



# NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 3



Dear Parents

## Christmas Card Post

The postal service will end on Wednesday 18th December (internal post only!) A big 'thank you' to all our Year Two postal workers. What a great job they have done this year.

## Festive Jumper Day Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Thank you for your kind donations we raised £159.42 for the Hospital Charity, which helps to support patients and families at our local hospitals.

## Children's Christmas Parties

The children's Christmas parties take place on Thursday 19th December. Children may wear their party clothes to school on this day. Children have brought home slips requesting food to be provided. As you know we are a healthy eating school but we are making an exception on this occasion. Please ensure that food doesn't contain nuts. We are also very lucky that a parent has offered her services to help out on our party day by delivering keep fit dance classes for the children. A big thank you in advance to Mrs Donovan.

## Lunchtime Clubs For Spring Term

Letters were sent home last week. We will be running the following lunchtime clubs:

**Monday:** Reception, Y1 & Y2 Salsa Dance

**Tuesday:** Y1 and Y2 Tennis

**Wednesday:** Y2 Boys Football

**Thursday:** Y1 and Y2 Rugby Tots.

**Friday:** Reception Speed Stacking.

We do have a few spaces left for Reception Salsa Dance, Tennis, Rugby, Year 2 Boys Football and Reception Speed Stacking. If you would like to book your child on one of the lunchtime clubs then please come to the school office.

If you have already sent back your permission slips for clubs please also make sure that your payment has been made via Parentpay.

## Christmas Carol Service Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 9.45am

The infant school will be going to St Michael's Church, Boldmere Road to sing Christmas carols and songs, unless there is very heavy rain or snow. All families are welcome. Please come along and join in. The nursery will be closed on 20<sup>st</sup> December. Nursery children are very welcome to come and join in the Carol service with their parents.

## DIARY DATES

**18<sup>th</sup> December** - 9:30 Y2 Dress Rehearsal

**18<sup>th</sup> December** - 1:45 Y2 Performance

**19<sup>th</sup> December** - Christmas Parties

**20<sup>th</sup> December** - Nursery closed for current pupils

**20<sup>th</sup> December** - 9:45 Christmas Service at St Michael's Church

**20<sup>th</sup> December** - Break up for Christmas holidays

**6<sup>th</sup> January** - Professional Development Day- school closed to all pupils

**7<sup>th</sup> January** - School re-opens to children

**12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> February** - Parents Evening 4pm- 6.30pm

**14<sup>th</sup> February** - Break up for half term.

**24<sup>th</sup> February** - School re-opens to children.

## Reception Health Screening

The NHS will be measuring the height and weight of the Reception children on Monday 20th January (parents are not required to attend). Your child will be bringing a letter home this evening. All children will be checked unless you have informed the school that you **do not** wish your child to take part.

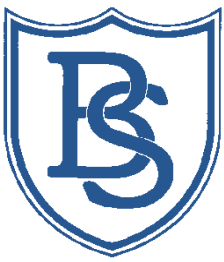
## Year 2 Visit to Sutton Coldfield College

Last Wednesday we had the pleasure of being invited to Sutton Coldfield College to take part in a series of workshops led by the Performing Arts students. We were then treated to a performance of Beauty and the Beast which was followed by our children singing carols to a full theatre of college students and staff.

It was commented by the college staff that the behaviour of the children was outstanding. Thank you to Miss Wilks and the Year Two staff for organising and also to parent helpers who accompanied us. Hopefully we can continue the link with the college in the future.

**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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## PTA News

From the PTA we would like to say thank you to everybody that has been part of our events in 2019. Whether you donated something, worked on the day, organised an event or just came as a punter and spent some money with us. We can't do these events without you and we are so so grateful for everything that you do to help. We look forward to lots more exciting stuff for 2020. We hope you all have a fabulous Christmas and we look forward to seeing many of you next year at the next planning meeting. Date TBC.

**Leap Year Ball - 28th February 2020.** HALF THE TICKETS HAVE ALREADY GONE! If you want to get your glad rags on and have a fabulous evening with friends get your tickets early to avoid disappointment. Get tickets at [www.pta-events.co.uk/boldmere](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/boldmere)

## School Meal Changes

If any parent would like to change their child's school meal arrangements for the spring term, please let the school office know in writing by Thursday 19th December 2019.

## Newsletter:

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

## Lost Property

We have a lot of lost property in school. At the last count we had 34 unnamed school jumpers and cardigans. Please can we ask you to check the lost property box. All unclaimed items will be donated to charity after Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December.

## Busy Bodies

The Busy Bodies team would like to wish all our families an amazing Christmas break. We hope you all have a fantastic New Year 2020 and look forward to seeing you in the new term.

## Thank You PTA!

A very big 'thank you' to our PTA members who have donated their time and effort organising lots of wonderful activities throughout the last school term.

## Barnaby Bear

Barnaby Bear is looking forward to our Christmas holidays and would love spending some time with families during the holiday. If you would like Barnaby to come home with you, please write Mrs Kenny a letter telling her about all the fantastic adventures you might have by Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December.

## Reception Admissions - September 2020

The online application process to register your child for Reception 2020 can be found at: [www.birmingham.gov.uk/school](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/school) admissions. The deadline is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

## Year Two Parents

### Transfer from Year 2 to Year 3 September 2020

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)

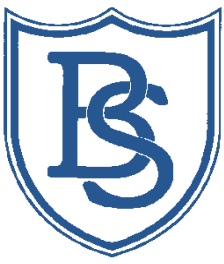
The deadline is 15th January 2020.

## Nursery Closed on Friday 20th December

Nursery will be closed on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019 but children are welcome to come and join us at the Carol service at St Michaels Church with their parents at 9.45am.

## Celebrating Attendance

Congratulations to Kangaroo class for achieving 100% attendance last week. Well done!



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## Junior School Christmas Carol Service Friday 20th December - 1.45 pm

We have made the decision as a Federated Senior Leadership Team to relocate the Christmas service from St Michael's church to our school hall. As you are aware, from recent newsletters, we have three members of our senior leadership team currently absent and in order for us to adequately safeguard all of the children in our care, we have had to make this very difficult decision; it is not one that has been taken lightly, as celebrating with parents is an important part of our Christmas festivities. We appreciate that some of our parents and carers will be taking time off work to share this special occasion so please accept our apology. Our priority however is always the safety of our children. Thank you for your continued support.

We are planning to ask Rev Gary to join us at school for our service. Unfortunately, due to limited space, parents and carers will be unable to attend on this occasion.

**Please note this only applies to the Junior School, Infant school Christmas Carol service is due to go ahead on Friday morning.**

Thank you for all your support during the autumn term. From everyone at Boldmere Infant & Nursery School, have an enjoyable family Christmas and we wish you a happy and healthy New Year. School re-opens for children on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020**.

Mrs S Kenny  
Head of School  
17.12.2019