

Boldmere Junior School

Weekly Newsletter

A message from Mr Sadler, Head of Junior School

Dear parents and carers,

I hope that you all had an excellent weekend, which I know for many families, part of which would have involved the festivities associated with remembering the history of one Guy Fawkes. This was certainly the case on Friday evening in school where it was wonderful seeing the community come together and enjoying our very own fireworks display, care of our fantastic Parents' and Teachers' Association. We really were treated to an incredible evening and whilst I'll leave it to the PTA to share how much was raised, I would like to extend our huge thanks to all involved in helping the event run so successfully. Bravo! From remembering the events of the 5th November to remembering the service and sacrifice of the millions that have defended our freedoms next as I draw your attention to Armistice Day in school next week. Ahead of this, you will have seen I'm sure that some of our Year 6 children have done a fantastic job selling poppies and other remembrance merchandise this week, raising money for the Royal British Legion. In school on Friday, we'll also be marking the occasion by participating by joining a two-minute silence at 11.00am and then there will also be a special remembrance assembly taking place later that afternoon. I am also acutely aware too that many of our children will be representing their respective organisations in parades on Remembrance Sunday: we are very proud of them all, as we are of the parents and family members who are currently in the respective services.

A quick reminder that Friday this week is also the day our school photographer is in to take individual and sibling photographs; almost perfectly timed that we now have the long awaited clip-on school ties available for parents to purchase!

To finish this section of our newsletter, two things to make you aware of next week, the first of which relates to Children In Need on Friday 18th November. We'll be marking the occasion with a 'SPOTacular' non-uniform day in school, embracing the 'spotty' theme of this year's event. Donations for Children in Need will be collected in school on the day. Also next week is the 'Big School Swim' where the importance of school swimming is recognised and celebrated – thanks to the mum of Jessica in Year 5 for bringing this to my attention. The event was last held in 2019 where 370 schools across the country participated in the event. We'll be one of a hopefully even bigger number this year, courtesy of the fact that we continue to offer swimming provision for our children. Currently, classes 5B and 5CS are attending swimming on a Tuesday afternoon and they'll be replaced by 5W and then children in Year 4 in the New Year, demonstrating our continued commitment to what is undoubtedly essential in helping children keep themselves safe.

[A message from Mr Glasgow - School funding petition](#)

You may have seen in the media recently that as with other areas of public spending, school budgets are currently under the microscope due to significant cuts that will impact drastically on children's learning. Even this morning, the headline report on the BBC news homepage was on this exact topic. We will shortly share information specific to Boldmere but ahead of then, we implore all parents, family members, concerned others to visit the following link <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/627130> and complete the online petition calling for immediate funding from the Government to fully meet the rising costs schools are facing.

Boldmere School funding discussions

As many parents may be aware, conversations about cuts in school funding are currently taking place in the media. All schools are facing difficult decisions around funding, and Boldmere is no different. During meetings with our Parent class representatives last term, the Heads of the Junior and Infant schools discussed the current funding situations in schools and how Boldmere are trying to ensure that curriculum enrichment activities continue to take place across school. We advised the parent representatives that school will be seeking PTA funding as well as parents/carers financial support for certain activities such as cooking ingredients or visiting theatre groups. We thank you in advance for your continued support.

Maths Workshops Year 3 & Year 4

Thank you to the family members who attended Year 4 Maths workshop today. Year 3's Maths workshop will be **Thursday 1st December 9:15 to 10:45**. We warmly invite two adults per child to come and share in their child's learning!

MUSIC LESSONS

Music contracts were sent home before half term to relevant pupils, these must be signed and returned urgently. Autumn term fees should be paid via Parent Pay by 18th November.

NUT ALLERGIES

We are aware that some pupils have come into school recently with snacks/ packed lunches that contain nuts or nut products including Nutella and Ferrero Rocher. Due to our pupils and members of staff with nut allergies we do not allow any nuts or nut based food items.

Lego Donations

If families have any Lego they no longer want we would welcome donations for our pupils. Please bring donations to the School Office.

Pupil Photos

Individual photos of the children will be taken this Friday 11th November and will be available to buy ASAP. All pupils should wear school uniform on Friday.

Celebration Assembly w/c 07/11/22

Congratulations to our Values Ambassadors for this week:

3U	Mayaih
3P	Bonnie
3M	Oscar
4RW	Anthony
4Q	Sa'rai
4H	Emily

5W	Anna
5CS	Wafiyya
5B	Zachary
6F	Aria
6J	Indy
6PJ	Jay



Tweet of the week



Federation of Boldmere Schools
@BoldmereSchools

6F thoroughly enjoyed making Victoria Sandwiches with a twist... We hope they made it home for others to taste test too!



17:17 · 07 Nov 22 · Twitter for iPad

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Jeremy Merckel @Jez_Merckel · 1h

Replying to @BoldmereSchools

We didn't get a look in!! Only crumbs left by the time it reached us :-{

Attendance

Last week's attendance for the school was 94.1%.
Our target each week is 97%

The class with the best attendance and gaining their attendance leaf for our tree was

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
Week 4	6F
Week 5	3M, 6J and 6F
Week 6	3M and 6J
Week 7	3M

COMING SOON...CHILDREN IN NEED!

