

Boldmere Junior School

Weekly Newsletter

A message from Mr Sadler, Head of Junior School

Dear parents and carers,

To start, Xīnnián kuàilè (新年快乐) which I am reliably informed (courtesy of Google) is an appropriate thing to say with today being the start of Chinese New Year, a celebration children learned about in assembly this week!

Just a few short messages from myself this week. A small number of parents have raised concerns regarding the amount of time children perceive they have in which to eat their school dinners. This seems to be an issue particularly for the class/classes on last sitting. By way of reassurance, children will be given sufficient time to eat their dinner/packed lunches even if it means they are a few minutes late going back in to class. To keep it fair, we continue to rota the class on last sitting, spread evenly over the course of the school year.

Educational visits and trips: As is illustrated by the upcoming Whitemoor Lakes residential, educational visits and trips are very much back on the agenda as all staff value the huge importance of such events. Just by way of insight to school policy, parents can expect to be given at least six weeks' notice ahead of any whole class educational visit aside from where there are exceptional circumstances. Where sports activities are concerned, teachers will endeavour to give as much notice as possible but please be aware, this can often be out of our control when relating to competitive sports. We are however very keen to have children participating in such events therefore will do all we can to ensure school representation as these events are shared with us.

Rubik's cubes: Never before have I referenced this in a school newsletter, however, I do so on this occasion due to the rising number that children seem to be bringing to school. From my perspective, providing these continue to be used in their intended way, I have no issues with them being brought into school and played with on the playground. Furthermore, whilst solving them provokes frustrating memories of my own youth, we do seem to have an expert in Indy in Y5 who is inspiring his peers with his ability to do what I can't! Go Indy!

Parents' survey outcomes: As shared last week, thanks for the completion of the recent parental survey. The surveys have just been collated and it is our intention to share the initial findings at the end of this week.

Finally from me this week is the topic of health and safety: I am pleased to report that last week we held a whole school fire drill after which I must commend both the children and the staff for the speed and manner of their response. It goes without saying that we never expect to put the drill into reality but should this ever be necessary, I am as confident as I can be that children will respond accordingly to help keep themselves safe.

Values Ambassadors



3P – Oscar

3H – Alex P

3U – Henry

4M – Jessica

4W – Joseph

4K – Carys

5B – Oscar

5E – Aryaan

5PJ – Rosie

6F – Jaiden

6J – Maira

6FS - Aiza

Virtual Parents' Evening

Online parents' evening sessions will be held on **Tuesday 15th & Wednesday 16th February**. Please see the letter being sent separately via ParentMail for full details of how to book and when this will be possible.

WhatsApp and TikTok apps

We are having some issues that are spilling into school due to some Year 6 pupils using WhatsApp and TikTok at home. We would remind parents/carers that the age ratings for using these apps is minimum of 13 year old and request you to speak to your children about their use of these apps. While these matters should be dealt with at home, we will intervene with any issues that subsequently arise in school.

Boldmere Inclusion Base

BIB News

Parents Evening- Letters will be going out for parents evening soon. I will also be available to speak to should you wish to do so.

BIB Celebrations

Giraffes- **Harper- Rose** for remembering some of her letter phase 2 sounds.

LK- **James** for super manners and an awesome 'Line leader.'

ED- **Jeffrey** for achieving first place in the whole school on Spelling Shed.

Another super week in the BIB!!

WELL DONE 😊

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

Forgotten Items:

Please ensure your child has everything that they may need when they arrive for school to save disruption during the school day.

Busy Bodies Important Information

February booking form and fees- A huge thank you to all our families for handing in your forms on time. February fees will be debited no later than Wednesday 2/2/22, please ensure that if you have not already done so that you check that your February fees and ensure they are paid in advance of care being provided.

Happy Chinese New Year- a reminder that during this week we hope to give the children the opportunity to participate in a face painting and food tasting activity to celebrate Chinese New Year. If for any reasons you would prefer for your child not to take part in this activity, then please inform the Busy Bodies manager immediately.

Parents' questionnaire- during the following week we would love to hear your views about our club. Your feedback helps us to ensure that we are providing the best provision for our children in our care.

Please keep a look out for our parent questionnaire and let us know what we are doing well and what can be improved.

Year 3 Singing Showcase

Thank you to all the families who have requested to attend the Showcase this Thursday and Friday. We have been able to accommodate all requests received to date. Please note that Friday is now **fully booked**, if you have not yet sent in your request slip we do still have some spaces on Thursday. Please send your request slip back urgently or contact the school office to book up to two places.

Physical tickets will not be provided but we will have a list of all bookings on the door – please ensure you attend the correct day (maximum two family members) as you are likely to be turned away.

We look forward to seeing you all!

Year 6 Leavers Hoodies and Sweatshirts

The deadline to order leavers hoodies is **Friday 11th February** and there will be no extensions on this. If there are concerns regarding finances, families are welcome to contact school to see if we can help.

To order, please see the website below:

<https://store.leavershoodies.com/boldmere-junior-school-2022-leavers>

Nursery Admissions September 2022

Registration forms for children eligible to join the nursery in September 2022 (date of birth 01.09.2018 to 31.08.2019), are available from the Infant School office or they can be downloaded from the school website under the Parents/Admissions tab. If you know of anyone that may be interested in a nursery place then please ask them to call Infants on 0121 464 2338.

PTA News

1,2,3,4, we declare a Coin War!

Want to win a round of Donuts for your whole class?

Starting tomorrow (Wednesday 2/2/22) we are asking for children to bring in spare change to fill their class's coin jar. Coins will be given a points value and the class with the most points by Two'sDay (22/2/22) will win a round of donuts.

1p = 1 point

5p = 5 points

10p = 10 points

50p = 50 points

£1 = 100 points

2p = 4 points

20p = 40 points

£2 = 400 points

The winning class will be announced in the Newsletter on Tuesday 1st March.

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.

February Holiday Scheme at Walmley Infant School (Not associated with Boldmere Schools)

Dear Parent / Guardian,

We are really excited to announce that Kingsbury School Sports Partnership (KSSP) will be delivering an Activity Camp during February Half Term at Walmley Infant School. The camp will run for 5 days from 10am-3pm and children from Reception to Year 6 can attend. The camp is great value and only costs £15 per day, children can attend for just one or two days or attend all week. KSSP are providing extended provision from 9am-5pm if required for an additional charge. They can also accept most childcare vouchers but unfortunately aren't signed up to the tax-free credit childcare scheme yet.

This is a fun filled week of Sports & Arts Activities. KSSP have fantastic sports coaches with lots of primary experience delivering the activities and children will work in groups relevant to their age. All children will have at least 2-3 hours of physical activity / sports each day including team building, cricket, dodgeball, football, dance, and much more. We will also have different arts and crafts on offer across the week.

There will be a maximum of 30 places on this camp so sign up quickly to avoid disappointment.

To book please visit <https://bookings.kssp.co.uk/list>. If you have any questions, please email holidayscheme@ksspic.co.uk

Kind Regards

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