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Dear Parents/Carers,

Ofsted Final Report

We are pleased to have received our Final Ofsted report following their visit to school on November 14th and 15th. Overall effectiveness for Boldmere Infant and Nursery has been graded as Good with Outstanding in Early Years. The information was shared via parentmail last Thursday but please follow the link below to take you directly to the report on the school website. We are extremely pleased with the outcome and as Head of School, I would like to congratulate all children and staff for their hard work. Our school has an amazing team ethos and this was shown in abundance during the inspection. Thank you to all parents who offered feedback, and to our Governors who spoke with knowledge and passion.

https://boldmere.bham.sch.uk/files/Boldmere_Infant_School_and_Nursery_103342_Final.pdf

Diary Dates

Wednesday 13th December - 9.30am Robin's Christmas Performance

Wednesday 13th December - 2.00pm Lion's Christmas Performance

Thursday 14th December - 10.30am & 2.30pm Nursery Christmas songs

Monday 18th December - 2.00pm Parrot's Christmas Performance

Tuesday 19th December - 2.00pm Bear's Christmas Performance

Wednesday 20th December - 2.00pm Frog's Christmas Performance

Thursday 21st December - Christmas Party day

Friday 22nd December- Break up for Christmas holidays.

Monday 8th January 2024- School closed for professional development day.

Tuesday 9th January- School re-opens to all pupils.

Friday 9th February- Break up for half term holidays.

Monday 19th February- School re-

Christmas Performances

Our Christmas performances have begun this week, with Reception and Year 1 children taking centre stage for their interpretations of "Whoops-a-Daisy Angel" and the Christmas Nativity. Children have done amazingly well so far, but my favourite casting has to go to out "Angelic Angels" and "Grumpy Camels" in Reception! Nursery will be celebrating on Thursday and Year 2 plays begin next week. We look forward to seeing you all over the course of the next few days.

Birmingham Hospice Fundraising

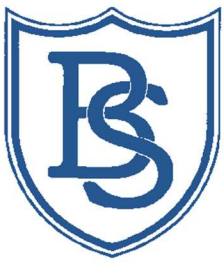
Christmas Jumper day was a success last Friday and we are all looking forward to taking part in the Rudolph Run this week. We will be walking/running with Junior classes and have 20 minutes to complete as many circuits of the field/playground as we can! Please ensure children wear trainers (if possible) with their school uniform. Reindeer antlers will be provided for each child on Friday morning. Sponsor forms will be sent home today and all money raised should be donated via the Just Giving page below.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/boldmere-school-rudolf-run-?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fboldmere-school-rudolf-run-&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfp-share

Staffing update

We are very pleased to announce that Mrs Hakim is a fully signed up member of our Nursery team, following successful interview earlier this term. Welcome to Boldmere Mrs. Hakim!





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Barnaby and Beattie Bear

Barnaby and Beattie Bear are two siblings who love attending Boldmere Infants and Nursery. They spend much of their time in the school office though, working hard with Mrs. Kenny! They have both asked Mrs. Kenny, (remembering their manners of course!) to see a little more of the World. Barnaby and Beattie currently have no plans for the Christmas holidays so would also welcome a little holiday I'm sure! So, if anyone would like Barnaby or Beattie Bear to spend the Christmas holidays at their house, enjoying family time with them during mealtimes, stories at bedtime, swimming lessons, trips out, helping with a few household chores or even helping with unwrapping presents, then please let Mrs. Kenny know. You must write a short letter to Mrs. Kenny explaining why you would like Barnaby or Beattie to visit though!

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

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.



We would like to highlight Hanukkah, the Jewish eight day "festival of lights" which this year is taking place from the 7th -15th December. It is celebrated with a nightly menorah lighting, special prayers, food and games. The children are learning all about Hanukkah in school this week including listening to stories, craft activities and learning how to play the game dreidels. Happy Hanukkah to all our families who are celebrating.

Christmas Holiday Camps

Please see the attached poster for information about free holiday camps in the Christmas holidays.

End of term reports

These will be sent home with your child/children on Friday 22nd December.

Parent's Evening Spring term

Please note that Parent's evening will take place on **Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th February**. The meetings will be online and further information, including links to attend will be sent in the New Year.

Congratulations Board

Year 1- Leziah, Charlie & Hugo
Year 2- Charlotte, Maddie & Bethan

Newsletter:

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



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BIB Newsletter Week beginning December 11th 2023

Celebrations

Alim in Giraffes for working hard on his letter formation.
Jeevika in LK for a positive attitude to learning.
Hayden in ED for working hard in class and challenging himself.

PE Champion

Shravya in Giraffes
Aleen and Parker in LK
Theo in ED

As we come ever closer to the end of this term, there are lots of events happening in school.

We had at our Christmas craft afternoon **12th December**. It was such a successful event last year and was again this year, thank you to all of you for your support.

Christmas dinner for those children who have school lunches will be this week **Wednesday 13th**, I would like to thank the ladies in the school kitchen for all their hard work for preparing this and for all they do all year round.

