



# NEWSLETTER - FEB 1

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well this half term has flown by! We had great fun last week during National storytelling week and the fun will continue after half term with World Book day and the Book fair visiting in March. Mrs. Beesley has provided further details later in the newsletter but pay particular attention to the "secret reader" requests -that always causes excitement at school!

Parents' evening is taking place today and tomorrow. Email links to the online meeting can be accessed at your allotted time, but should any technical problems arise, teachers will make contact via telephone so please have your phone to hand. Feedback forms will be sent home this week. Please return these by **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February**.

Barnaby and Beattie Bear would like to send a message to everyone today too ... they want to let you all know that they have no plans for the half term so if you would like them to visit, please let Mrs. Kenny know! Write a short letter or note explaining why you would like them to visit!

A final word this week is in relation to absences and sickness. Please can all absences be reported to the school office, either by telephone or by email to [enquiry@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@boldmere.bham.sch.uk). Illnesses at school seem to be coming thick and fast this term, we have cases of slapped cheek, chickenpox, sickness and diarrhoea, high temperatures and rashes. Obviously many conditions can be highly contagious so we urge parents to seek advice and follow NHS guidelines.

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

Please keep us updated with illnesses but a reminder that children must be clear of any sickness and diarrhoea symptoms for 48 hours before they return to school.

## Diary Dates

**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

## Children's Mental Health Week 2024

This week is Children's Mental Health Week. This year's theme is 'My Voice Matters'. My Voice Matters is about empowering children and young people by providing them with the tools they need to express themselves. Teachers and children are thinking about the ways their voice can matter. Mrs Mason started our week by reading the story 'Speak Up' by Nathan Bryan in assembly.

We will end the week with an 'Express Yourself' day where children are invited to wear clothes of their own choice to school and celebrate that they are all unique.

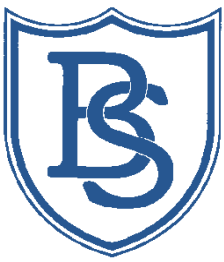
**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February: Express Yourself - children wear their own clothes to school**

### Parent and carer resources- Children's Mental Health Week

Follow the link below to access a range of resources created by the charity Place2Be, including 'Tips for Families' and some lovely activity ideas. <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/families/>

## Reading - Half term challenge!

Find your reading super power! Do you read in bed, under the covers, sitting on the sofa, in the garden or under the stars? Ask a grown up to take a photo of you reading - this could be a favourite comfortable place or somewhere a little bit unusual or even ridiculous! You can choose to read anything that you enjoy. Please send photos to the year group email addresses and Mrs Beesley will add them to the display in the library.



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## Nursery Open Day For September 2024 Intake

Nursery will be holding open sessions on **Thursday 7th March 2024** (9.30am & 1.30pm) for prospective parents of children who will be eligible to join the nursery in September 2024 (date of birth 01.09.2020 to 31.08.2021). Registration forms 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. The closing date for applications is **Wednesday 13th March 2024**.

## World Book Day - Thursday 7th March 2024

We will be using World Book Day as a way to share our favourite books. We are inviting children (and staff!) to dress up as character from their favourite books. Whilst we encourage all children to dress up, we recognise that some children may not want to. If this is the case, then children can always choose to bring in a favourite book instead.

## Surprise Readers!

Would you like to be a surprise reader during book week? If parents/grandparents/carers would like to read a favourite story to their class, please email your child's year group by **Friday 23rd February** to arrange a suitable time during that week with the class teacher. Shhhhhhh! It will be a secret!

Thank you to all of those parents/grandparents who have already volunteered - we will let you further details, including time allocations, in the week beginning 26th February.

## National Story Telling Week

Last week, children enjoyed listening to each other tell stories and visiting other classes to tell their own stories.

## Reminder

Violin & Cello fees for Spring Term  
Two are available for payment on Parentpay.

## Value for This Half Term

Our value for this half term is **co-operation**.

## Newsletter:

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

## Safer Internet Day 2024

Today is Safer Internet Day and the children have been learning about how we stay safe online. For more information please see <https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2024/parents-and-carers>

## Travelling Book Fair - week beginning Monday 4th March

The book fair will be in school during book week. It will be open each evening after school from 3:30-4pm throughout the week. You will also have the opportunity to browse through the books with your child during the Inspire Workshops. There will be a range of books for sale suitable for children aged 0-9 years, with a starting price of £2.99. Please note that the book fair is cashless and all payments will be made online.

## Book Week - week beginning 4th March 2024

Book week is fast approaching and we are planning a fun-filled week to celebrate books and reading for enjoyment. During the week we will be holding our INSPIRE workshops when parents/carers are invited into school to work with their children. More information will be available soon. Dates are as follows:

**Monday 4th 1:30pm - Reception**  
**Tuesday 5th 1:30pm - Year 1**  
**Wednesday 6th 1:30pm Year 2**

## Congratulations Board

Congratulations to these children who are on the Congratulations Board this week:

Year 1: Nicky, Theo H and Izzy  
Year 2: Toby, Jorgie and Joshua



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## **Busy Bodies**

### **Late Booking Forms**

We still have a handful of booking forms that are now late. Any forms received after today, will incur an admin fee of £5 per child.

### **March and April booking forms**

March and April booking forms will be available to collect from **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February**

## **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.

## **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.

## **Ordering Lunches Via 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

**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)

[yr1-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:yr1-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)

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

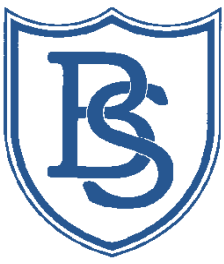
## **Dolce School Catering**

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)

## **Dogs**

Polite reminder that dogs/puppies are not allowed on the school site, whether they are walking or being carried. The **ONLY** exception are guide dogs.



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**Newsletter BIB week beginning January 29<sup>rd</sup> 2024**

## **Celebrations**

Alim in Giraffes for super independent Maths work.

Jeevika in LK for always being ready to learn and being a kind and supportive friend.

Sam in ED for trying hard with all aspects of his school day.

## **PE Champions**

Miss Caitlin and Mr. Rich have chosen this week's PE champions:

Shravya in Giraffes

Aleen in LK

Cole in ED

Children in ED and some from LK, enjoyed taking part in the 'winter activities' last week. They will each be receiving an activity Passport, to encourage them to take part in different activities outside of school. More information will follow from Mr. Sadler on the junior newsletter and Parentmail.

Children's Mental Health week- 'Express yourself' Non-school uniform day Friday 9th February. Children can come in their own clothes on this day if they wish to.

Don't forget to sign your child up for the Winter Reading challenge, this runs until February 19th. Sign up online and record the books your child reads to you or you share with them. Once your child has read 3 books, you are able to print off a certificate.

As the weather begins to get warmer, we are hoping that the children can spend more time outside in our lovely play areas. In the past, we have been lucky enough to receive donations of sand for our sandpit and parents and companies have created bespoke covers and doors to make the environment safer. We are always on the lookout for resources and toys for outside, if you have any old toys, such as soft balls- large and small, soft bricks/blocks, old milk crates (to stack) that you no longer need, please speak to your child's class teacher before bringing them in.

Mrs S Kenny  
Head of  
School  
06/02/2024