

Boldmere Junior School

Weekly Newsletter

A message from Mr Sadler, Head of Junior School

Dear parents and carers,

Just a brief one from myself this week that will start with a mention of last week's parents' evenings. As was anticipated, both evenings saw a really positive atmosphere and it was an absolute pleasure to have parents back in school again and seeing children's classrooms, their school books and the environment in which they work. The majority of feedback from parents was positive with regard to the purpose and outcomes of the evening. As ever though, I am open to constructive feedback and with this in mind, some parental comments suggested that the appointments lacked a little privacy with other families present in the classroom. This is duly noted. For parents' information, as was shared a few weeks ago, the next parents' evenings will be privately conducted remote appointments, taking place in February. Additionally, I would also like to stress to all parents that collectively, we as a staff implore you to bring to our attention any issues or concerns affecting your children as they arise and there isn't the need to wait until parents' evening. These can either be raised for our attention via the school office (telephone or email) or better still, via a member of the school's leadership team on the school gate.

Parental survey: Thank you to the many parents and carers who have completed the parental survey shared last week. The survey will close tomorrow morning which gives a small amount of time for any existing surveys to be completed. The outcomes will then be analysed and shared with any associated actions factored in to the school improvement plan.

Parent representative group: The nominated parental representative group will be meeting on Friday morning in school with a focus on school improvement priorities for the year or so ahead. It remains the intention that the parent representative group meet with school leaders on a half-termly basis. A reminder of the current parent representative group is provided later in this newsletter.

Lots to look forward to as we approach that final few weeks of the half-term, not least for many of our Year 6 children and staff who will next week will be swapping their classrooms and homes for a week-long stay at Willersley Castle in Matlock. I look forward to telling you all about it on our return.

Junior parent representative forum members:

Parent name	Child's name
Jacqui Bull	Elijah
Thaira Ataf	Aisha
Kevin Vasli	Kiara
Pamela Webb	Riley+Lucas
Charlotte Clifford	Firley + KS1
Assima Alam	Izaan + Uzair
Natalie Lloyd	Sophie + Bonnie
Charlotte Higgs	Lucas
Weixi Ke	Kehan + Aurora
Iram Ali	Mariah
Daljinder Pall	Shane

Free School Meals and Pupil Premium Funding

Thank you to those families that have applied online following our email last week. If you have not yet applied for Free School Meals this academic year, or if you are unsure if you would be eligible, please complete the application form via the link: <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/birmingham>

Please remember that Pupil Premium funding may be used towards educational visits and clubs during the year if you are eligible.

The School Day timings

A reminder that the school day begins at 8.50am in the morning. Registration closes at 9.00am. Any children arriving after 9.00am will be deemed late. Any children arriving later than 9.30am will see their absence recorded as unauthorised. Frequent unauthorised absence can lead to prosecution.

The school day finishes for all children at 3.25pm. Only in exceptional circumstances will children be permitted to arrive or leave outside of these times.

Year 6 - Secondary Transfer Preferences

Please remember that the Birmingham City Council School Admissions online site is available until 31st October for you to make your Secondary Transfer choices via the website below.

https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20119/school_admissions

If you live outside of Birmingham City Council please check with your Local Authority.

Forgotten Items

Please ensure that your child has all the items that they may need when they arrive for school including PE/ swimming kits, lunches/snacks, water bottles and musical instruments to minimise disruption to children and staff during the school day.

School Meals

School dinners must be booked via School Grid in advance, you can book several weeks ahead for convenience.

If you forget to book a meal and do not provide a packed lunch your child will only have a very limited option of a jacket potato or wrap depending on availability. The school is not able to place lunch orders on your behalf, even in emergencies, after 9.30am.

BIB Newsletter

Thank you to all of you who have returned your child's sensory profile. Could the remaining few please be returned by the end of this week. If you require another copy please do ask your child's teacher.

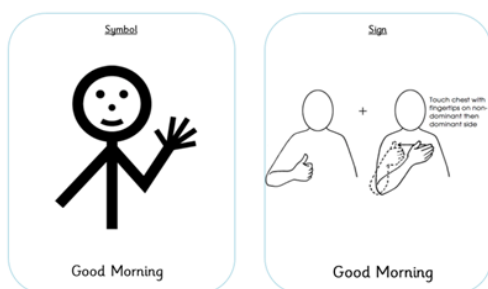
A reminder that as we are encouraging the children to change in the BIB for PE, please label your child's clothes to avoid any confusion when they change.

