# **Boldmere Junior School**

## **Weekly Newsletter**

This month's value - Resilience

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

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back after what was hopefully an enjoyable and restful week. After speaking with the children, it was evident that many a jubilee party was enjoyed during the time away from school and I am thrilled to share that this will continue in school this week too. As I write this, year three and four are in the midst of their jubilee celebrations, complete with music inspired by the 50s and 60s respectively. Our older children will get their opportunity on Thursday afternoon this week, with their party focusing on the 70s and 80s; I for one will relish the opportunity of seeing some of our older children dancing to the music of the Bee Gees and Aha! It's just a shame that the day clashes with our photographer being in school otherwise it may have been an ideal opportunity for some of the staff to dust off their best flares too! Continuing on the theme of the jubilee, the children should last night have brought home their commemorative platinum jubilee book, gifted to all primary aged children in the UK. Additionally, children will have brought home an engraved bookmark to accompany the book, gifted to the children of Boldmere by the school's parents and teacher association. It is hoped that the children will value both of these items and keep them for many years to come. Many thanks to the PTA for this lovely gesture. Further thanks to the PTA, their associated volunteers, and also the staff who all contributed to making the school discos such successful events in the week prior to the half-term break. The discos raised a substantial amount of money for the school but more importantly than that, it was fantastic to see the enjoyment of the children who clearly had missed this experience these past couple of years.

Just a few mentions to finish off this section of the newsletter:

'Multiplication tables check'- An early 'good luck' message to our Year 4 children who will complete their times table check next Tuesday. Judging by the intensity of the competition on TT Rockstars recently, I am certain they have nothing to worry about!

**'School photographer'** – A reminder that the school photographer will be in school this Thursday to take class photographs. All children should attend in their school uniform, irrespective of whether it is a PE day or not. Children are welcome to bring PE kits to change into later if necessary but it is not essential that they do this on this occasion.

'Advanced warning regarding the early school closure on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July' – School will close at the slightly earlier time of 2.30pm on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July to facilitate the return of our much anticipated summer fayre. For those families that require it, busy bodies will be open from the earlier time of 2.30pm that afternoon. The summer fayre itself will begin at 3.00pm and we hope to see as many children there as possible.

## **Values Ambassadors**



6F Tom

6FS Ben

**6J Olivia** 

**5PJ Maia** 

5B Lydia

**5E Cameron** 

4M Harry

4W Anna

**4K Anson** 

**3H Rosie** 

3U Lila

**3P Uzair** 

## **Busy Bodies**

Welcome back to all our lovely families, we hope that you had a really good break. Lots of activities will be happening at Busies over the final half term, we will give you plenty of notice regarding the requirements needed for any of our activities i.e. children with allergies, sun cream, hats etc.

On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June (this Thursday), we will be doing face and hand painting as requested again by the children following our Jubilee activities. Please inform us if your children is unable to take part in this activity due to allergies etc.

<u>June booking forms</u>- All forms are due in no later than Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June, forms received after this date will incur a £2.50 late charge as per your parent contract. <u>Payment of June fees should be made no later than Friday</u> **10<sup>th</sup> June**- thank you in advance.

## **BIB** news

I hope you all had a restful break and an enjoyable Jubilee weekend.

Welcome back to Mrs. Reeves! I know we are all pleased that she is back with us in the BIB.

This half term will be a busy one, we have lots to look forward to.

ED will go to Wyndley for swimming lessons from next week. A letter will follow shortly with arrangements. We are all visiting our local library in the next few weeks and are looking forward to sharing stories with one another.

Our sports day will be towards the very end of the term. We are working with Ryan from WBA to arrange that. Further details will follow over the coming weeks.

Coming soon there will be another parent coffee afternoon. This will be an opportunity to meet the schools new Communication and Autism Specialist Teacher. Mrs. Jones (SENCO) and I will host this jointly and invite both BIB and mainstream school parents to this.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support.

## **Diary Dates - Remainder of 2022**

Wednesday 29th June (matinee) & Thursday 30th June (evening)

Y6 leavers' performance

Thursday 30th June (Y3/4) and Friday 1st July (Y5/6)

Junior school sports' afternoons

Wednesday 6th July

Whole school transition day (and secondary transfer day)

Tuesday 12th July

Parents' celebration open evening

Wednesday 13th July

Open evening for the new Year 3 parents

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 16<sup>th</sup> December

Children break up for the Christmas holidays

## Celebration Assembly 26/05/22



## Year 6 Leavers' Production

Save the date: Our Year 6 children will be performing their leavers' production to family members on the afternoon of Wednesday 29th June (time TBC) and on the evening of Thursday 30th June at 6.00pm. Further information will be shared in the next few days.

