



# NEWSLETTER - DEC 2



Dear Parents/Carers,

## Covid-19

We would like to thank all parents/carers for their co-operation during this term. We do however, need your continued support as we break up for the Christmas holidays.

If your child becomes unwell with Covid-19 symptoms after Friday 17th December, please follow Government guidelines and book a test immediately. It is vital that you **make contact with school** to inform us of any illness and subsequent tests results. We have a duty to ensure that we work with Track and Trace to identify all possible contacts that any children may have had at school, in the 48 hours prior to displaying symptoms. This may include contacts during the final few days at school this week. Please email the enquiry address [enquiry@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@boldmere.bham.sch.uk) to notify us of this information. Should other children/staff be identified as close contacts, they will be notified by parentmail.

If your child becomes ill with Covid-19 symptoms prior to school returning, please update school with the information and follow Government guidelines for booking a test and isolating.

Please can all pupils complete a Lateral Flow Test before they return to school on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January. (If your child has tested positive for Covid within the last 90 days then you do not need to complete an LFT test)

## Christmas Performances

Well done to all of the Reception and Year One classes who performed their Christmas performances to their parents last week. The children all did very well. Year Two's performances are this week with the first performance yesterday afternoon, which was lovely. We are looking forward to seeing the rest of the Christmas performances this week.

## Christmas Parties

**Reception, Years One and Two - Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December.**

**Resource Base Classes - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December.**

Children may wear their party clothes to school on this day. Your child should have received a brown paper bag to bring home, 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. Please ensure that food does not contain nuts.

## Christmas Card Post

The postal service will end on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December (internal post only!) A big 'thank you' to all our Year Two postal workers. What a great job they have done this year.

## Diary Dates.

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December** 2pm - 2PB, Frog class Christmas performance.

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December** - Reception, Year One and Year Two Christmas parties.

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December** - Resource Base classes Christmas parties.

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December**- Break up for Christmas holidays.

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022**- Professional Development Day- school closed to all pupils.

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January**- School re-opens to pupils.

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February**- Break up for half term holidays.

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February**- School re-opens to all pupils.

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April**- Break up for Easter holidays.

## Milk For Spring Term 2022

**Reminder:** If you have requested milk for your child for next term and returned the form to school please make sure you have paid for the milk via Parentpay. This needs to be done as soon as possible so milk can be ordered for your child.

## Jolly Jumper Day - Do Your Bit In A Festive Knit - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December

Thank you for your kind donations we raised £167.05 for the Hospital Charity, which helps to support patients and families at our local hospitals. You can still donate via Parentpay if you would like to.



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## Free School Meal And Christmas Holiday Activity Fund Vouchers

Free School Meal and Christmas Holiday Activity Fund vouchers for the Christmas holiday period will be sent out to eligible families this week via Parentmail. The email will contain all the details needed to claim your vouchers.

## Big Cat Login Information

Children in Reception and Year One will be receiving Big Cat login information this week for you to access reading books online. Please follow the instructions on the letter for how to log in. Happy reading!

## Virtual Visit From Father Christmas

We had a lovely visit from a very special person last Friday! Year 2 met Father Christmas on the big screen and children across school had the video streamed into their classrooms.

Father Christmas sang a song with us, read "The Night Before Christmas" and then talked about our Christmas letters! He also sent us all a selection box full of lovely chocolate. We hope everyone enjoyed the visit and we are very pleased to hear that we are on the "good list" this year!

## Congratulations Board

**Year One** - Amelia, Matilda & Nancy

**Year Two** - Hudson, Clara & Zaeem

## Violin Concert

Congratulations to our Year 1 and Year 2 violinists who attended Mr. Robinson's Christmas concert on Saturday. The concert took place at St. Mary's Church in Moseley and the children played beautifully. How lovely to perform for an audience! Thank you to all parents who supported and well done to all children!

## Attendance

At the end of each term, we usually reward children who have achieved 100% attendance and those who have attendance of 92% and above. However, this term due to the disruption caused by COVID, we will not be sending out certificates as we recognise that many children have had unavoidable absences due to COVID and isolation after taking PCR tests. If we are concerned about your child's attendance, we will contact you.

## Book Bags

We now have book bags in stock in school. If you would like to purchase one for your child, please make the payment via Parentpay and your child will receive their new

## BIB Visit To Birmingham Hippodrome On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Unfortunately, the planned trip to the theatre this Thursday has been postponed.