The Rudolph run is taking place on **Friday 15th**. Your child will be taking part in this with both the Infant and Junior schools. Your child should have brought home a sponsor form for Birmingham Hospice last week, any sponsorship is gratefully received.

Thursday 21st December is BIB party day. A letter with further details and paper plate will be sent home with your child at the end of this week.

We are saying farewell to Mr. Ryan at the end of this week. He has been an integral part of the BIB for many years; the children and staff will miss him so much. He is off to pastures new and we wish him all the very best for the future.

Busy Bodies News

January booking forms

Please return January booking forms by Wednesday 20th December; fees are to be paid by Friday 22nd December.

New email address

Please note that Busy Bodies have a new email address - busies@boldmere.bham.sck.uk



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Keeping children safe online this Christmas for parents

It's Christmas Time – Parents guide to help keep children safe online

It's Christmas Time!

A Parent's Guide to Social Media

A Parent's Guide to Sharing Pictures

A Parent's Guide to Gaming

A Parent's Guide to Online Grooming

scan the QR code with your phone's camera to see the guides on our website

A Parent's Guide to Live Streaming

A Parent's Guide to Online Influencers

A Parent's Guide to Fake News

A Parent's Guide to Privacy Settings

It's always best to be prepared

Many parents may be planning to give electronic gadgets to their children this festive period. Our guide is designed to help parents take a realistic approach to help keep their children safe when using the internet, social media and playing online games.

Scan the QR code to find out more.

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

The closing date for applications is **Monday 15th January 2024.**

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/schooladmissions for further information.

The closing date for applications is **Monday 15th January 2024.**

Nursery Admissions Sept 2024

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

Absences & 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.

Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

Skips Educational Email: info@skipsed.com Tel: +44 121 227 1941



www.skipssafetynet.org

Developed in partnership with



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

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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Message from Sutton Coldfield Town Hall- Christmas Pantomime tickets for children eligible for Free School Meals and SEND

We understand that it's a strange economic time right now, and that Christmas makes everything even more expensive; So we are absolutely delighted to announce, that with the help of Bring it on Brum!, Sutton Coldfield Town Hall are able to provide discounted tickets for families eligible for Free School Meals.

We believe that everybody should be able to access theatre and experience the fun of pantomime.

Children eligible for Free School Meals or SEND can attend the Christmas Pantomime, Jack and the Beanstalk absolutely free, and their parents, guardians and carers will be able to attend with a heavily discounted ticket costing only £5. To book tickets, you will need to call the Box Office on 0121 296 9543 and quote the code **JackHAFDiscount**.

Anyone hard of hearing are welcome to email enquiries@suttoncoldfieldtownhall.com Please quote the child's name, DOB and postcode as well as which school they attend and their school FSM number if you know it. The Box Office is open Monday - Friday 10am - 2pm to take calls, bookings and payments can also be made over the phone.

The Department for Education dictates which dates Holiday Activity Funding is provided, and SCTH are able to provide these tickets on the 27th, 28th and 29th of December, with a special, additional date available on Sunday the 17th of December, which includes our relaxed performance and our BSL signed performance, for those with SEND needs!

Funding for these places is limited, so please book early to avoid disappointment.

Sunday 17th December 2023 at 12.30pm RELAXED PERFORMANCE

Sunday 17th December 2023 at 5pm SIGNED PERFORMANCE

Wednesday 27th December 2023 at 12.30pm

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Thursday 28th December 2023 at 12.30pm

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Friday 29th December 2023 at 12.30pm

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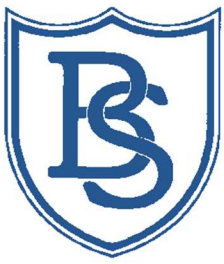
SEND Sunday

A relaxed performance, put simply, is a performance that has been amended in such a way as to be sensitive to, and appreciative of, audience members who could otherwise struggle with the intensity of a regular performance. This includes, but is by no means limited to, any individuals on the autistic spectrum, those with learning disabilities and those with sensory and/or communication needs who may find sitting in a busy, enclosed space challenging.

There will be a number of alterations to the performance and overall experience, the approach and atmosphere is much more relaxed and laid back. More specifically for instance, the house lights will stay up, the sound level lowered and loud bangs and flashing light effects removed or reduced. You are of course at liberty to leave and return to the auditorium at any time should you so wish. Further to this, on the day of the relaxed performance, the environment will be tailored to a comfortable approach, including staffing, signage and various other tweaks to make sure the experience is as inclusive as possible.

Bookers will receive an information pack approximately a week before the relaxed performance date as a resource to help families prepare to enjoy the experience.

If you have any further questions or queries, please contact us on 0121 296 9543 and we will endeavour to help you.



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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
yr2-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

Nurturing ADHD Kids

New courses are starting in January 2024.
Please see the attachments with this
newsletter.

Mrs S Kenny
Head of
School
11/12/2023

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