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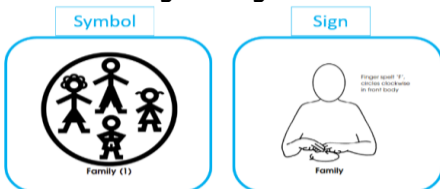
Dear Parents/Carers,

Punctuality And Attendance

We would like to remind parents/carers of the impact that punctuality, as well as good attendance, has on your child's learning. Each week, we celebrate the class with highest attendance however punctuality is something that we do not usually need reminders of. Unfortunately, we are seeing an increasing number of children arriving late, and on regular occasions. Teaching and learning begins the moment children walk into school, and when children are brought after 9.00am, vital opportunities are being missed. To give some context, Year 2 re-cap the previous days' learning, Year 1 introduce new phonic sounds, and Reception begin "funky fingers" activities to develop fine motor control. If your child regularly arrives at 9.10, they will have missed one hour of teaching during the course of just one week. Our expectation is that children arrive at school between 8.50 and 9.00 am every day. Please can we urge parents/carers to support their child's learning by arriving at school on time.

Makaton Sign Of The Week

The new Makaton sign for this week is 'family'. Look out for the video on twitter of Mrs Mason demonstrating the sign.



Children's Mental Health Week

This week is Children's Mental Health Week and the theme is "Let's Connect". An assembly will introduce the theme and children will be carrying out activities with their class teachers.

The website, Place2Be, has a lot of resources which may be of use and their area called 'Parent Smart' has articles on a wide range of wellbeing and parenting topics from areas such as boundaries, meal times, supporting talents and social media. Here is the link to this

area: <https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/>

Safer Internet Day

Today is Safer Internet Day and children will be discussing with their class teachers how to stay safe online.

Please take a look at the Safer Internet website for tips, guides and advice on how to keep children safe online, including how to activate parental controls on devices.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

Celebrating Attendance

Congratulations to Meerkat class - 2M for achieving 99.58% attendance last week. Well done!

Diary Dates

Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th February-Parents Evening via school cloud.

Friday 17th February- Break up for half term holidays.

Monday 27th February- School re-opens to all pupils.

Thursday 2nd March (change of date) - Nursery Open Day Sessions 9.15am and 1.15pm.

Thursday 2nd March - World Book Day.

Monday 6th March- 1.30pm Year One Inspire Workshop.

Tuesday 7th March- 1.30pm Year Two Inspire Workshop.

Wednesday 8th March- 1.30pm Reception Inspire Workshop.

Friday 31st March - Break up for Easter holidays.

Monday 17th April - School re-opens to all pupils.

Monday 1st May - May Day Bank holiday- School closed.

Monday 8th May - King Charles III Coronation Bank Holiday - School closed.

Friday 26th May - Break up for half term holidays.

Monday 5th June- School re-opens to all pupils.

Friday 21st July- Break up for summer holidays.

Monday 24th July & Tuesday 25th July- School closed for professional development days.

Monday 4th September & Tuesday 5th September - School closed for professional development days.

Wednesday 6th September-School re-opens to Year 1, Year 2 & BIB.



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READING

HALF TERM Challenge For Children, Parents and Teachers.

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 in a favourite comfortable place, somewhere a little bit unusual or even ridiculous! You can choose to read anything that you enjoy! Please send photographs to the year group email addresses and Mrs. Beesley will add them to our Reading Challenge display in school.

WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day is on Thursday 2nd March. We are inviting children to come dressed as their favourite book character. Please see the PTA newsletter for more information about their costume swap.

BOOK WEEK - WEEK BEGINNING 6.3.23

Book week will soon be here and we are planning a fun-filled week to celebrate books and reading for enjoyment. On World Book Day, children will be bringing home a reading treasure hunt to complete with their family. We will be holding our INSPIRE workshops during the afternoons this week, when parents/carers are invited into school to work with their children. More information will be available soon.

Dates are as follows:

Monday 6th March, 1:30pm - Year 1 (Theme - traditional tales)

Tuesday 7th March, 1:30pm - Year 2 (Theme - 'gardens')

Wednesday 8th March, 1:30pm - Reception

SURPRISE READER

Would you like to be a SURPRISE READER during Book Week? If parents/grandparents/carers would like to read a favourite story to their child's class, please email your child's year group email to arrange a suitable time with the class teacher. Shhhhh! It will be a secret!

Lunchtime Club Letters For Spring Term Two 2023

Letters will be sent home tomorrow with your child with all of the information about lunchtime clubs that are available for your child for the next half term. Please make sure that all payments are made via Parentpay and the forms are completed and returned to the school office by **9am on Tuesday 14th February** if you wish your child to take part in a club.