This decision has not been taken lightly.

We have carefully considered Government guidance, including recent daily updates, as well as the rising cases of Covid-19 in the Birmingham area, and have made the decision to postpone the trip. We know that children and staff will be disappointed, however, we have negotiated with the theatre to transfer our tickets to a future performance in April.

Further information regarding this visit will be provided in the New Year. Our priority is always to keep staff and children as safe as possible during this pandemic. A trip to the theatre at this time seems an unnecessary risk for all children and staff involved.

Thank you for your patience and continued support.

## PE Days

PE days for some classes will change after half term to allow all children to have time with the sports coaches. If your child's class is affected, you will receive a letter in their book bag. If you do not receive a letter, PE days will remain the same.



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## Message from Mr Glasgow: Happy Christmas Holidays

Wow! It is hard to believe that we are almost at the end of this term at school. It certainly has been another challenging one, but also a very rewarding and enjoyable term at the same time.

I would like to wish all of our children, staff, parents and Boldmere community a very Merry Christmas. I hope you are able to really enjoy the festive season and spend lots of quality time with your loved ones and friends. Have a wonderful Christmas break and it is certainly the season to be jolly. Share lots of fun and laughter and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year everyone!

## Busy Bodies News

The Busy Bodies staff would like to take this opportunity to wish all our wonderful families a well-earned Christmas holiday break together. Eat, drink and be merry with lots of fun and memories. We look forward to welcoming you all back in the new year and hearing all our children's wonderful stories.

Thank you to all our families who have already handed in their January booking form. Please ensure if you have not already done so that your January booking form is returned by no later than **Wednesday 5th January**.

### December booking form and fees.

A reminder to all our families to kindly check your child's ParentPay account to ensure that your fees are up to date and ready for your January bookings.

From everyone at Boldmere Infant & Nursery School, we wish our families a very happy and healthy Christmas and New Year. School re-opens for children on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022**.

## Thank You PTA!

A very big 'thank you' to our PTA members who have donated their time and effort organising lots of wonderful activities this term. The PTA have done a fantastic job organising Elfridge's, the Christmas fair, Fireworks night, Christmas cards and many more wonderful fundraising ideas.

## Lego

If anybody has any Lego that they no longer require, please would you consider donating it to school. Thank you.

## Reception Admissions - September 2022

The online application process is now live to register your child for Reception 2022. 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 **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022**.

## Nursery Admissions September 2022

Nursery registrations forms to apply for a nursery place for September 2022 are available from the Infant school office.

## Year Two Parents

### Transfer from Year 2 to Year 3 September 2022

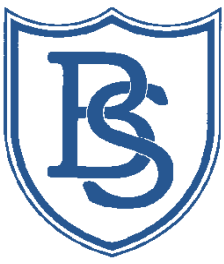
- Letters were sent home last week to all year two children.
- The transfer from Year 2 to Year 3 online application form can be found by visiting:
- [www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions)
- The closing date for applications is **Saturday 15th January 2022**.

## 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 each week via School Grid.



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## PTA News

### Christmas Cards

We hope those of you who have ordered are happy with your children's beautiful creations. This was the first year we have used this new company for Christmas card orders, if you have any feedback on the process please send us an email to [boldmere.pta@gmail.com](mailto:boldmere.pta@gmail.com)

### Elfridges Gift Shop

We would like to say a huge thank you to all the volunteers who helped to make this year's Elfridges a great success, including the parents, children and staff. The PTA Elves did a fantastic job of creating such a lovely experience for the children, it was magical to see their faces as they came into the Elfridges shop last Friday. A super big **THANK YOU** to head elf Claire Butlin who bought and wrapped over 700 individual presents!

### Christmas Shopping

Please consider using [www.smile.amazon.co.uk](http://www.smile.amazon.co.uk) or [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/boldmereschoolspta](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/boldmereschoolspta) Both are free and easy to sign up to. Once you've signed up the PTA will receive a small but essential percentage of every purchase made that will benefit our school and all our children.

### Coming in 2022

Looking ahead to next year, we have some exciting events and activities to look forward to. PTA volunteers have already started to plan the return of the PTA Ball, we can't wait to share more details in the New Year!

Thank you to everyone who has contributed in any way to the PTA this term, we couldn't do it without you. Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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

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