

# Boldmere Junior School

## Weekly Newsletter

This month's value - Honesty

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

Dear parents and carers,

Well, here we find ourselves in the final days before a much needed Easter break is had by all, and as ever, there is much to report back on. National Autism Week was marked in school last week and thank you to all the children for their efforts in the sponsored events, some of which can be seen on our Twitter feed! To round off an excellent week, the children had the privilege of a virtual visit from Immie Swain who is a huge advocate of autism particularly in girls, having been diagnosed herself at the relatively late age of 15. Immie's motto is very much one we should all learn from, *"Just be yourself and be proud of who you are!"* Huge thanks to Mrs Preece and Mrs Jones for their efforts in 'banging the drum' for autism, not only this last week but all of the time actually.

It wasn't only autism that has been 'alive' in school this week but also the Romans seem to have made a bit of a resurgence, judging by the wonderful shields that our Year 4 children were displaying (and testing – see Tweet of the week a little later on). The Roman past is being dug up a little further too this week as each of our Year 4 classes will visit Lunt Fort on their first educational visit for some time! As ever, jump on to our Twitter feed throughout the week where I am certain you will see the fun they will be having!

Another highlight of the week to come is our Year 5 Easter production which judging by the sounds emanating from our school hall is going to be quite the spectacle. Just ahead of the performances, I am delighted to share with you that following overwhelmingly positive feedback from a significant number of parents that were surveyed earlier this year, we have made an amendment to our policy regarding the filming and photography of children at events such as this, providing these are for personal use only. Further detail is given in the new policy that was approved by Governors recently, and has been attached to this newsletter for your perusal.

Slightly less exciting perhaps but certainly important, this Thursday morning sees us invite our Year 6 parents into school at 9.15 to share information ahead of the Key Stage 2 assessments that will be completed in early May. Miss Jackson and I look forward to seeing as many as you there as can make it.

Finally from me this week, a huge thank you to those parents that have expressed an interest in the parent class representative position. There are a small number of classes where the interest was from more than one person meaning I will contact those individuals accordingly to request a little additional information. I then hope to be able to share the outcomes with you in the newsletter immediately after the break. Have a fabulous holiday everyone when it arrives and I look forward to seeing you back safe and well on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April.

### Values Ambassadors



**3H Gurkaram**

**3P Dakshayani**

**3U Hattie**

**4K Freya**

**4W Burhaan**

**4M Charlie**

**5E Jake**

**5B Darcey**

**5PJ Milly**

**6FS Zayn**

**6F Gethin**

**6J Henry**

**Well Done  
Everyone!**

## Last week's Celebration Assembly



## Tweet of the week!



Federation of Boldmere Schools  
@BoldmereSchools

4W have got into 2 different formations this afternoon: the wedge and the testudo. We have faced enemy fire (in the form of bean bags) and seen how well our shields performed. We have then evaluated our shields, thinking about their strengths, and how we could improve them.



14:40 · 01 Apr 22 · Twitter for iPad

## Busy Bodies

How fast did this last half term go! We would like to wish all our lovely families a wonderful and restful much needed Easter break.

**April booking forms** - We are currently outstanding over 25 booking forms for our Busy Bodies families despite reminders in the last two weeks of newsletters and parents being handed forms personally. We have now most nights 75 plus children attending and a waiting list of families looking to join our club. Therefore, we are required to staff accordingly, we apologise in advance if we cannot accommodate your bookings, should your requirements not already be on our registers for this coming week.

As per your parents contract with us booking forms and fees are required on time and in advance of childcare provision unless otherwise discussed with the club's Manager and authorised by the Executive Headteacher. This enables us to plan ahead for adequate staff provision to engage our children in a variety of age appropriate activities, themed evenings such as our Easter egg hunt and planning for our morning and afternoon snack provisions. Please ensure that you hand your form in on time as this elevates time consuming extra admiration work for staff who could be planning alternative activities for our amazingly lovely children.

Busy Bodies Easter egg hunt will take place on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April afternoon session weather permitting outside on the playing fields (Receptions in their Early Years area), otherwise this will take place within the Busy Bodies setting.

Thank you to all our lovely parents for all your continued support and understanding of our busy club and the hard work of all staff that goes into the smooth running of Busy Bodies at all times. We look forward to welcoming you all back in the new term.

## Covid-19 update

Further to the recent Government guideline changes which took effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April, please follow the link below to see the latest advice for any pupils that are displaying symptoms:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/people-with-symptoms-of-a-respiratory-infection-including-covid-19>

If your child has a high temperature or is feeling unwell please do not send them to school until they are feeling well enough to join in with usual school activities.

## Forgotten items

Please ensure your child has all their necessary items when they arrive for school. We have many forgotten items handed in every school day which causes disruption to the classes and the office.

Please only drop off items during the school day if absolutely needed. Please note that any homework, instruments, PE kits and water bottles should be sent into school with your child.

