

Boldmere Junior School

Weekly Newsletter

A message from Mr Sadler, Head of Junior School

Dear parents and carers,

After what was appreciably a marathon newsletter last week, we shall try to keep this edition a little lighter.

Thank you so much to the contributions to Children In Need last week. The children thoroughly enjoyed their selections from the bake sale and had great fun playing 'bear pong' with their classmates. All in all, we raised a hugely impressive £716; well done, huge pat on the back for our collective efforts and thank you too to Mrs Churchill for her efforts in organising this. Mrs Churchill has also asked me to share that she is intending to capture 'Boldmere's best-bites', collating a selection of recipes that parents will be kindly requested to send in to school. Watch this space!

On the sporting theme, in the last couple of weeks it was the turn of first, our 'indoor' athletes, and more recently, our netballers to represent the school, all of whom did so with great pride and yet more success. Our athletes gained an impressive third place overall and on a dark and wet evening last week, our netballers played their first fixture of the year with/against Mere Green after it was agreed to mix the sides a little. Well done as ever to all involved.

Finally from me this week, a very important message concerning the safety of all of our children with regard to the appropriate, and more accurately, safe parking and collection of children at the end of the school day. Monday this week was the worst I have personally seen it at Boldmere, with absolutely no regard shown for the safety of pedestrians by a number of vehicles parked on the zigzag lines. I appreciate that the conditions were wet and therefore people were trying to limit the distance children had to walk but this really is not an excuse. Regrettably, I have real concerns that it is going to take a terrible incident for the message to be well and truly understood by all. Please, please be considerate: once in my career so far I have seen a child taken by ambulance following a road traffic incident and it is not anything I want repeating ever again.

NUT ALLERGIES

Some pupils have come to school recently with snacks/ packed lunches containing 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 foods/products.

Year 3 Maths Workshop

Year 3's Maths workshop will be **Thursday 1st December 9:15 to 10:45**. We warmly invite two adults per child to come and share in their child's learning!

EDUCATIONAL VISITS REMINDER

Please ensure payments are made via Parent Pay by the required deadlines to enable activities can go ahead.

Year 5 National Space Centre visit on Thursday 15th December

Year 4 Whitemoor Lakes Residential visit from 15th – 17th February 2023

Celebration Assembly w/c 21/11/22

Congratulations to our Values Ambassadors for this week:

3U	Libby	5W	Zee
3P	Uzair	5CS	Rishi
3M	Gabriel	5B	Jimmy
4RW	George J	6F	Aisha
4Q	Sophie	6J	Henry
4H	Elodie	6PJ	Dexter



Tweet of the week

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Federation of Boldmere Schools

@BoldmereSchools

We're having a blast playing Bear Pong in 5W - it's getting pretty competitive!



Attendance

Last week's attendance for the school was 94%. Our target each week is 97%

The class with the best attendance and gaining their attendance leaf for our tree was 3M.

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
Week 6	3M and 6J
Week 7	3M
Week 8	3P
Week 9	3M

BUSY BODIES

December/January booking forms

Forms are now available for collection from a Busy Bodies member of staff, at the junior school reception or downloadable from our school's website. December forms must be returned by **Wednesday 30th November and fees are due in by Friday 2nd December.**

Please be aware that January booking forms are also attached to the December form with a letter explaining what you need to do. Ideally, we would appreciate January booking form to be returned with your December forms, and by 14th December should you prefer.

Please do not worry, payment for January fees are not expected to be in until Friday 6th January. In this instance we ask that parents/ carers take a picture of their forms, so that you are aware of how much fees are expected to be paid for January fees and your requested dates.

Talent show

Our amazing children will be performing in the talent show next week, we have done some practice sessions and hope to finalise our performance this week in preparation for next week's show. I am sure that you will join me in wishing all our children taking part the very best of luck and I am sure that they will do a fantastic job.



Monday 19th December 2022

£5 PP
Pre-School Children Free

OVER 20 SPORTS TO TRY

MORNING SESSION
10am – 12noon

AFTERNOON SESSION
1pm – 3pm

COMMUNITY GAMES
Fun and Inspiring

WINTER GAMES

BMET COLLEGE, Lichfield Road,
The Royal Town of Sutton Coldfield,
Birmingham. B74 2NW

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Tickets Available From – www.trybooking.co.uk/BZIA

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Diary Dates – school term dates 2022-2023

Friday 11th November

Photographer taking individual pupil photos – school uniform must be worn

Thursday 17th November

Year 3 Animal Man visit

Wednesday 7th December

Children's Christmas Dinner

Flu Vaccinations

Friday 9th December

Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children

PTA Elfridges

Monday 12th December

Year 4 Christmas Production – Dress Rehearsal

Wednesday 14th December

Year 4 Christmas Production - Evening performance 6:00-7:00pm

Thursday 15th December

Year 4 Christmas Production - Afternoon performance 2:00-3:00pm

Year 5 National Space Centre visit

Monday 12th – Thursday 15th December

Christmas Parties (One year group per day)

Friday 16th December

Children break up for the Christmas holidays

Afternoon church service at St Michael's

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Tuesday 3rd January

INSET day – school closed to children

Wednesday 4th January

Children return to school

Wednesday 15th February – Friday 17th February

Year 4 Whitemoor Lakes Residential

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

Monday 1st May

May Day Bank Holiday – School closed

Monday 8th May

King Charles III Coronation Bank Holiday – School closed

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

Boldmere Inclusion Base (BIB) News

Firstly, I would like to start by congratulating every single young person in the BIB!! Thursday last week was a busy day for us. ED/KM went on a visit to Grand Central on the train, both LK and Giraffe classes had children watch the Animal man in Junior School and the pantomime in the Infants School. Staff reported that all children, without exception, behaved impeccably.

Celebrations

Star of the week certificates for this week; have been awarded to **ALL** the children.

Notices

There are some **Annual reviews** booked in for BIB children in December. If you have received a letter about this, please return your parent feedback sheets to your Class Teacher or directly to me as soon as you are able.

Christmas Craft Afternoon- Letters have been sent to you regarding our Christmas Celebration on December 8th. Please ensure you return the slip to confirm if a parent or carer will be attending, so we can cater for refreshments accordingly.

PE- A reminder please that we would like to encourage the children to bring their PE kits with them on PE days rather than come in their kits. This is so we can develop independence and life skills in our children. It is a 'Progression Framework' target and we have set this for all the BIB children. However, is noted that this may cause high anxiety, so please do chat to your Class staff about this if you have concerns or queries.

Finally, as you know we have our **Speech and Language Therapists** in the BIB for 2.5 days per week. They do a fabulous job and provide you all with some feedback each week.

Below is a link to the Birmingham Community Healthcare Speech and Language page. The link has some useful videos. These are aimed at supporting parents to develop the skills that the therapists and BIB staff work on too. I hope you find these useful.

<https://www.bhamcommunity.nhs.uk/patients-public/children-and-young-people/services-parent-portal/birmingham-slt/slt-videos/salt-strategy-videos/>

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