

# Boldmere Junior School

## Weekly Newsletter

### A message from Mr Sadler, Head of Junior School

Dear parents and carers,

Appreciably I say this every week but last week was again an incredibly busy one in school, seemingly involving squeezing five days into four! A highlight of the week from my perspective was having the opportunity to visit classes along with some of the school's leadership team and also joined by the school's external improvement partner, Josie Leese who works for Sandwell Local Authority and is also a registered Ofsted inspector. The purpose of the visit was really to explore our curriculum in action, and gauge the extent to which the children are responsive to it and making progress in their learning. As was expected, children's behaviour and attitudes towards their learning was exemplary in all classes visited and they were not phased in the slightest to have visitors to the classroom. When such visits are undertaken, children are routinely spoken to about their learning and are always able to share with us the 'why' and 'what' they are doing: unfortunately, I know as a parent myself however that this seems to be lost at the school gate when you/us ask similar questions of the children about what it is they've learned that day!

Another highlight of last week saw the launch of our whole class music tuition for Year 4 children, a new initiative we have introduced to enable access to music, and the pleasure it can bring, to all children in that year group. As parents of children in that year group will likely be aware, children are learning either the violin, the clarinet or the dhol drum and they will continue to do so for the entirety of the school year!

As the children become more proficient in the playing of their particular instrument, we look forward to providing opportunities for live performances to showcase their new found talents; watch this space for further detail.

Just a couple of quick reminders from me to finish this section:

- Parents' evening is taking place this evening and tomorrow in most classes. Further detail regarding this has been parent mailed earlier today.
- Parent Governor election: As has been shared previously, the schools are currently in the process of electing for the role of Parent Governor. We have had four parents express an interest in the position which means that an election will now be necessary and a letter, the personal statements for each of the prospective Governors, and a ballot form are attached with this newsletter.



### **Parent Governor Election**

Please see the attached information and ballot documents to vote for your preferred candidate for our new Parent Governor. The deadline is Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October.

### **Busy Bodies**

October booking forms should be return by tomorrow Wednesday 28th September. Fees should be paid by this Friday 30th September. Forms are available for collection from a Busy Bodies member of staff, at the junior school reception or online on our school's website.

September fees- There are currently a few outstanding payments for September fees, we will be sending out reminders to families. Kindly clear your child's account with immediate effect to ensure that we do not build up a significant amount of debt on your account.

Should you wish to speak with the Manager with regards to your child's account or anything else, please do not hesitate in contacting us via telephone 0121 464 1343, or email [khyatt@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:khyatt@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)

### **Attendance**

Last week's attendance for the school was 98%. 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 3P and 3U, both with 100%.

This terms standings for attendance are as follows:

Week	Class
Week 1	3U and 3P

## **Boldmere PTA News**

This week PTA volunteers are continuing to plan the upcoming Fireworks event and the Christmas Fair. If you would like to find out more about how you can contribute to the PTA, please come along to our Meet & Greet evening on **Tuesday 4th October at 8pm in the Training Room.**

### **PTA Fireworks Event – Can you Help?**

One of our biggest events of the year is the annual Fireworks display which this year will happen on Friday 4th November. These events are only possible due to our parents, carers and teachers volunteering their time. If you would like to volunteer to help set up, help run a stall, be a marshal or help clear up, please visit [www.pta-events.co.uk/boldmere](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/boldmere) and register with the activities shown, or alternatively contact us via email. In return for your help, all volunteers will receive free entry to the event and vouchers for free refreshments. Thank you in advance.

### **Christmas Fair – Save the Date**

We will be holding our Christmas Fair after school on Friday 2nd December. More details to follow.

### **PTA Pre-Loved Uniform Shop**

Please consider purchasing any uniform items from our pre-loved uniform shop, which can be accessed through the following link [www.pta-events.co.uk/boldmere](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/boldmere) then by clicking on Shop, Uniform & Merchandise. If you have more items to donate, please either send us an email or contact us via your PTA class rep, Thank you.

### **Diary Dates**

- Tuesday 4th October – Welcome Meeting and AGM 8pm in the Training Room, meet the PTA and enjoy drinks & nibbles
- Thursday 20th October - PTA Committee Meeting (location TBC)
- Friday 4th November - 2022 Fireworks Show - A professional Fireworks Display on the school field with refreshments. More details & ticket sales to be announced very soon.
- Friday 2nd December – 2022 Christmas Fair - Festive fun, games, crafts and refreshments to get into the Christmas spirit. More details to follow.

If you have any queries, particularly about how you can get involved in the PTA, please email us [\*\*boldmere.pta@gmail.com\*\*](mailto:boldmere.pta@gmail.com)



## **School Term dates 2022-2023**

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October**

Children break-up for October half-term

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October**

Children return to school

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

Children break up for the Christmas holidays

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**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January**

INSET day – school closed to children

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January**

Children return to school.

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February**

Children break-up for February half-term.

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February**

Children return to school

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March**

Children break-up for Easter

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April**

Children return to school.

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May**

Children break-up for half-term

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June**

Children return to school

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July**

Children break-up for summer holidays

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July**

INSET days – school closed to children

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