



NEWSLETTER - DEC 1



Dear Parents/Carers,

Christmas performances have started in earnest this week! Reception and Year 1 parents have been welcomed into school to watch Whoops-a-Daisy Angel and Prickly Hay. Children are singing and acting their little hearts out and are doing a great job. There have been a few emotional "happy" tears from grown-ups and I am very pleased that we have been able to facilitate the performances this year. As mentioned in last week's newsletter, we have allowed parents/carers to take photographs and record performances but please do not share on social media platforms (as detailed in our policy....) We are looking forward to watching Year 2 plays next week. Thursday 15th December is also our Party day and children may come to school wearing party clothes (and sensible shoes!). Children will be asked to provide certain food items to share with their peers. Staff will send letters home with children on Friday this week. Our week ends with a Christmas celebration at Wylde Green United Reformed Church on Britwell Road on Friday 16th December at 9.30am. Year 2 will be leading the service with Rev Chris and we welcome families to join us at Church if they are able.

Festive Jumper Day Friday 9th December

This year we will be wearing our festive jumpers to support our local hospitals: the Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham, Heartlands Hospital, Good Hope Hospital and Solihull Hospital. On Friday 9th December we are inviting children to wear a Christmas jumper (if they have one) or alternatively a brightly coloured jumper instead of their normal school jumper or cardigan. We ask that they wear the rest of their school uniform as usual. If you wish to make a donation we will ensure this is forwarded to the hospital charity on your behalf. Donations can be made via Parentpay. Let's join in the festive fun and spread some festive cheer!

Absence and Lateness

Please can we remind all parents/carers that you need to call (01214642338) or email (enquiry@boldmere.bham.sch.uk) before 9am in the morning if your child is going to be absent from school or if they are going to be late for any reason. If we have not heard from you then a call will be made to you as part of our responsibility to safeguard children.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 7th December-9.30am, RW class Reception Christmas play.
Wednesday 7th December-2.00pm, 1H class Year One Christmas play.
Thursday 8th December- Nursery Christmas activities.
Thursday 8th December - Children's Christmas dinner.
Friday 9th December - Flu Vaccination Team in school. Festive Jumper Day and PTA Elfridges.
Monday 12th December - 2.00pm, 2M class Year Two Christmas play.
Tuesday 13th December - 2.00pm, 2P class Year Two Christmas play.
Wednesday 14th December-2.00pm, 2B class Year Two Christmas play.
Thursday 15th December- Christmas party day for Nursery, Reception, Year One, Year Two and BIB.
Friday 16th December- Break up for Christmas holidays.
Tuesday 3rd January 2023- School closed for professional development day.
Wednesday 4th January- School re-opens to all pupils.
Friday 17th February- Break up for half term holidays.
Monday 27th February- School re-opens to all pupils.
Friday 31st March - Break up for Easter holidays.
Monday 17th April - School re-opens to all pupils.
Monday 1st May - May Day Bank holiday- School closed.
Monday 8th May - King Charles III Coronation Bank Holiday - School closed.



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Dogs

Polite reminder that dogs/puppies are not allowed on the school site, whether they are walking or being carried. The ONLY exception are guide dogs.

Forgotten Items

Please ensure that your child has all the items that they need when they arrive for school including book bags, lunches, water bottles, coats and hats to minimise disruption to children and staff during the school day.

Lunchtime Club Letters For Spring Term 2023

Letters were sent home last week for the lunchtime clubs next term. Please check your child's book bags for further information. Please make sure all reply slips and payments are received by **9am on Monday 12th December**.

Congratulations Board

Reception-Saffiie, Warrick & Lily.
Year One - Dominic, Theo & George.
Year Two - Tori, Eli & Seren.

Celebrating Attendance

Congratulations to Frog class 2P, for achieving 98% attendance last week. Well done!

Christmas Lunch

We will be enjoying our Christmas lunch in school on Thursday 8th December. A vegetarian option will be available. If you would like your child to have a Christmas lunch in school on this day please order their choice via the Schoolgrid app. Contact the school office if you need help to do this.

PTA Christmas Fair

Thank you to all of the PTA volunteers, children and their parents/carers for their support & donations on Friday at the Christmas Fair. We loved seeing the beautifully designed lucky dip bags and boxes and Santa's Grotto was magical! We hope everyone enjoyed the Fair as much as we did.