As the weather becomes colder send your child in a coat please. Weather permitting, Fridays PE session is also outdoors so warm layers will be necessary.

Please make sure you are sharing stories and reading with your child during the week and send book bags in daily.

A reminder that the end of the day for Giraffe class is 2.50 and for LK and ED 3.00.

An apology from me for sending out the wrong Makaton sign last week. The sign until the end of this half term is 'Good Morning'.



Celebrations

LK- Sam, for super Maths work. ED- Enya, for trying hard with her handwriting.

Finally, we wish Miss Driscoll a fond farewell as she goes on her Maternity leave. We look forward to hearing of the safe arrival of baby soon.

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 3M, 4QK and 5W, all with 100%.

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



After School Clubs

A Parent Mail is being sent with information about after school multi skills clubs that will occur during the end of Autumn 1 and the Autumn 2 term. Please check your emails for further information. The multi skills clubs will run on the following days:

Monday – Y3, Tuesday – Y4, Wednesday – Y5 and Friday – Y6.

INTO THE WILD!
Thursday 6th October

CENSUS DAY

IN SUPPORT OF WORLD SAFARI DAY

MAINS

BEAR GRYLLS CHICKEN WITH GAME KEEPER CHIPS
CRUNCHY COATED CHICKEN FILLET, TOPPED WITH CHEDDAR & BBQ SAUCE, SERVED WITH CHIPS

SAVANNAH SUNSHINE PASTA (VG)
DELICIOUS PASTA DISH WITH SUNNY SWEETCORN, GARDEN PEAS, MIXED PEPPERS, TOMATOES & ONIONS

JUNGLE JUMBLE CURRY & RICE (GF) (VG)
MILD AND AROMATIC VEGETABLE CURRY, WITH POTATO, CAULIFLOWER, PEPPERS AND CHICKPEAS. SERVED WITH WHOLEGRAIN RICE

JAGUAR JACKETS CHOICE OF FILLINGS
OVEN BAKED JACKET POTATO WITH A SELECTION OF FILLINGS

SIDES

LEOPARD SPOTTED VEGETABLES (VG) (GF)
A MEDLEY OF SWEETCORN, PEAS AND CARROTS

SERENGETI SALAD BAR (VG) (GF)

LION'S PRIDE HOME BAKED BREAD

DESSERTS

SAFARI TRAIL ROCKY ROAD CAKE (V)

SUNSET FRUIT SORBET (VG) (GF)

FRESH FRUIT (VG) (GF)

DAIRY YOGURT (V) (GF)

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Y3 Art Project

On Monday 17th October, Year 3 will be visiting Mossy Bank to complete their final art nature sculpture. More information will follow regarding this. On this day, please check Twitter so you can keep up to date with our super work!

Busy Bodies

October fees

Please be aware that October fees were due in last Friday 30th October, we will be sending email reminder by the end of this week should your fees remain outstanding.

For week commencing 10th October Year 6 children will be on their residential trip

We have taken this into account and will not be charging parents for these sessions which are booked for Busy Bodies. If you have already paid for these sessions, please use this amount towards future payments.

Year 2 to Year 3 account

We have now transferred all balances for our Year 3 pupils, should you have any queries with regards to your child's account, please do not hesitate in contacting the Busy Bodies Manager.

Diary Dates – school term dates 2022-2023

Friday 21st October

Children break-up for October half-term

Monday 31st October

Children return to school

Friday 16th December

Children break up for the Christmas holidays.

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Tuesday 3rd January

INSET day – school closed to children

Wednesday 4th January

Children return to school.

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.

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

BOLDMERE PTA NEWS

Meet the PTA If you would like to find out more about the PTA or how you can contribute, please come along to our Meet & Greet / AGM **tonight** (Tuesday 4th October) at 8pm in the Training Room. Drinks and nibbles will be available.

PTA Fireworks Event – Can you Help? Are you able to help with the Fireworks Event on Friday 4th November? We are looking for volunteers to help with the following:

- Set up (afternoon or after school)
- Marshalls
- Stalls (hot food, drinks, sweets, flashing toys)
- Post-event tidy up

These events are only possible due to our parents, carers and teachers volunteering their time. Please visit www.pta-events.co.uk/boldmere and register with the activities shown, or alternatively contact us via email if you would be able to volunteer. In return for your help, all volunteers will receive **free entry** to the event and vouchers for **free refreshments**. Thank you in advance.

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 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 Tickets will be available to purchase from Friday 7th October
- 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

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