

# NEWSLETTER - DEC 2



Dear Parents/Carers, please read until the end as there is a little something to make you smile!

## Staffing Updates For January 2023.

Mrs. Lloyd begins her maternity leave and Mrs. Beesley will be teaching in Owl class each week. As a result, we have additional teachers (well known to school) who will be replacing Mrs. Beesley's current teaching commitment. Welcome again to Mrs. Dawe and Mrs. Pilling! Owl class - Mrs. Beesley will be teaching each day with the exception of Thursday, when Mrs. Pilling will be teaching. Meerkats - Mrs. Pilling will be teaching each Friday. Frogs - Mrs. Perez will be teaching full time. Penguin class - Miss. Clover is reducing her teaching hours and Mrs. Dawes will be teaching on Tuesday each week. Mrs. Kenny and the senior leadership team will continue to monitor the progress of children in all classes but should you have any concerns, please speak with your child's class teacher.

## Important Meeting Regarding School Ofsted Inspections

Both schools were last inspected by Ofsted back in 2011 and since then, the framework against which schools are judged has changed significantly. It is highly likely that both the infant and the junior school will receive an Ofsted inspection during this academic year. In order to further enhance our engagement with parents, we will be holding an open evening on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January at 5.30pm where parents will be invited into school to learn more about the current Ofsted framework. In addition, parents will also have the opportunity to hear school leaders share the school's current strengths and areas for improvement. Further information about this event will be communicated after the Christmas break but before then, we just request that you note the date in your diary.

## Diary Dates

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December** - 2.00pm, 2B class Year Two Christmas play.  
**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December** - Christmas party day for Nursery, Reception, Year One, Year Two and BIB.  
**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December** - Break up for Christmas holidays.  
**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023** - School closed for professional development day.  
**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January** - School re-opens to all pupils.  
**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January** - Ofsted Framework Open Evening. More details to follow.  
**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February** - Break up for half term holidays.  
**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February** - School re-opens to all pupils.  
**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March** - Break up for Easter holidays.  
**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April** - School re-opens to all pupils.  
**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May** - May Day Bank holiday - School closed.  
**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May** - King Charles III Coronation Bank Holiday - School closed.

## Safeguarding Newsletter

Our Safeguarding newsletter will be sent out to parents every term, providing details of useful information to support the safety and wellbeing of our children and families. Please find the first edition attached to today's newsletter.

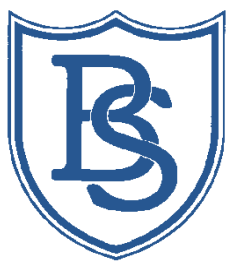
## Multiskills Competition

Congratulations to some of our Year 1 children who attended a multi-skills competition last week at Bishop Vesey. Mrs. Wheeler was super impressed with your behaviour and team work. Boldmere received an award for "self-belief" and showed our school values of resilience and perseverance throughout the afternoon. Thank you to all parents/carers who supported - I hope your voices have recovered!

## Winter Water Safety Advice

Following the tragic events in the news this week, we are sharing a link to Winter Water safety that has been kindly shared by another Birmingham school.

<https://www.wmfs.net/safety/winter-water-safety/>



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## 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.

## PE Kits

Your child will be bringing home their PE kit this week. Please ensure that it is brought back into school on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January ready for next term. A reminder that for indoor PE children will need pumps, a white t-shirt and navy shorts and for outdoor PE they will need navy jogging bottoms and a sweatshirt. Children need to bring their kits into school on the first day back and they will remain in school for the  $\frac{1}{2}$  term.

## Festive Jumper Day Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December

Thank you for your kind donations we raised **£178.50** for the local hospitals: the Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham, Heartlands Hospital, Good Hope Hospital and Solihull Hospital.

You can still donate via Parentpay if you would like to.

## Christmas Celebration at Wylde Green United Reformed Church Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

We will be going to Wylde Green Church on Britwell Road on Friday morning for a special Christmas celebration. We would like to welcome any families to attend if they would like. Please meet us at the church, the service is due to start at 9.30am.

## 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 Card Post

The postal service will end on Thursday 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.

## Celebrating Attendance

Congratulations to Frog class 2P, for achieving 94.33% attendance last week. Well done!

