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Dear Parents/Carers,

Our final week of the autumn term has arrived! We have had a busy few days and will continue to do so until we reach Friday afternoon!

A huge **congratulations** first of all go to all of the Reception and Year 1 children who have performed their **Christmas productions** so brilliantly. Thank you to Parents and Carers who all supported the performances, it was lovely to see you all.

Year 2 are performing their 'Big, Little Nativity' this week and it is super to see the confidence that the children have shown.

Once all of the performances are finished, we have **party day** to look forward to! On **Thursday**, the children may wear party clothes to school for the day. We have also sent home a party bag to be decorated and filled with party food for your own child. On **Thursday** we will also be getting a zoom call with **Father Christmas**  and hopefully receive reassurances that we are all on his "good" list!

Friday is obviously the last day of term and children will be bringing home their end of term **report cards** - please look out for the envelopes in their book bags.

I would like to update you all on our **staffing changes** for the New Year. As mentioned in previous newsletters, **Mrs. Perez** will be leaving Boldmere this week, to take up a Senior Leadership position at another school. I would like to thank her for her commitment to Boldmere and wish her good luck in her new role. Mrs Beesley and Mrs Talyor will be teaching Frog class for the remainder of the year.

The Christmas holidays also include a wedding day for **Miss. Handy!** She will be tying the knot on New Years' Eve and we hope that everyone enjoys the celebration. Although she will become Mrs Godfray, she is more than happy to be known as Miss Handy for the remainder of this academic year!

A final message from me is just to say **thank you;**

To Parents and Carers for their support during this term. It has not been without challenges, but we are grateful to have such a fabulous Boldmere community that works with us to provide the best early years experiences for the education of our young children.

To the PTA for their continued fund raising. You all do a fantastic job, particularly in the light of falling numbers, but you always come up trumps! The Firework Spectacular and Christmas Fair were extremely well attended and are always a joy to attend.

To our amazing staff and children for always doing their best, showing resilience and perseverance and great team work.

To our Governors, in particular, Mr Dan Mortiboys, Mrs Anne Darby and our Chair Mr Greg Bloom, who have all stepped down from their roles this year. They have been valued members of our Governing Board for many years. On a personal note, they have been an invaluable source of support for me and I will miss them all incredibly. Mrs Laura Shergold and Ms Tonitta Whittier-Turner will be taking up the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair and I look forward to working with them both as we start a new era.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone -enjoy making memories with your loved ones!

Diary Dates

Wednesday 18th December - 2pm (25) Lions Christmas Performance

Thursday 19th December - Christmas Party Day

Friday 20th December- Break up for Christmas holidays.

Monday 6th January 2025 - School re-opens to all pupils



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

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



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Good fun was had by all last Friday when everyone took part in the Rudolph Reindeer Run! Children met up with Junior school and completed circuits of the playground, enjoying the fresh air, the company and the antlers! Our Just Giving page remains open for all sponsorship money.

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/sam-kenny-1732182153195?newPage=true>

Thank you to everyone for the donations so far -we have already reached **£1000!**

Medical Appointments

A reminder that if your child will be absent from school, arrive late or have to leave early due to a medical appointment we do need to see some evidence in the school office. We will need to keep a copy of this to support your child's medical attendance mark on the registers.



Illness in School

Unfortunately it is that time of year where there are many different illnesses circulating. Please follow the link below to NHS guidance which can support you in making a decision if your child is well enough for school.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Year Two Parents Transfer from Year 2 to Year 3 September 2025 and Reception Admissions September 2025

The transfer from Year 2 to Year 3 online application form and the application process for Reception 2025 are both live and can be found by visiting: www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions

The closing date for both applications is **Wednesday 15th January 2025.**

Reception Admissions - September 2025

The online application process is now live to register your child for Reception 2025. Please visit the website at:

www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions for further information.

The closing date for applications is **Wednesday 15th January 2025.**



Attendance - updated processes

Our amended Attendance Processes have been circulated via Parent Mail, including request for absence forms.

Please can we remind all parents/carers that you need to call (01214642338) or email enquiry-inf@boldmere.bham.sch.uk before **9am** in the morning if your child is going to be absent from school (illness or Religious Observance) 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. Thank you.

Nursery Admissions Sept 2025

Nursery registration forms to apply for a nursery place for **September 2025** are available from the Infant school office.

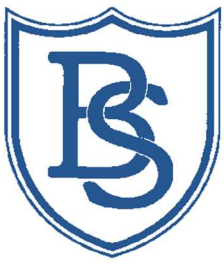


Ordering Lunches-School Grid

Please can we remind parents that you need to order lunches for your child via School Grid. If your child is absent from school, please remember to cancel any ordered lunches as soon as possible to help reduce any wasted meals.

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



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BIB Newsletter Week beginning December 16th 2024



Thank you to all of you who attended the Christmas Craft afternoon last week. It was a huge success, with both parents and children having a fabulous time.



The Christmas festivities continued with, LK going on the train to Lichfield this week to the Cathedral, to see the Christmas trees. A wonderful opportunity for the children to practice life skills in the community. ED watched a performance of the "Snowflake at the Repertory Theatre. Thank you to all involved in taking them to see the show, they had a lovely time.

LK finished the week last week with their Christmas party.

We hope that you enjoyed the BIB Christmas performance. Thank you to Mrs Welch Smith for writing it and all the staff for working together to support the children in their show.

The Christmas parties for Giraffe class and ED will take place on Thursday.



Finally, I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. See you on **Monday 6th January 2025.**

SEND Coffee Afternoon - Monday 27th January 2025, 1.45pm until 3.15pm.

We are looking forward to hosting our next SEND Coffee Afternoon on Monday 27th January from 1.45pm until 3.15pm.

This will take place in the school hall at Boldmere Junior School, but will be open to parents of children at Boldmere Infant and Nursery School, Boldmere Junior School and Boldmere Inclusion Base.

Based on feedback from our last Coffee Afternoon, I have invited Tracey Jones, Specialist Teacher from the Communication and Autism Team, to join us. Tracey will lead a session on one of the topics below and then there will be an opportunity to speak informally to her (time permitting). I will also be available, alongside some of our support staff.

There will be time to chat to other parents and enjoy a hot cup of tea/coffee and, of course, biscuits!

Please could you indicate your preference on the form below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/tWVtpvPwkd>



Your feedback will then be used to decide what is covered during the Coffee Afternoon so we can make it relevant to as many parents as possible. The theme of the afternoon will then be shared with you after Christmas. Your child does not need to have a diagnosis for you to attend this session.

Many thanks, Mrs Jones



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Busy Bodies News

We would like to wish all our families a warm and hopefully relaxing break, whether it be spending time recuperating or just having some fun/family time.

Please note that as with school, Busy Bodies children return on **Monday 6th January 2025**.

We look forward to welcoming back our children as well as those new families joining our club in the New Year.

January booking form.

If you require care for the month of January, and have not already handed in your January booking form, please do so at your earliest convenience. Fees are due by Friday 27th December.

Have a lovely Christmas break.

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



Allergies/food intolerances

If your child has any allergies, please ensure that this information is added to School Grid (Dolce) when you register your child for school meals. This must be completed in addition to notifying the school office. Dolce manage our lunch provision and it is parent's responsibility to provide food allergy information directly to Dolce via the online portal.

School Emails

The two separate email addresses for Infants/Juniors are:

enquiry-inf@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

enquiry-jun@boldmere.bham.sch.uk



Mrs S Kenny
Head of School
17/12/2024



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Happy
Holidays