



# NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 2



Dear Parents

## **Festive Jumper Day Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

This year we are taking part in Festive Jumper Day to support the hospital charity helping to support patients at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Heartlands Hospital, Good Hope Hospital and Solihull Hospital.

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!

## **Milk Letters**

Milk letters were sent home last week for the spring term. **Order forms and payment via Parentpay must be received by 9am on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **Celebrating Attendance**

Congratulations to 1W Lion class and 1T Owl class for achieving 100% attendance last week. Well done!

## **Thank you**

Mrs. Perez would like me to send her thanks to all parents and children in Frog class. She was very touched by the gifts for her and her little boy Hugo, and appreciates your kindness.

## **Christmas cheer!**

This afternoon you will see a Christmas video appear on your Google classroom streams..... it's a little Merry Christmas from all staff! We had great fun putting it together and hope it brings some Christmas cheer to everyone!

## **Children's Christmas Lunch Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

- Children who bring in a packed lunch from home are welcome to join the school packed lunch children for our Christmas lunch on 16<sup>th</sup> December.
- If your child normally brings sandwiches to school and would like a Christmas lunch provided on this day please let the office know as soon as possible if you have not already done so.

## **Spreading Kindness And Joy- Hearts For Homes Campaign**

Year two have taken part in a campaign #heartsforhomes by creating messages and decorations to be displayed at New Oscott Village to spread joy following what has been a very difficult year for many. Please keep an eye out for a photograph of the display on our Twitter page and website. A very thoughtful idea Year 2, you have made lots of people smile.

## **Diary Dates**

### **Autumn Term 2020**

- 11<sup>th</sup> December-** Festive Jumper day- donations can be made via Parentpay.
- 16<sup>th</sup> December-** Nursery Christmas party day.
- 16<sup>th</sup> December-** Christmas lunch in school.
- 17<sup>th</sup> December-** Christmas Party day for Reception, Year One and Year Two.
- 17<sup>th</sup> December-** Nursery break up for Christmas holidays.
- 18<sup>th</sup> December -**Reception, Year One and Year Two break up for Christmas holidays.

### **Spring Term 2021**

- 4<sup>th</sup> January-** Professional Development day - school closed to all pupils.
- 5<sup>th</sup> January-** School re-opens to all pupils.
- 12<sup>th</sup> February-** Break up for half term holidays.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> February-** School re-opens to all pupils.
- 1<sup>st</sup> April-** Break up for Easter holidays.

## **Newsletter:**

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



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## Christmas Parties

### Reception, Years One and Two

Christmas parties will take place on Thursday 17th December. Children may wear their party clothes to school on this day.

On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December the children will receive a brown paper bag to take home and decorate and return to school on party day with a piece of fruit, a cake and a bag of crisps. This will be your child's party food, we will not be sharing food as we usually do. As you know we are a healthy eating school but we are making an exception on this occasion.

## Nursery Christmas Party

The Nursery Christmas parties will be held on Wednesday 16th December. Further information regarding party food will be sent home in the nursery newsletter.

## Congratulations!

Well done to all of those children who have completed the bronze award of our school book explorer challenge. Remember you need to complete one row or line to achieve your bronze certificate. If you haven't yet brought in your completed line, please bring your sheet in to show your teacher who will present you with your certificate. You will then be ready to start your silver award next term.

## Covid-19 Related Pupil Absence

Attached to this newsletter is a quick reference guide for parents and carers regarding Covid-19 related pupil absence.

## New Winter Reading Challenge From The Library

Over the summer holidays, the Reading Agency always run a summer reading challenge through the local libraries. This year, they have launched a winter reading challenge for over the Christmas holidays. It is easy to join online by visiting <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/news/general/winter-mini-challenge-2020>

The challenge asks children to read 3 books of their choice. Once they have completed their reading, you can print off a certificate and download a virtual medal. If you want some 'new reads', remember that Boldmere Library is now open on a Tuesday and Thursday 9am-4pm.

## PTA

Thank you everyone that visited our virtual online Christmas Fair. It ended last night and we will let you know the total raised as soon as everything has come in. If you have won one of the hampers you will receive an email informing you of this, please make payment online as soon as you receive the email so we are able to get your winning hamper to you before Christmas. All purchases and winnings will be delivered via your child, through the school.

The year group 2020 Tea towels, to celebrate this very strange year, will remain online to order but please order as soon as possible as these will come offline shortly [www.pta-event.co.uk/boldmere](http://www.pta-event.co.uk/boldmere) The completed tea towels will be delivered in the New Year.

## National School Flu Vaccination Programme Update

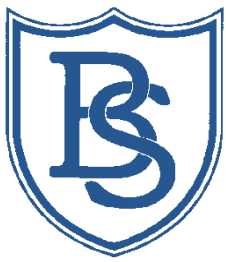
Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust have been advised by commissioners that we can now approach parents to request expressions of interest with regards to an offer of inactivated influenza vaccine to children whose parents refuse live attenuated influenza vaccine due to the porcine gelatine content. The offer of this vaccination will be delivered in a clinic setting. This offer will be dependent on both vaccine availability and the capacity within the Immunisation Team to deliver this offer at short request. We would be grateful if you could advise any parents interested in their child receiving the alternative vaccination to contact the Immunisation Team on:

**Tel: 0121 466 3440**

This information will also be available on Immunisation Team flu website:

<https://www.bhamcommunity.nhs.uk/patients-public/children-and-young-people/services-parent-portal/immunisation-services/flu/>





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## Busy Bodies - Important Notices

To all our Busy Bodies parents, just a quick update on our current situation regarding extra sessions and booking forms.

- Please do not drop your child off at BB in the morning if your child is not booked in and you have not called prior, to see if we can accommodate, as this could result in us having to contact you to return & collect your child, due to staffing and health & safety of all our children
- **Booking forms - Please return your forms by the date specified in the school newsletter. We always inform you at least two weeks prior that these are available to download or collect. This is followed up by another reminder a week before they are due in and a final reminder the day before the due date. If you have any problems, please contact us as we will always try to help and accommodate you. Late booking forms, as has happened this month, will be subject to our limited capacity and may result in places being unavailable.**
- **JANUARY BOOKING FORMS** will be available to download or collect from BB staff from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December. These can be returned any time prior to school closure on 18<sup>th</sup> December or by Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021 following children's return on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January (the first week back has already been included on your December booking form). We will **not** be debiting January fees until w/c 11<sup>th</sup> January, it is only your requirements for your child's place that we need the booking form to plan for staffing etc.
- **Waiting list** - Many apologies to parents on our waiting list, if you have been reading our newsletters you will have read that we are at capacity and unfortunately there is no movement with BB at this present time. We will update you further when and if this situation changes.

## Registration for Nursery September 2021 Intake

Registration forms for children eligible to join the nursery in September 2021 (date of birth 01.09.2017 to 31.08.2018), are available from the school office or they can be downloaded from the school website under the Parents/Admissions tab.

If you know of anyone that may be interested in a nursery place then please get them to call us on 0121 464 2338.

## Reception Admissions - September 2021

The online application process is now live to register your child for Reception 2021. Please visit the website at:

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

The closing date for applications is **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021**.

Further information, including a presentation and tour of our school is available on our website.

## Year Two Parents Transfer from Year 2 to Year 3 September 2021

Letters will be sent home this week 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](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

The closing date for applications is **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021**.

## Up to Date MAT information

Information can be found at:

<https://www.boldmere.bham.sch.uk/parents/mat-information>

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08/12/2020

