

# NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 3



Dear Parents

## Covid-19

We would like to thank all parents/carers for their co-operation during class bubble isolations 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 18th December, please follow Government guidelines and book a test immediately. Your child and everyone in the household must isolate until results of the test are received. 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. Government guidance has now indicated that the period of isolation for any contact with a positive Covid-19 case is reduced from 14 days to 10 days. If your child becomes ill with Covid-19 symptoms prior to school returning on 5th January, please update school with the information and follow Government guidelines for booking a test and isolating.

## Children's Christmas Lunch

### Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December

A reminder that it is the children's Christmas lunch day in school tomorrow.

## 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. 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.

## Nursery Christmas Party

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

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

Thank you for your kind donations we raised £104.50 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.

## Diary Dates

### Autumn Term 2020

**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.

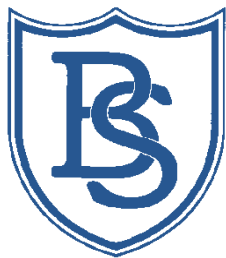
**1<sup>st</sup> April**- Break up for Easter holidays.

## Nursery Closed on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December

Nursery will be closed on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020 so that a deep clean can take place.

## Christmas Card Post

The postal service will end on Wednesday 16th December (internal post only!) A big 'thank you' to all our Year Two postal workers. What a great job they have done this year.



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## Attendance

We would like to thank all children for their great attendance during this term. We have had many weeks where certain classes have 100% attendance! The overall attendance for school is 97.5% this excludes any Covid isolation periods, so a big well done to everyone. However, please can we issue a reminder to parents/carers that school must be informed of any absences as a result of trips abroad. Please can we stress the importance of being honest with absences from school. We have a safeguarding duty to ensure the safety of all children at school and I would much rather be told the truth than carry out home visits when we have been unable to make contact with families.

## Christmas Performances Nursery, Reception, Year One And Year Two

The children's Christmas performances will be uploaded to Google classroom at 12.30pm on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December. Please look on the stream. We hope you enjoy watching them.

## Free School Meal Vouchers

Free School Meal vouchers for the Christmas holiday period have been provided by Birmingham City Council, via a company called 'Edenred'. If your child is eligible for free school meals, you should have received a Parentmail this week with details of how to claim your vouchers.

## Extra-curricular activities

As we continue to be affected by the Covid-19 pandemic, we are unfortunately not able to offer music lessons and lunchtime clubs (from external sports clubs) for the Spring term. We will review our decision during the start of the Spring term.

## Busy Bodies - Important Notices

Well, we finally got here! Christmas week, full of fun activities and crafts for your children to enjoy their final week, even if it is in class bubbles.

We would like to take this time to wish all our families' a special family Christmas and thank you for your continued support, patience and understanding during these continued very challenging times. Stay safe and have a lovely time. All our best wishes the Busy Bodies Team

**January Booking form** ☺ Here we go again!

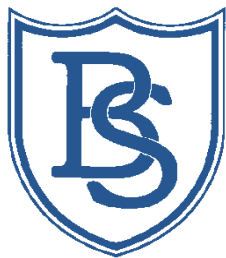
Booking forms are now available to download or collect from Busy Bodies desk. These can be returned anytime up until the 18<sup>th</sup> December when school closes and no later than Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January. These fees will not be debited until w/c 11<sup>th</sup> January, at this point we just need numbers due to our ongoing limited capacity. Please ensure your December fees have been cleared before sending in a January booking form as we will be unable to accept you're booking until previous fees are cleared. As always please contact us if you need help or support.

## PTA

We hope your kids are enjoying the chocolate gift that the PTA sent to the school this week. We know it's been a really tough year for the kids. The PTA were happy to donate a selection box for every single child in the school. We hope you enjoy them. The year group 2020 Tea towels to celebrate this very strange year, will remain online to order. Order now at [www.pta-events.co.uk/boldmere](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/boldmere) for delivery in the new year. A perfect gift for your little one to remember their class of 2020, more details are attached. We are pleased to announce that with the virtual Christmas Fair, along with Elfridge's and the fabulous Christmas cards, have raised over £3,000 for the schools. We would like to thank everyone that donated and everyone that made a purchase. We would like to send out a HUGE thank you to the fantastic parents that have taken so much time, effort and energy to organise the virtual Christmas Fair, the Christmas cards and Elfridge's. This year was very different, it was a huge task and we don't want those extra efforts to go unnoticed. Thank you to an amazing team.

If you would like to join our team we would love to welcome you in. Look out for Invitations to our meetings, join our mailing list by emailing [boldmere.pta@gmail.com](mailto:boldmere.pta@gmail.com).





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## 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**.

## 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. It has been a very challenging time for the PTA but they have done a fantastic job organising Elfridge's, the virtual Christmas fair, Christmas cards and many more wonderful fundraising ideas.

## New Arrivals!

Congratulations to India-Mai (Reception) and family on the birth of Phoenix. Welcome to our school family.

## Celebrating Attendance

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

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 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021**.

## Community News:

### Local Food bank Information

Food4U : United reform Church, Brassington Avenue, B73 6AA

Sutton Foodbank, Sutton Coldfield Baptist Church Centre, The Parade, Sutton Coldfield, B72 1TA.

Erdington Foodbank, Six Ways Baptist Church, Wood End Road, B24 8AD.

Thursday 12.00-2.00pm

Email: [wunnay@btinternet.com](mailto:wunnay@btinternet.com) Jean Morton 07474683927

Erdington Foodbank, George Road Baptist Church, George Road, B23 7RZ.

Tuesday 12.00-2.00pm

Email: [wunnay@btinternet.com](mailto:wunnay@btinternet.com) Jean Morton 07474683927

Great Barr Food bank. St Bernard's Church, Broome Avenue, B43. Tuesday 12.00-2.00pm and Friday 12.00-2.00pm

Email: [info@greatbarr.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@greatbarr.foodbank.org.uk) 0121 357 5399

## Newsletter:

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

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15/12/2020

