



# NEWSLETTER - DEC 1



Dear Parents/Carers,

## Christmas is approaching\_

Our Christmas celebrations have begun and children may have noticed that staff spent yesterday evening decorating school for them! Paper chains adorn the dining room and beautiful candles are hanging in the hall, all courtesy of the children's creative talents during last week!

Year 2 postal workers received their training yesterday afternoon and will be ready to start their duties delivering internal post tomorrow. Please can we remind everyone to write names and classes (eg Hedgehogs or RB ) on the envelopes to assist our postal workers.

On Friday we were very excited to speak to Father Christmas! Despite his very busy schedule, he found time to call us and he even read a few of the letters that we had written to him. We sang him a song and he told us all about the work that his elves are doing in preparation for Christmas. Children also asked Father Christmas what he liked to eat and we all promised to leave a little treat for him and the reindeer to help them on their way (although he did say that he had been eating a little too much lately though!)

Father Christmas also paid us a special visit to the PTA Christmas Fair on Friday evening. He and two of his hard working elves popped along to the Infant Grotto and had a lovely time chatting with all the children. A huge thank you goes to Father Christmas and his elves for giving up their time to spread Christmas joy and excitement!

Thank you also to the PTA for putting on a super community event, they too are having a busy time- preparations for the Elfridges shop are in full swing and closing date for the orders is fast approaching.

## Birmingham Hospice

We welcomed John Hurley from Birmingham Hospice last week, to talk to us about fund raising for this worthy charity. John brought along Hettie the Hedgehog and explained all about the sponsored Rudolph run on **15<sup>th</sup> December**. The reindeer head bands have been delivered so we are looking forward to joining with Junior school for the sponsored event. Information about the Just Giving page for sponsor money will be shared next week.

## Reminder!

We would like to remind you of our Jolly Christmas Jumper day on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December**.

Children can wear a jolly/festive jumper to school with their usual school uniform.

We are inviting donations of **£1** to be brought into school for Birmingham Hospice.



## Congratulations Board

**Year 1- Aydaan, Anrola & Muhammad**

**Year 2 - Sam, Aly & Theo**

## Diary Dates

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December** - Festive Jumper Day

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December** - 9.30am Penguin's Christmas Performance

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December** - 2.00pm Owl's Christmas Performance

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December** - 9.30am Hedgehog's Christmas Performance

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December** - 2.00pm Seal's Christmas Performance

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** - 9.30am Robin's Christmas Performance

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** - 2.00pm Lion's Christmas Performance

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December** - 10.30am & 2.30pm Nursery Christmas songs

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December** - 2.00pm Parrot's Christmas Performance

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** - 2.00pm Bear's Christmas Performance

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December** - 2.00pm Frog's Christmas Performance

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December** - Christmas Party day

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**- Break up for Christmas holidays.

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024**- School closed for professional development day.

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January**- School re-opens to all pupils.

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February**- Break up for half term holidays.

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February**- School re-opens to all pupils.



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## Kindness Value

This half term our value is **kindness**. During our assemblies we are going to be thinking about what kindness means and how we can show kindness towards others. Acts of kindness do not need to cost anything, but they can benefit both the receivers as well as the givers. Last week we linked 'Anti Bullying Week' to our value and discussed how kindness makes others feel.

### Random Acts of Kindness

Please look out for the 'Random Act of Kindness' forms in your child's book bag (yellow slips). Please capture a random act of kindness shown by your child and return to school. Mrs Mason will be catching all of the acts on our school kindness tree.

## Severe weather arrangements

The decision to close a school due to severe weather lies with the Executive Headteacher (Mr. Glasgow) and Head of School (Mrs. Kenny), in consultation with the Chair of the Governing Board. This arrangement enables decisions to be taken quickly, in the light of local circumstances and or factors unique to the school, such as local transport or site related issues. On taking the decision to close the School due to severe weather, Mr. Glasgow/Mrs. Kenny will inform BCC. An immediately update for parents/carers will be made on the school's website with notification of the closure as well as using parentmail messaging and social media to keep parents informed.

In extreme circumstances such as very heavy snowfall, the Director, Children and Families, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families, may decide to close all schools and centres that are maintained by BCC. The timing of the decision will be informed by an assessment of the conditions and forecast. It will also seek to prevent people making unnecessary journeys. Headteachers will be notified of the decision via their school email. It will also be announced on the BCC website and through social media channels.

## No Pens day!



Last Wednesday we took part in No Pens Day. This was a day of learning without pens! It is a national day focussing on speaking and listening skills. We had opportunities to talk about our learning and listen to each other so we can remember our learning. Even the teachers didn't use pens!

## Parent Class Reps

Thank you to all parents who attended our first meeting of the year last week. We had a very productive meeting and it was lovely to see some new faces joining the group. Topics on the agenda last week included school lunches, dismissal points for 1H, Christmas arrangements, equality and diversity, school photos, diwali lamps and communications. We still have vacancies for 2U, 1S, 1L and BIB classes so please speak to Mrs Kenny if you would like to join.