## Attendance Party

Congratulations to 2P who will be joining Mrs. Kenny, Mr. Sadler and Junior winners for an attendance party tomorrow morning. Well done 2P- Frog class!

## Christmas Parties Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December

Children may wear their party clothes to school on this day.

**Nursery & Reception-** Your child should have received a brown paper bag to bring into school with their party food.

**Year One and Two-** Your child should have brought home a note asking you to bring in a certain type of food to be shared with the class at the party. 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.

## Violin Performance

Congratulations to our Year 1 and Year 2 violinists who took part in a performance this morning in school. They performed to the reception classes 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!

## Congratulations Board

**Reception-** Elsie, Maria & Naomika.  
**Year One -** Whole of Year One.  
**Year Two -** Esther, Francesca & Orla.

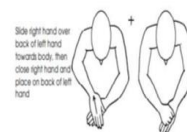
## Makaton Sign Of The Week

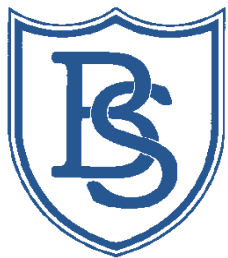
The new Makaton sign for this week is 'Christmas'. Look out for the video on twitter of Mrs Beesley demonstrating the sign.

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## Boldmere Inclusion Base News From Mrs Preece:

We are at the end of 2022 and how quickly the year has gone! I cannot believe how fast my first year with the BIB has flown by. The BIB staff and I really appreciate your ongoing support and look forward to that continuing into 2023. Have a fabulous Christmas break with your children, enjoy the festivities and above all keep safe and well in this cold weather. Happy Christmas and a happy New Year from all in the BIB!

### Celebrations

Giraffes- **Ekata** for following simple instructions.

LK- **Jeevika** for last week for joining in with LK in the mornings and **James** this week, for being a super friend.

ED/KM- **Taylor** for working hard in Maths and English

Thank you to **Louise Goodhall**, a local lady who kindly donated the wooden Christmas tree and snowman at our BIB entrance.

Also, a big thank you, to all of you who came to the Christmas Craft afternoon. It was so lovely to see you all! We hope to put on more of these kinds of events in the New Year.

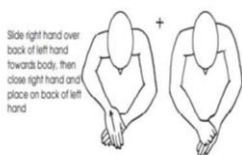
A reminder that **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December** are our **Christmas parties**. Please send in an individual plate of party food for your child, ensuring it is named and covered. (no nut products please) Children can wear party clothes too if they wish.

Finally, a new Makaton sign for the last week of term. Look out on Twitter for Mrs. Beesley demonstrating the sign for 'Christmas' for you all.

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## Busy Bodies News

Many Christmas greetings to all our families.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our families a wonderful Christmas break, it certainly feels like a well-deserved break. All of our children have worked so hard this half term, engaging in lots of different activities and out of school opportunities.

I would like to thank all the children who took part in our talent show, it was noisy, busy and a fun filled afternoon. Everyone performed amazingly and it was a credit to the children who took part. I think in particular most of the children enjoyed dancing, gymnastics and my favourite martial arts (Kick boxing).

There are many more exciting activities planned for the new year, have a wonderful New Year in 2023!

### Dogs

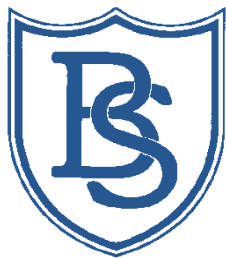
Polite reminder that dogs/puppies are not allowed on the school site, whether they are walking or being carried. The ONLY exception are guide dogs.

### Nursery Admissions September 2023

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

### Newsletter:

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



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

The closing date for applications is **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023**.

## Ordering Lunches Via School Grid

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

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 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023**.

## 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.

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

The closing date for applications is **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023**.

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)

## Finally, A Little Something To Make You Smile

After such a very busy term, I would like to say congratulations to all children for working so hard; thank you to all staff for their incredible commitment once again; and Merry Christmas to all our wonderfully supportive families. Enjoy some lovely family time and I leave you with a link to some staff performing "Wonderful Christmas time", Merry Christmas!

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1tK9qXtBc1td5J9okaFP2rxQ4VDhJ6wF?usp=sharing>

Mrs S Kenny  
Head of School  
13/12/2022

## 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.

## PTA News

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