Spare letters are available from the school office, if needed.

Message From Junior School: Eco-Garden Area By Year 3 'Pick-Up'

Please could you remind your children that they are not permitted to play in the area by Y3 'pick-up'. This is our school's Eco-Garden and regrettably, there has already been damage caused. It is a matter of safety that the pick-up areas are used to collect your children and not areas to play after school.

New Arrivals!

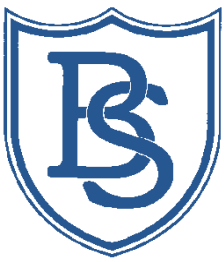
Congratulations to Reuben (Year 2) and Lily (Reception) and family on the birth of Jax. Welcome to our school family.

Bring It On Brum!

There are two opportunities to get involved in sessions via 'Come and Try Bring It On Brum!' February half-term activity sessions and **Bring it on Brum! Family Food Festivals**.

The sessions are aimed at children and young people in Birmingham aged 4-16 who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals. The activities are running across all 10 Birmingham districts during February half term.

A separate letter with more details and information on how to book a place will be sent out to eligible families this week. Please see the poster attached!



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Nursery Open Day For September 2023 Intake

Nursery will be holding open sessions on **Thursday 2nd March 2023** (9.15am & 1.15pm) for prospective parents of children who will be eligible to join the nursery in September 2023 (date of birth 01.09.2019 to 31.08.2020). 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 Friday 17th March 2023.

Golden Table:

This week the following children have been nominated for the Golden Table in the dinner hall: Lucy in 2B- Bear class and Esther, Nancy, Seren, Winnie, Bronwen, Emily and Niamh in 2P- Frog class. Thank you children.

Boldmere Inclusion Base News From Mrs Preece:

Celebrations

Giraffes - Jeevika, for fantastic transitioning across to year 1.

LK- Shane, for working hard with his handwriting and getting 5/5 with his spellings.

KM- Taylor, for demonstrating empathy and kindness with his class mates.

Attendance for the week ending February 3rd

Giraffes 97.50%

LK 77.14%

KM 98.21%

Well done KM!!

If you have any ideas regarding trips, experiences or learning opportunities you feel that your children would benefit from that are not already in our curriculum, please remember to email boldmere-contact@bham.sch.uk

March 2nd is World Book Day

The BIB will be reading and sharing the story, 'The Day the Crayons Quit' by Drew Daywalt. If they wish to, your child can come dressed in their favourite colour to represent a coloured crayon.

PTA News

The PTA newsletter will be sent out separately on Thursday to all parents/carers.

Newsletter:

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

Email addresses for correspondence specific to your child's class/year group.

bib-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

nursery-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

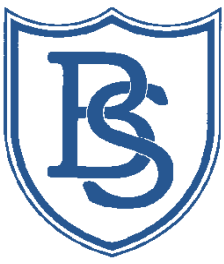
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yr1-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

yr2-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

Ordering Lunches Via School Grid

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



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Busy Bodies

February Booking Form

Please note that February booking forms were due in last Wednesday 1st February and fees were due in by Friday 3rd February. Currently, there are around 30 booking forms remaining outstanding, the Busy Bodies Manager has sent out reminder emails yesterday. A huge thank you to all who have responded promptly.

Should you not require care for this month, please inform the Busy Bodies Manager.

Planned strike action- Wednesday 1st March (on your February booking form) is likely to be a day of strike action; we will keep you informed should there be any changes to our normal working patterns.

Please be aware that we have reimbursed all families that were booked to attend Busy Bodies on 1st February.

This has been credited to your child's ParentPay account for you to utilise on future Busy Bodies payment. Some families have opted to swop this session to another date, this is acceptable, and parents have been informed of this change.

Key work meeting- On Wednesday 8th February we will be carrying out our half-termly key work session with our children. This gives all who attend an opportunity to engage in a planned activity with their key workers (Play Leaders), and allow the staff and children to get to know each other better. Some of the activities include a fun quiz, biscuit decoration, flag making and much more.

Disco night- We plan to have a disco themed afternoon on Tuesday 14th February- Children can participate in karaoke, dancing, face painting and just having some fun. Parents please note that children are able to bring in a change of clothes should they wish to for the afternoon session only.

Kindly ensure that all clothes are named and labelled in a bag. This can be given to a Busy Bodies member of staff or simple put into your child's book bag should they be booked in for Tuesday afternoon.

A reminder that should you wish for your child not to participate in face painting for any reason including allergies, please inform the Busy Bodies Manager prior to next Tuesday afternoon. Thank you all for your kind support throughout.

Mrs S Kenny
Head of School
07/02/2023