## Staffing update

We are very pleased to announce that Mrs Virdee is now a fully fledged member of our Boldmere office team following successful appointment last week. Congratulations Mrs. Virdee!

## Autism and Good Sleep Workshop for Parents and carers of children.

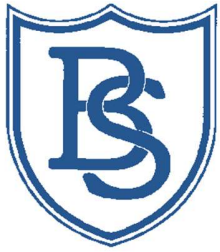
The All Age Autism Support Service will be running a good sleep workshop hosted by Resources for Autism. The aim of a workshop is to give strategies to help improve sleep for the individual and the whole family. Please see the attached file- 'Sleep Workshops'.

## 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.



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## Is my child too ill for school? - NHS advice for parents

Following the Covid pandemic, some parents have reported that it can be difficult to know when they should keep their child off school due to illness. The NHS provides helpful guidance to parents on when it's ok to send children to school and when it's better to keep them at home. Please follow link below for guidance.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>



### [Is my child too ill for school?](https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/)

Find out when it's best to keep your sick child at home and when it's OK to send them to school or nursery.

[www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk)

### Reception Admissions - September 2024

The online application process is now live to register your child for Reception 2024. Please visit the website at:

[www.birmingham.gov.uk/school-admissions](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/school-admissions) for further information.

The closing date for applications is **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024**.

### Year Two Parents Transfer from Year 2 to Year 3 September 2024

The transfer from Year 2 to Year 3 online application form can be found by visiting:

[www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

The closing date for applications is **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024**.

### Absences & Lateness

Please can we remind all parents/carers that you need to call (01214642338) or email ([enquiry@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto: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.

### Nursery September 2023

We have had a few afternoon Nursery places become available. If you know of or have a child whose date of birth is between 01/09/19 and 31/08/20 who may be interested in a place, please contact the school office on 0121 464 2338 for further information.

### School Attendance

Please see the link below for advice from the DfE on promoting strong attendance throughout the autumn term.

[https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery](https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)

### Nursery Admissions Sept 2024

Nursery registration forms to apply for a nursery place for September 2024 are available from the Infant school office.

**Our Vision:** The Federation of Boldmere Schools empowers all children to embrace learning; achieve their personal best; and build their social, emotional and physical wellbeing.





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**BIB Newsletter Week beginning December 4<sup>th</sup> 2023**

## Celebrations

Corey in Giraffes for growing in confidence in school.

Yasmin in LK for super Maths focus in class.

James in ED for exceptional work in class and working independently.

## PE Champions

Axel in Giraffes

Yasmin in LK

James in ED



ED visited the local pizzeria in Boldmere last week. Tony, the proprietor and Rob, the Chef were absolutely fantastic with the children. They were all able to make their own pizzas, finish them off with their favourite toppings and have them for lunch.

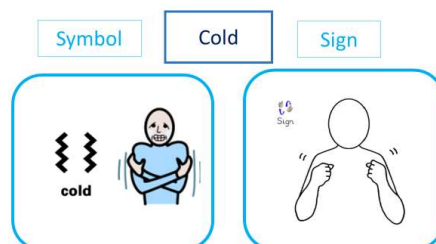


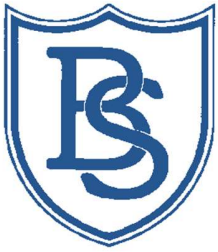
Friday December 8<sup>th</sup> is Christmas Jumper day. Children are asked to come in Uniform but with their Christmas Jumper on top. For the BIB, it is PE day, so the children can come in their PE kits as usual with their Christmas top.

We are all looking forward to seeing you on the 12<sup>th</sup> December 1.45 for the Christmas Craft afternoon. Anyone who is yet to return a slip to the BIB please do so as soon as you can. We would like to make sure that every child has an adult with them for the afternoon.

Friday December 15<sup>th</sup> is the Rudolph run. We will be participating in this along with the Infant and Junior Schools.

The new Makaton sign to learn this week is 'cold'. Please practice with your child at home.





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## Busy Bodies News

### Booking forms

Thank you to the parents who have sent in the December booking forms, any forms that are handed in after today will incur an administration charge of £5

Today is the start of the new December booking form, if we do not have your form, we do not know your requirements and your child will not be collected, this can be very distressing, especially for the younger children, this is why it is very important that forms are sent back on time.

At present we have 25 outstanding booking forms.

Fees were due in Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December, if you have not already, please make sure payments are sent on time.

### New email address

Please note that Busy Bodies have a new email address, any messages sent to the previous email address will be sent on to [busies@boldmere.bham.sck.uk](mailto:busies@boldmere.bham.sck.uk)

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

[bib-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:bib-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)

[nursery-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:nursery-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)

[reception-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:reception-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)

[yr1-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:yr1-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)

[yr2-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:yr2-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)

### Medicine Spoons

If anyone has any spare plastic medicine spoons or syringes, please could you send them into school.

Thank you

### Dolce School Catering

If you would like to contact Dolce our school catering company regarding anything to do with school lunches please contact them via

[customercare@dolce.co.uk](mailto:customercare@dolce.co.uk)

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