



# NEWSLETTER - DEC 3



Dear Parents/Carers,

## Last week of term.

Our Christmas festivities are drawing to a close this week and I am sure that like us, you are all starting to look forward to the holidays. Reception and Year 1 productions last week were amazing and a huge congratulations go to children and staff for their efforts. Nursery and the BIB classes had their Christmas craft sessions and it was lovely to see so many parents attending on these occasions too. Last week ended with the PTA Elfridges store. A record number of presents were purchased this year -thank you to all the PTA members who bought, wrapped and sold the 750 gifts. It was a huge undertaking but well worth it to see the children's faces at the Elfridge shop!

We also all took part in the Sponsored Reindeer run on Friday. Infant classes teamed up with Junior classes and completed numerous circuits of the Junior playground. Thanks to Junior Sports leaders for helping to organise the run and for looking after our little Infant children. The Just Giving page will remain open until **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December** for any further sponsor money. So far, we have raised an amazing £1000 so well done everyone. Lots of photographs were posted onto "X" (Twitter) during the day so please take a look back and see what fun that we all had!

Our school Christmas meal was served on Wednesday and was also a resounding success - who knew that so many children liked sprouts!! Thank you to Dolce for providing such a lovely meal.

Final reminders for events this week include Year 2 productions taking place on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons at 2:00pm, party day on Thursday and a visit to the URC Church on Friday.

Children can wear their own party clothes to school on Thursday (although please ensure sensible shoes are worn as the children will have playtimes as normal).

Brown paper bags will be sent home to decorate and this can be used to bring their own party food into school.

Our Church visit this year will be for children only, as previously mentioned, and Reverend Chris Dawd will lead our service.

School will break up at **3.20pm on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December** and children return at **8:50am on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024**.

On behalf of all staff at Boldmere Infant and Nursery school we would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

## Diary Dates

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December** - 2.00pm Frog's Christmas Performance

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December** - Christmas Party day

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**- Break up for Christmas holidays.

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024**- School closed for professional development day.

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January**- School re-opens to all pupils.

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February** - Parents Evening Online 3.45-6pm

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February**- Break up for half term holidays.

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February**- School re-opens to all pupils.

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> March** - Book Fair.

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March** - Reception Inspire afternoon **1.30-3pm**.

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March** - Year 1 Inspire afternoon **1.30-3pm**.

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March** - Year 2 Inspire afternoon **1.30-3pm**.

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March** - World Book Day.

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March** - Nursery Open Day **9.30am & 1.30pm**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** - Easter Bonnet Parade **9.15am**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** - Break up for Easter holidays.

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April** - School re-opens to all pupils.

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May** - May Day Bank Holiday - closed to all pupils

## End of term reports

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

## Congratulations Board

**Year 1- 1H, 1L & 1S**

**Year 2- Ollie, George & Deen**



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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!

## PTA Christmas gift

Our fabulous PTA have again provided a Christmas gift for each child at school. These presents will be distributed at the end of the week but we would like to say on your behalf, a very big Thank you!

## Mossy Bank History Panels

A selection of history panels showing the history of the Mossy Bank and the local area have been added to the school railings. Thank you to Mr Glasgow for liaising with Friends of Mossy Bank to provide a super history resource for our school.

**Violin concert** - Well done to all of our violinists who gave a super Christmas performance this morning. Reception children provided the audience, and it was lovely to hear the progress that all children performing have made since their previous concert. Well done to all our talented musicians and thank you to Louis for his enthusiasm when

## Absences & Lateness

Please can we remind all parents/carers that you need to call (01214642338) or email ([enquiry@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto: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.

## Christmas Card Post

The postal service will end on Wednesday 20th December (internal post only!) A big 'thank you' to all our Year Two postal workers. What a great job they have done this year.

## School Attendance

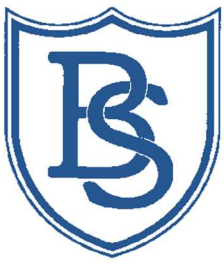
Please see the link below for advice from the DfE on promoting strong attendance throughout the autumn term.  
[https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery](https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)

## Updated school policies

Following our Full Governing Body meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> December, we would like to inform you that two updated policies have been uploaded onto the school website, namely SEND and Attendance. Please visit the Parent Tab/Policies to view the amended documents.

## PE Kits

Your child will be bringing home their PE kit this week. Please ensure that it is brought back into school on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024 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 half term.



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**BIB Newsletter Week beginning December 19<sup>th</sup> 2023**

## **Celebrations**

**Zak - James** in **Giraffes** for being a super star!

**Thierry** in **LK** for a super attitude to his learning.

**Musab** in **ED** for coping really well with a change to his routine.

## **PE Champions**

Mr. Ryan awarded **all the children in ED and LK** PE champion this week.