## **Nursery September 2022**

We still have a few Nursery places available. If you know of or have a child whose date of birth is between 01/09/18 and 31/08/19 who may be interested in a place, please contact the Infants' School Office on 0121 464 2338 for further information.

## Jubilee Books and Reading at Home

This week, your child will come home with a special edition book that every child in primary school has been sent to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. A big thank you to Boldmere PTA who have also had a commemorative bookmark made for every child to keep. These will be sent home with the book. We are sure that these keepsakes will help to remind your child of this historic and special event in the future.

## Reading at home

A reminder to please make sure that your child's reading book and reading record book is in school every day and the record is filled in every time that your child reads. We aim for Years 3 and 4 to read for 15 minutes daily and Years 5 and 6 for 20 minutes.

Thanks for your continued support.

## **LOST UNIFORM**

We have a large amount of unmarked school uniform and coats currently in our lost property area, please remember that all uniform and coats should be labelled with your child's full name so these can be returned if they get lost.

#### **COMMUNICATION AND AUTISM TEAM (CAT) WEBINARS IN JUNE**

Please see the link below for the full details of the following SEND webinars that are being held in June by Birmingham City Council's Communication in Autism Team, Occupational Therapy and Speech and Language Therapy:

- Thursday 9th June 12:30-2.30pm Supporting Transition into Secondary School (A session for Year 6 parents)
- Wednesday 8th June 6:30-7:30pm & Thursday 9th June 10-11am DIY Encouraging Independence in Toddlers
- Wednesday 15th June 10-11am & Thursday 16th June 1-2pm Supporting Selective Talkers and Quiet Children

For further events or to book places online please see <a href="https://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/events-for-parents/">https://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/events-for-parents/</a>

## **Year 4 Multiplication Times Table Check**

In June, our Year 4 children will take the multiplication times tables check. This will be carried out in school and takes no longer than 5 minutes for each child. More information can be found on the school website in the Year 4 information.

#### **PTA NEWS**

#### **Fathers' Day Elfridges**

The Elfridges shop reopens its doors on Friday 17th June for children to select a gift for the significant male(s) in their life. Gifts are suitable for Fathers, Carers, Grandparents, Uncles etc. Elfridges is strictly a pre-order only service. Tickets cost £2.50 each and are available to purchase now at www.pta-events.co.uk/boldmere Ordering will close at midday on Wednesday 15th June.

## **PTA Ice Cream Shop**

Our team of volunteers will open the PTA Ice Cream shop on Thursday and Friday after school this week (weather permitting). Please try to pay with exact change if possible, or we also accept contactless payments. All proceeds go directly to the school.

#### **PTA Summer Fair**

Please put Friday 8th July, late afternoon (exact time TBC) in your diaries for the Boldmere School Summer Fair. Could we please also ask you to read the attached PDF to see how you might be able to help? Thank you in advance.

#### **Boldmere Big Summer Fundraiser**

Our PTA have already raised over £14k this year and thanks to your collective efforts we've so far donated over £12k to school. School have now asked us to donate a further £10k towards new outdoor play equipment in the junior school playground - installation proposed for the summer holidays this year....

We need your help to raise this whopping £10k contribution....

How you can help ....

- Treat your kids to an ice cream Thursdays AND Fridays after school.
- Buy a Fathers' Day gift from the Elfridges shop www.pta-events.co.uk/boldmere
- If you can't make it to the Summer Ball but know someone who's attending, why not send some money with them for raffle tickets?! Great prizes to be won too! Friday 10th June.
- Buy some pre-loved uniform from our PTA website www.pta-events.co.uk/boldmere
- Come & support us at our Summer Fair Friday 8th July
- Donate items to the PTA, for summer fair stalls and raffle prizes

This is a huge fundraising effort that we really need your help with to reach our target by the summer holidays and allow us to assist in providing this fantastic equipment for our children to benefit from for years to come. We hope to keep you updated on our progress!