## PTA News

### Save the Date – Comedy Night

Boldmere PTA will be hosting a fantastic evening of stand-up comedy on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May. Further details and information on how to buy tickets will be shared after the Easter Holidays.

### Save the Date – School Disco

The Junior School Disco will be held after school on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May. More information will follow after the Easter Holidays.

### School uniform donations

A big thank you to everyone who donated school uniform last week. Please watch this space for the launch of the PTA's pre-loved uniform shop.

### PTA Summer Ball

Don't miss out on your tickets for the PTA Summer Ball. It is sure to be a fantastic evening including a 3 course meal, live band, auction and games. Tickets cost £50 each and can be purchased at [www.pta-events.co.uk/boldmere](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/boldmere) The Ball will take place at Aston Wood Golf Club on Friday 10th June 2022 from 7pm until 1am. If you have any queries, please contact [boldmereptaball@outlook.com](mailto:boldmereptaball@outlook.com)

## BIB News

**The week ahead** - A busy, fun packed week ahead this week before we break up for the holidays. We are going on our trip to see 'Dear Zoo' at the Birmingham Hippodrome, we have our Decorate an Egg for Easter competition and an Easter Egg hunt to look forward to.

**Thank you** - Thank you to all of you that have sponsored your children for **Autism Acceptance Week**. We certainly have had fun doing our exercises each day. I hope you have seen our posts on Twitter. **Please make sure all your sponsor money is in by 8<sup>th</sup> April.**

Again, I have two further thank yous to make, for generous donations from the community. **Louise Goodall**, donated a lovely wooden rabbit for the center piece of our Easter Egg hunt this week.

Craig O'Connell and **Next Generation Roofing**, gifted us a piece of AstroTurf to go in our Early Years Garden.

**Next term** - ED will go swimming in the second half of the Summer term

### Celebrations

**Giraffes- Thierry** for demonstrating increased confidence in the Reception environment and with the children in the Reception class.

**LK- Theo** for a super effort all week with his work in class.

**ED-Jeffrey** for a fantastic PE lesson with his peers in 4M.

**Final note** Some parents in the BIB have needed to contact staff early this week about issues. Please remember that you can ring the BIB directly using option 5 on either Junior or Infant numbers. There is usually a staff member on site from 7.30am -5.30pm.

**Have a lovely Easter break all!**

### All Junior Pupils

**Thank you for supporting your children with their sponsored events during Autism Acceptance week last week. Please ensure any sponsor money is registered on Parent Pay by April 8<sup>th</sup>.**



### Kids Rugby – Try for Free

If your child (girls and boys) may be interested in trying a free rugby session please see the attached flyers for further information and contact details.

### Free holiday club for children eligible for free school meals

Similar to the awarding of free-school meal vouchers for holiday periods, we are also now in receipt of vouchers allowing children free access to a holiday club in the local area, the nearest of which is at Wyndley leisure centre. The initiative is funded by Birmingham City Council and seeks to offer the provision to those children in receipt of free school meals.

<https://streetgames.coordinate.cloud/>

Further information about the provision available can be found via the link above. If parents are interested and their child is eligible, please contact the school office so that you can be emailed a voucher code that will enable the booking to be made.

**Easter breakfast club** - Wylde Green United Reformed Church will be hosting a breakfast club over the April school holidays in their Britwell Rd Hall. The plan is to organise

- A continental breakfast of cereal, fruit, toast and drinks.
- A make your own sandwich bar to take a lunch away,
- Colouring, word searches and the opportunity to use the field at the back of the church as a playground.

All are welcome. There is no charge but donations will be welcome. There is no need to book but please contact [revchrisdowd@protonmail.com](mailto:revchrisdowd@protonmail.com) if you'd like to come along or volunteer to help.

**Easter holiday club** - Ofsted registered activity provider Aspire Active Camps is running a jam-packed week of sports and physical activities this Easter.

Boldmere families get a unique discount code that means you get 15% off!

Discount code: BOLDIAPR22

Aspire Active Camps is running 11th April - 22nd April at Bishop Vesey's Grammar School

The activities that are running:

- Multi Sports
- Active Leaders
- Dance and Stage Beatz
- Cricket Academy
- Xtra-Time

To book a single day, a couple of days or the whole week, you can visit the Aspire website to find out more and make your booking.

### Streetly Tennis Easter Holiday Club

The tennis club is running from 11-14 & 19-22 April from 9am-3.30pm

Book online at

[www.streetlytennisclub.co.uk](http://www.streetlytennisclub.co.uk) For further information call Neil on 07974672699 or email [neilgold@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:neilgold@hotmail.co.uk)

Please see the attached flyer for more details.

### Diary Dates - Remainder of 2022

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> and Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April** Year 5 Easter Performance

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April** Break up for Easter holidays

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April** Children return to school

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May** Children break up for May half-term

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June** Children return to school

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July** Children break up for the summer holidays

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September** Children begin the new school year

**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 Christmas holidays