**3rd May 2022**

**Boldmere Junior School**

**Weekly Newsletter**

**This month’s value - Honesty**

**Birmingham City Council SEND Parent Webinars**

Please find attached the flyers for Birmingham City Council’s free**Parent**webinars for Primary aged pupils during May 2022 which will cover:

* An Introduction to the Pupil and School Support Service
* Occupational Therapy Fine Motor Moves
* Speech & Language and Occupational TheraSchool Readiness

Use the links in the flyer to book a ticket via the Local Offer website, alternatively click [here.](https://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/events-for-parents/)

**Do not** book a request for the presentation and recording if you have signed up to attend the live webinar, those that sign up will **automatically** be sent the documents within 24 hours of the webinar concluding.

If you are a Parent or Guardian and would like to speak to someoneabout your child, please call our **Parent Link Service** on **0121 303 8461**or email us at parentlinkservice@birmingham.gov.uk

Visit [https://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/](https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.localofferbirmingham.co.uk%2F&data=04%7C01%7CJanika.Benjamin%40birmingham.gov.uk%7C8578182a72c94aed33a408d99ad59ab7%7C699ace67d2e44bcdb303d2bbe2b9bbf1%7C0%7C0%7C637711064468172706%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=VeTv3iPdIe6JwQ%2BSOHyoW3YtTz1Jw0Cy7DclgH2p0Rc%3D&reserved=0)  further information about Birmingham’s Local Offer

**Diary Dates - Remainder of 2022**

**Thursday 26th May** Children break up for May half-term

**Monday 6th June** Children return to school

**Wednesday 20th July** Children break up for the summer holidays

**Wednesday 7th September** Children begin the new school year

**Friday 21st October** Children break up for October half-term

**Monday 31st October** Children return to school

**Friday 16th December** Children break up for Christmas holidays

**Pupil Absence Reminders**

**If your child is ill and is unable to attend school please ensure that you call 0121 464 3656 by 9.15am to provide a specific reason for their absence.**

**If your child has any medical appointments during school time a copy of the letter should be provided to the School Office as soon as possible so this can be noted.**

**Well Done!**

A group of our talented musicians performed at Emmanuel Church in Wylde Green on Saturday 30th April – well done to all of our pupils that were part of this fantastic show!

**Busy Bodies**

**SATs booster/breakfast sessions**- Should your child be booked into Busy Bodies for week commencing 2nd May for SATs booster sessions, please inform the Busy Bodies Manager if you have not already done so, this will enable us to credit your account. Week commencing 9th May SATs breakfast week, please adjust your May booking form if you do not require Busies this week. Should you require them to attend Busies as normal until 8:15 am and return to the club after they will still be charged for the full session.

**May booking forms**- Please ensure that forms are returned to a Busy Bodies member of staff by this Wednesday 4th May and fees paid by Friday 6th May.

Sports club- If your child is attending after school sports club this half term and you have already handed in your May booking form, please inform the Busy Bodies Manager and we will adjust your May sessions prior to uploading your fees on ParentPay.

**CONGRATULATIONS** - We would love to extend huge congratulations to both Luan Evans and Harminder Kaur for stepping up as the new Busy Bodies Deputy Managers. They will both be taking over from Helen Rollason, who has been our wonderful Deputy Manager for the past two and a half years now. It has been a pleasure working alongside Helen over this time, she will now be reducing her hours of work until the summer holidays.

**PTA**

**Comedy Night – This coming Saturday 7th May**

Boldmere PTA will be hosting a fantastic evening of stand-up comedy on **Saturday 7th May** (doors 7pm, show starts 8:30pm). Tickets are £10 in advance or £12 on the door – capacity is limited so buy your tickets now to avoid disappointment. There will be a selection of snacks, alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks available on the night. You can also pre-order drinks when booking your tickets at [www.pta-events.co.uk/boldmere](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/boldmere) Please see attached flyer for more details.

**PTA Summer Ball – last few tables**

Ticket sales for the PTA Ball close on 6th May and we have just three tables remaining! The event takes place on Friday 10th June at Aston Wood Golf Club from 7pm until 1am. Your ticket buys you a welcome drink, a 3-course meal, music from a high quality live band and the opportunity to let your hair down whilst raising money for the school! Don’t delay in securing your tickets, available at [www.pta-events.co.uk/boldmere](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/boldmere) You can also get in touch with the event organisers at boldmereptaball@outlook.com  We look forward to seeing you on the dance floor!

**Pre-loved School Uniform Shop – Now open!**

We are pleased to announce that our Boldmere PTA pre-loved uniform shop is now open. Please visit our website [www.pta-events.co.uk/boldmere](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/boldmere) where you will find the online shop with second hand uniform items at bargain prices. Many thanks again to everyone who sent in donations, if anyone else has more good quality, clean uniform or **children’s hangers** to donate, please send us an email to boldmere.pta@gmail.com and we can make arrangements.

**Junior School Disco – Thursday 26th May**

The PTA are very excited to announce that School Discos are back for the first time in 3 years! The Junior Disco will take place after school on Thursday 26th May.

Session 1: 3:30-4:30pm – Year 3 and Year 4

Session 2: 4:45pm-5:45pm – Year 5 and Year 6

Tickets will include a drink & snack pack, plus an hour of party music, dances and games led by a professional entertainer and DJ. All music and games will be tailored to the specific age group of the session. Tickets will be priced at £5 each and will be on sale very soon.

**BIB news**

**Celebrations**

Giraffes - Harper Rose for showing maturity and empathy towards her friends.

LK - Habiba for showing appreciation of her friends.

ED - Enya for settling in well to the BIB and making new friends quickly.

**Thank you**

Thank you to those parents so far that have sent in the parent surveys. It has been lovely to read your thoughts on what is happening in the BIB. For those of you yet to do these, please have them back to me for Friday 6th May.

**Attendance**

It has come to my attention that a few of the pupils in the BIB have attendance figures below 90%. Whilst we have had some children be absent due to Covid symptoms, the impact of other days off over a prolonged time can be seen below. I will be in touch with parents individually if there is a particular attendance concern.



Absence can only be authorised by the Head Teacher, within the boundaries set by the Education (Pupil Registrations) (England) Regulations 2006. Head Teachers may not authorise leave during term time except where the circumstances are exceptional.

Please remember that parental illness, going shopping, visiting family, truancy, not wanting to go to school, alleged bullying (speak to school immediately to resolve the issue), family holidays (unless authorised by the Head teacher by pre-arrangement) are not acceptable reasons to be absent. All of these will be recorded as unauthorised absence, including your child arriving late after the register is closed.

Family emergencies need careful consideration. It is not always appropriate or in the best interests of the child to miss school for emergencies which are being dealt with by adult family members. Being at school with support from staff and peers can provide children with a safe and familiar background during times of uncertainty.

**It is a parent’s legal responsibility to ensure their children receive appropriate education. Failing to send your child to school regularly without good reason is a criminal offence.**

If you have any queries or concerns regarding attendance, then please come and speak to me or the BIB staff.

**Children’s Book Newsletter**

We have attached the latest edition of the Monthly Children’s Book Newsletter which has been put together by a teacher @MisterBodd. We would love it for parents to share the newsletter with children, to discuss the author reviews, and to look at some of the latest book releases.