks, Mrs Jones, SENDCo

Celebration assembly 17th October 2022



Forthcoming activities in school

Additional dates for the diary:

11/11/22: The school photographer will be in school taking individual photos. All children to wear school uniform that day please.

7/12/22: Children's Christmas dinner

9/12/22: PTA Elfridges

9/12/22: Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children

w/c 12/12/22: Christmas Parties (One Year Group per day Mon - Thurs)

12/12/22: Year 4 Christmas Production - Dress Rehearsal

14/12/22: Year 4 Christmas Production - Evening performance 6:00-7:00pm

15/12/22: Year 4 Christmas Production - Afternoon performance 2:00-3:00pm

16/12/22: Christmas Service at St Michael's - Afternoon service

Diary Dates – school term dates 2022-2023

Friday 21st October

Children break-up for October half-term

Monday 31st October

Children return to school

Friday 16th December

Children break up for the Christmas holidays.

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Tuesday 3rd January

INSET day – school closed to children

Wednesday 4th January

Children return to school.

Friday 17th February

Children break-up for February half-term.

Monday 27th February

Children return to school

Friday 31st March

Children break-up for Easter

Monday 17th April

Children return to school.

Friday 26th May

Children break-up for half-term

Monday 5th June

Children return to school

Friday 21st July

Children break-up for summer holidays

Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th July

INSET days – school closed to children

BUSY BODIES

As we draw near to the end of this half term, the Busy Bodies team would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all our families for always being supportive and consistent with your childcare needs. Our children have settled well into the term and are progressing by making new friendship groups, experimenting with cooking and different play activities.

Upcoming events

Next term we will see the days grow shorter as winter comes closer, so please ensure that our children are dressed and prepared for the colder weather. We will not be letting children go outside without their coats during the colder months.

May we also say a huge THANK YOU to the PTA for their donation to helping our school to improve our school play equipment, the children have really enjoyed utilising these during last week and I am sure they will do for years to come.

We will also look forward to a possible fashion/talent show next half term and I am sure that all our children will want to participate in some way, we will explain more after the school holiday.

Polite reminders

November booking form is now available for collection. Please return your booking form by hand to the junior school office, or via email to khyatt@boldmere.bham.sch.uk . Forms are accessible from the school's website, the junior school office area or from a Busy Bodies member of staff.

Henna- On Thursday 20th October Busy Bodies will be using Henna as a celebration for the forthcoming Diwali festival on 24th October. Please inform the BB manager should you wish for your child/ren not to take part due to preferences/allergies.

Have a brilliant half term when it arrives.



BOLDMERE PTA NEWS

PTA Fireworks Tickets – on sale now - The 2022 PTA Fireworks Show will take place on Friday 4th November – doors open at 5:30pm and the firework display will begin at 7pm. There will be plenty of hot food, drinks, sweets, popcorn and flashing goods available for purchase on the night. Tickets are £5 for ages 4 and over and children under 4 are free of charge. Please visit our website for more information and to secure your tickets www.pta-events.co.uk/boldmere

Volunteers for Fireworks Event - We still need volunteers to help run this event safely. If you are able to help out on the night (in return for free entry and food & drinks vouchers) please visit www.pta-events.co.uk/boldmere to sign up or contact us via email boldmere.pta@gmail.com

PTA Pre-Loved Uniform Shop - To visit our online shop, please visit www.pta-events.co.uk/boldmere then click on Shop, Uniform & Merchandise. This week on Wednesday 19th after school, we will be holding a pop-up shop, selling pinafore dresses and trousers.

PTA Winter Coat Exchange - Thank You to everyone who donated to and purchased from last week's Coat Exchange.

AGM Minutes - Minutes from this year's AGM are available to download from our website www.pta-events.co.uk/boldmere

Diary Dates

- Thursday 20th October - PTA Committee Meeting (via zoom)
Login details will be shared on Social Media
- Wednesday 19th October – Pop-up Uniform Stall
Selling trousers and pinafore dresses (after school)
- Friday 4th November - 2022 Fireworks Show (tickets now available)
- Friday 2nd December – 2022 Christmas Fair (after school)

If you have any queries, particularly about how you can get involved in the PTA, please email us boldmere.pta@gmail.com

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