Milk Letters

Milk letters were sent home last week to order milk for the spring term. Order forms and payment via Parentpay must be received by **9am on Monday 12th December** at the very latest. If your child is in a Reception class, please do not assume they will continue to receive milk even though they are under five. A new order form must be completed and sent to school. Spare letters can be obtained from the school office.

Advent Assembly

Last Thursday Rev. Chris from Wylde Green United Reformed Church came to lead our assembly all about advent. He showed the children how to make a Christingle and was very eagerly assisted by some Year 2 children. Everyone joined in singing a Christingle song. On Sunday Wylde Green URC are holding a Christingle service which you are welcome to attend. All of the children will be going to the church on Friday 16th December for our Christmas Carol Service.

Newsletter:

The weekly newsletter can also be found on the school website:
<https://www.boldmere.bham.sch.uk>

Ordering Lunches Via School Grid

Please can we remind parents that you need to order lunches for your child via School Grid.

PTA News

The PTA newsletter will be sent out separately on Thursday to all parents/carers.

Nursery Admissions September 2023

Nursery registration forms to apply for a nursery place for September 2023 are available from the Infant school office.



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Boldmere Inclusion Base News From Mrs Preece:

Celebrations

Parker in Giraffes for super reading at school and home.

Jake in KM for showing maturity, empathy and kindness to his peers and the younger children in the BIB.

Busy two weeks ahead for us all!

Yesterday KM went on the train to Birmingham and the Apple Store for a coding workshop. A big thank you to Miss Martin for organising it and Mr. Glasgow for coming along to help us too.

We are really looking forward to our Christmas Craft afternoon on Thursday 8th December at 1.45. If you are yet to confirm your attendance please do let your child's class teacher know.

Please continue to send in your family photographs for the display in main school. We have a few but would like as many as possible please.

Christmas Jumper day is on Friday 9th. Your child is welcome to come in their Christmas Jumper but it is not compulsory. End of term reports will also be sent home at the end of the day too.

The BIB Christmas party will be on Thursday 15th. More details will follow regarding the arrangements for this.

Save the date- due to the cancellation of the Coffee Afternoon recently, the next one will be 18th January in the morning, 9.15-10.30. Agenda and further details will follow in the New Year.

Busy Bodies News

Polite reminders-

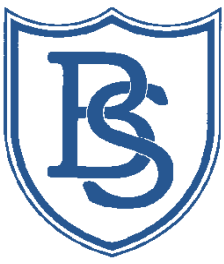
December booking forms- Please be reminded that booking forms were due in last Wednesday 30th November and fees by Friday 2nd December. Currently, there are several booking forms outstanding; the manager has sent a polite reminder to those requiring a booking form for this month.

Please be reminded that January booking forms should be returned by Wednesday 14th December to ensure that we have accurate registers for the weeks following the Christmas holidays.

Blank forms- Recently, we have been receiving a several filled out booking forms without children's names on it. This is a very time consuming activity, going through previous months booking forms in order to try to work out whom to allocate each form.

May we take this opportunity to politely remind parents/ carers to be vigilant when completing your forms. If you feel that you may have forgotten to put your child's names on your December/ January form, please inform the Busy Bodies Manager.

Dropping off- some families who are booked in for 8am are starting to drop off earlier each day, please ensure that you drop off according to your stated time slots. This is not only unfair to those parents having to pay for the additional session time but it is also having a negative impacting on the staff to children ratio of the club in the mornings.



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Reception Admissions - September 2023

The online application process is now live to register your child for Reception 2023. Please visit the website at:

www.birmingham.gov.uk/school-admissions for further information.

The closing date for applications is **Sunday 15th January 2023**.

Christmas Holiday Camp

We are delighted to be teaming up with The KSA Group for another fun filled, action packed holiday camp at Boldmere.

Monday 19th - Friday 23rd December

8am-6pm £20.00 per child per day

9am-3.30pm £18.00 per child per day

8am-12.30pm £12.00 per child per day

1.30pm-6pm £12.00 per child per day

For Boldmere parents only, there is a **Black Friday** deal which will end on Friday

2nd December at 8pm.

Further detail and booking information can be

found at <https://www.theksagroup.co.uk/venues>

Year Two Parents Transfer from Year 2 to Year 3 September 2023

Letters were sent home before half term to all year two children. The transfer from Year 2 to Year 3 online application form can be found by visiting:

www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions

The closing date for applications is **Sunday 15th January 2023**.

Email addresses for correspondence specific to your child's class/year group.

bib-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

nursery-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

reception-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

yr1-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

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