

Boldmere Junior School

Weekly Newsletter

A message from Mr Sadler, Head of Junior School

Dear parents and carers,

First of all, a huge thank you for the completion of the parent surveys shared last week. The collection window has now closed and I am currently in the process of collating the results which will then be shared with yourselves, and factored in to any school improvement priorities for the remainder of the academic year. Watch this space on this one!

In other news, although we are not inundated, we continue to have Covid cases in school amongst both staff and children. As in recent weeks, these will be shared with you on a weekly basis except in the case of a significant outbreak. Where children are at home due to a positive case, our remote learning offer via google classroom will continue for children well enough to access this. Access to the remote learning will be granted as soon as possible following us being informed of the positive case. A slight change to policy regarding remote learning is that class teachers will no longer routinely make 'well-being' contact calls with children testing positive, primarily due to the shortened isolation period.

Finally from me this week, I was in complete dismay this morning when walking into 'Scott' and viewing the carnage that was before my eyes (see below) – not what I expected to see at Boldmere. Fortunately, I know Year 6 are on the case: I am sure they'll provide a full account as part of their work on journalistic writing this week and being the super-sleuths they are, they'll have this solved in no time!



Staffing Update

Good news was shared last week as Mrs Kilday announced that she is expecting a new addition to her family later this year! Congratulations and best wishes a plenty to Mrs Kilday; and I am sure 4K will enjoy guessing the sex in due course.

Values Ambassadors



3P – Holly

3H – Ava

3U – Elizabeth

4M – Oliver

4W – Kiara

4K – Beau

5B – Macy-Mai

5E – Akeem

5PJ – Jamie

6F – Will

6J – Jayden

6FS - Mia

LK - Shane

ED - Cole

Boldmere Inclusion Base – An Update from Mrs. Preece!

The first three weeks of this term have flown by! The BIB staff, children and parents have made me feel so welcome, so thank you.

Such a busy start to 2022. We have welcomed back Ryan, from West Bromwich Albion to lead our PE lessons. Sophie, our Speech and Language Therapist has returned to support some of our children too.

The teachers are working hard with the children and we are showcasing what we are doing on Twitter, so keep watching for the BIB tweets.

Thank you for all those parents who came along to meet me at the coffee afternoons this week. It was lovely to see so many of you. I am looking forward to us continuing to work together to develop the provision for your children.

I have been meeting with the staff in the BIB this week about the good practice in the BIB and what we can all do to help develop it. Over the coming weeks, I will be talking to some of the children about what they like about their classes and anything they would like to see in it.

A polite reminder: Please do park considerately when dropping off and picking up the children at the start and end of the day.

BIB celebrations

Another fantastic week of achievements this week!

In Giraffes, Zac has joined in with Phonics and Math's activities.

In LK, Shane has shown kindness and been supportive to his friends.

In ED, Cole has also shown kindness and a caring attitude to his friends in both LK and Giraffe classes. Well done to you all!

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:

Kindly ensure that your February booking form and signed updated contract of fees increase is returned by this Wednesday 26th January and fees should be paid by Friday 28th January. Please ensure that your child's ParentPay account is up to date prior to these fees being applied to your account.

After school sports club:

We have now refunded all children who will be attending after school sports club during this half term. Should you have any queries with regards to your children's ParentPay account, please contact the Busy Bodies manager.

Chinese New Year (Year of the Tiger):

Tuesday 1st February Busy Bodies we will be celebrating Chinese New Year by offering the children a selection of foods and appetisers appropriate for this celebration. The children will also be offered the opportunity to participate in our face paint activity, we will be using Snazaroo face paint which is suitable for sensitive skin. However, if for any reasons you do not wish for your child/ren to participate in this activity due to allergies etc, please ensure that you contact the Busy Bodies manager via email on khyatt@boldmere.bham.sch.uk to ensure that we can follow parents' wishes.

Year 3 Singing Showcase

Please complete and return your forms if you have not already as both dates are filling up quickly! Please remember that there is a maximum of two tickets per family.

World Book Day is on Thursday 3 March 2022. This annual reading event is one that we love to celebrate in school

This year, rather than having a dressing up day, we will be asking children to come in their pyjamas/dressing gowns/bring a pair of slippers etc to enjoy a day of reading. Therefore, you do not have to buy expensive costumes for one day, instead we would like parents - where they are able to - to donate a book to the school library which children will sign and write a message in. As children in school read a book, they will be able to see who donated it encouraging more conversations about books.

Sports at Boldmere Juniors

We are really happy that Sports Clubs are back up and running in the Juniors - with all year groups participating in Sports Clubs. These clubs are being run by Mr Day and will continue into the Spring 2 term. We still have places available if your child hasn't attended club this half term and would like to.

We are also pleased to say that Year 5 are currently returning to swimming at Wyndley and it is lovely to resume swimming as part of our curriculum.

This week, Year 6 have been treated to dance sessions as part of our sports premium spend. This is part of our new 'Try Something New' session on a Tuesday morning. All year groups will be trying new sports and activities here to give them extra opportunities to experience new things.

Finally, I am pleased to announce that we have been entered into the 'HMS Birmingham' football cup competition for both our mixed and girls' team as Sutton Coldfield's representative for Birmingham. We will be announcing the squads soon as we aim to play the first-round games in the last week of half term.

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 get them to call us on 0121 464 2338.

PTA News

PTA January Meeting

This was held on Thursday 20th January. It has been a great start to the PTA academic year, last term we managed to raise over £7,500 for the school! Many thanks to everyone who contributed to this. There are many exciting things to look forward to in 2022, watch this space for further information! Please email boldmere.pta@gmail.com if you would like to receive a copy of the Minutes, or be added to our distribution list.

The next PTA meeting will be held in February, date tbc. Email us if you'd like to get involved.

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

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

Two'sDay this year falls on Tuesday 22/2/22. Starting on 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 will win a round of donuts. The winning class will be announced in the Newsletter on Tuesday 1st March. Please see attached poster and social media for more information.

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.