If you wish to make a donation to Children In Need please use the following link:

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=8629>

information will follow by ParentMail regarding activities that will take place in school.

BUSY BODIES

A huge thank you to all our families who have handed in their booking forms on time. This makes it much more manageable to keep our registers up to date and ensure that our children remain safe and looked after within our setting.

If you have not already completed your payments for November, please do so by the end of this week being Friday 11th November. We will be sending out payment reminders throughout this week, please do not hesitate in contacting the Busy Bodies Manager should you require further information about you children's fees.

Support with childcare cost - With the recent raises in the cost of living, there is no doubt that childcare costs may also one of your higher outgoings. **Did you know that you might be entitled to extra funding to help with your childcare cost?**

The Government Tax-Free Childcare scheme could help working parents or carers get up to £500 every three months (*up to £2,000 a year per child*) or if their child has a disability, they can get up to £1,000 every three months (*up to £4,000 a year per child*) to help with the costs of childcare.

Parents can use the money to pay for before and after school clubs, holiday clubs and play schemes as well as Nursery, Childminder or Nanny fees.

If you get Tax-Free Childcare, you will set up an online childcare account for your child. For every £8 you pay into this account, the government will pay in £2 (*that a massive 20% towards your childcare outgoings*) to use to pay your provider.

To find out more please see the below links:-

- www.childcarechoices.gov.uk – to help parents decide what is the best childcare offer for them
- www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator – to help parents understand which offer works best for them financially
- www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare – to help parents with up-to-date information on eligibility criteria and how to apply

For further information about your childcare entitlement, advice or support, please do not hesitate in contacting the Busy Bodies Manager who may be able to direct you to free and impartial advice services.

Diary Dates – school term dates 2022-2023 – PLEASE SEE UPDATES!

Friday 11th November

Photographer taking individual pupil photos – school uniform must be worn

Thursday 17th November

Year 3 Animal Man visit

Wednesday 7th December

Children's Christmas Dinner

Flu Vaccinations

Friday 9th December

Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children

PTA Elfridges

Monday 12th December

Year 4 Christmas Production – Dress Rehearsal

Wednesday 14th December

Year 4 Christmas Production - Evening performance 6:00-7:00pm

Thursday 15th December

Year 4 Christmas Production - Afternoon performance 2:00-3:00pm

Year 5 National Space Centre visit

Monday 12th – Thursday 15th December

Christmas Parties (One year group per day)

Friday 16th December

Children break up for the Christmas holidays

Afternoon church service at St Michael's

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Tuesday 3rd January

INSET day – school closed to children

Wednesday 4th January

Children return to school.

Wednesday 15th February – Friday 17th February

Year 4 Whitemoor Lakes Residential

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

Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th July

INSET days – school closed to children

Flu Vaccinations

NHS nurses will be coming into school on Wednesday 7th December to administer nasal flu vaccinations to all year groups. Consent forms were sent home last week, please note that families need to return a form for each child to give a **YES or NO response** to receiving the nasal vaccination. Please return forms to school as soon as possible.

Remembrance Poppy Appeal

We have poppies available in school for a **minimum** 50p donation for the Royal British Legion in advance of Remembrance Day. Other items available are zip pulls (50p), wristbands (£1), reflectors (£1) and snap bands (£2) Cash payments only please.



FORTHCOMING EDUCATIONAL VISITS

Emails have been sent via Parent Mail this week regarding the following educational visits:

Year 3 Animal Man visit on Thursday 17th November

Year 5 National Space Centre visit on Thursday 15th December

Year 4 Whitemoor Lakes Residential visit from 15th – 17th February 2023

Please ensure payments are made via Parent Pay by the required deadlines to enable activities to go ahead.

BIB News

Musab, in LK, for being kind to his peers and managing his emotions in the classroom.

Alfie, in KM/ED for his strong work ethic and positive attitude.

I would also like to express BIB congratulations to **Mrs Kinsella**. She has been a member of the Boldmere School family for **20 years!!** What an achievement! Congratulations!! I hope that there will be many more great years of service with us in the BIB to come.

Notices

Thank you for those of you who have returned your **Coffee Afternoon slips**. Any remaining ones please do send in to me this week. I need to confirm the speaker and currently I do not have enough 'yes' responses to run the session.

Home reading books. Thank you for continuing to read with your children at home. I have had the pleasure of listening to some of them read and can see that they are receiving support at home. Please ensure that reading books come into school in the plastic wallet that we provided. Some of the books are being sent in water damaged.

Nut allergies. We have been asked to kindly remind you that children should not bring into school foods containing nuts for snack/lunch, such as Nutella sandwiches, Kinder Bueno bars, Happy Hippos etc. There are children and staff in school with severe allergies and children who send in nutty snacks do potentially put these individuals at risk.

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