**Zak - James** in was awarded PE champion in **Giraffes**.

Thank you for all of you for attending the Christmas Craft afternoon. We had some fantastic feedback, so thank you. Those of you yet to return your feedback slips to your child's teacher, please do so; we love to hear from you.

As you are aware, Mr. Ryan is leaving at the end of this term, he will be sadly missed.

In January, Mr. Rich (Richard Henderson) and Miss. Caitlin (Caitlin Carnegie) will be joining us. Miss. Caitlin on Wednesdays and Mr. Rich on Fridays. Both of the coaches from West Bromwich Albion have worked with the BIB children before, I am sure that they will settle in with us very quickly. We wish Mr. Ryan every success in his new job. He asked me to send you a big thank you for the gift and all the good wishes.

A reminder to all of **LK's & Giraffe class** parents, **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December is Polar Express day**. Your child should come to school in their favourite pyjamas for the day. They are able to stay in these clothes for the whole day and for the Christmas party too, so please ensure that they have suitable footwear to go outside.

At the start of next term, there will be some small changes to the staffing in the BIB.

**Giraffe class**- Mrs. Welch Smith, Miss. Tulley and Mrs. Boylan.

**LK**- Mrs. Kinsella, Mrs. Dale and Miss Mevish.

Mrs. Kinsella will be reducing her days to 4. Miss. O'Connor, who has been working with us in ED will be teaching in LK on Fridays.

**ED**- Miss Driscoll, Miss Gaunt and Mrs. Isher.

## **BIB - Thanks & Appreciation**

I want to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to all of you from all the BIB staff!!

We appreciate the support you give us and your children throughout the year. We are truly grateful and blessed to have the support from you all.

Have a fantastic Christmas and a Happy New Year. Keep safe and let's hope that 2024 is a good one for us all.

Did you enjoy the Christmas Craft afternoon?





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## Busy Bodies News

The children have had another fun filled week at Busy Bodies with lots of Christmas activities including the Christmas party and lots of Christmas themed crafts for all to enjoy.

We wish all our families a Happy Christmas and a Happy new year.

Thank you for your continued support.

The Busy Bodies Team

Email - [busies@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:busies@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)

Tel: 0121 464-1343

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

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

## 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](mailto:customercare@dolce.co.uk)

## 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](http://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.

## Ordering Lunches Via School Grid

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

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)

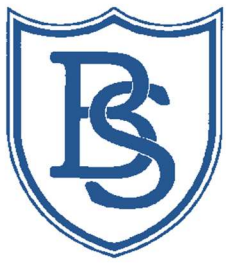
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[yr2-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:yr2-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)

## Newsletter:

The weekly newsletter can also be found on the school website:

<https://www.boldmere.bham.sch>



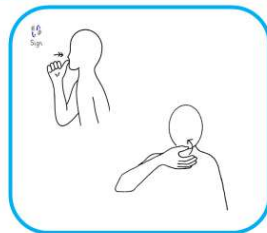
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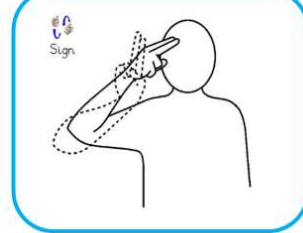
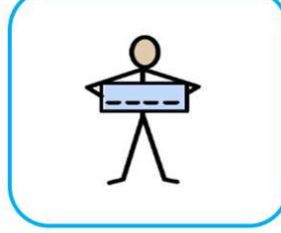
## Makaton Signs for Spring Term 1

The new Makaton signs for Spring 1 which are Happy New Year, Drink of water, teacher, name and banana. I will also Twitter (X) some staff signing over the spring term.

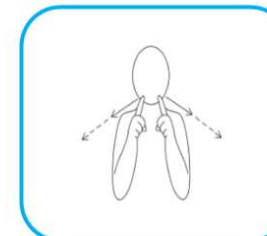
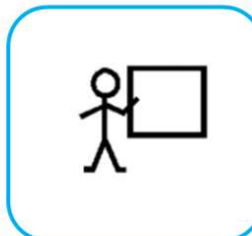
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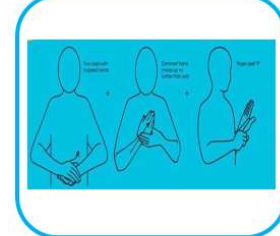
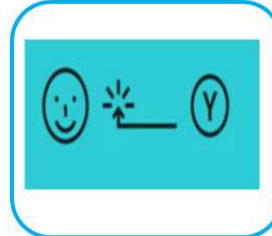
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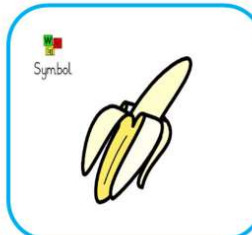
Symbol Teacher Sign



Symbol Happy New Year Sign



Symbol Banana Sign



Mrs S Kenny  
Head of  
School  
19/12/2023

*Sanantha Kenny*

