

NEWSLETTER - FEBRUARY 2



Dear Parents/Carers,

Well, we have made it through to half term! What an incredible eventful start to the new year this has been. I understand the challenges that home schooling has brought to our school community, the impact it is having on our families' lives cannot be underestimated. However, I would like to sincerely thank all families for their continued cooperation and support during this difficult time. I would also like to thank my staff. They have shown dedication and commitment beyond anything that has ever been asked of them before. As parents and carers, you have been working tirelessly, alongside my staff, to educate and support Boldmere children during this pandemic. If I could give you all a Head Teacher award I would! I am proud of what we have achieved together.

However..... I also recognise that we are all a little tired and weary. Please try to enjoy the half term break and do not worry about "home schooling". Google classroom will remain accessible during half term, but there will be no new work set or marked by staff during this week. Google classroom will be updated at 4.00pm on Friday 19th February in preparation for week beginning Monday 22nd February. Have a lovely half term everyone.

Google Meet 'Celebration Show And Tell'

Year 1 and 2 have trialled google meet sessions where children have been able to share a piece of a work that they are proud of and have the opportunity to 'see' their class teacher and friends. These sessions will continue after half term for year 1 and 2. Children will keep the same time slot unless you hear otherwise from school.

Chinese New Year

Wishing families who are celebrating Chinese New Year a very happy celebration despite it being very different this year. This year 2021 is the year of the Ox.



Safer Internet Day

Today is Safer Internet Day. This year in the UK, Safer Internet Day explores reliability online. The internet has an amazing range of information and opportunities online, but how do we separate fact from fiction? The day will be celebrated globally with the slogan: Together for a better internet. Both in school and on Google Classroom, there will be information for parents and children about Safer Internet Day and an assembly story for Key Stage 1.

You can find further information on the school website under the 'Safeguarding' tab.

Free School Meal Vouchers

Free School Meal vouchers for the **February half term** have been provided by Birmingham City Council, via a company called 'Sodexo'. If your child is eligible for free school meals, you will be receiving FSM vouchers via Parentmail this week.

Support for Parents from Birmingham Children's Services and Birmingham Education Partnership (BEP)

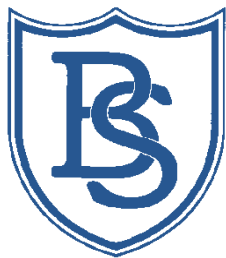
Please find attached details of support that is available for children and families from Birmingham Children's Services.

BEP have also provided three self-help videos to support parents with Self-care, Anxiety and Sleep. The videos are only a few minutes in length and provide some useful ideas and advice.

Support for Parents: Self-Care <https://youtu.be/fwDZ4sYnkSI>

Support for Parents: Anxiety <https://youtu.be/q8xQlCTI7EA>

Support for Parents: Sleep https://youtu.be/YNBtOazN_IM



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Book Week

Thursday 4th March is World Book Day, and this year it will look a little bit different (just like everything else!) As you will still be learning at home during that week, we are going to be holding a Whole School Book Week based on the fairy story 'The Three Little Pigs'. Your learning in English/Literacy lessons will focus on the story and we are linking our learning in the foundation subjects so that there will be lots of family activities for you to enjoy based around the story. Throughout the week, you will be given lots of photo opportunities to share with your teachers and friends. On World Book Day, we are asking you to dress up as your favourite book character and send in photos of yourselves, so you may want to start thinking of your costume idea!

For more information please see the world book day website where you will also find other activities and competitions.

<https://www.worldbookday.com/2020/09/world-book-day-2021-announcements/>

Contacting School

Please can we remind you that if you have an attendance query, for example if you child is currently attending school and is not going to be in, please call the office or email enquiry@boldmere.bham.sch.uk.

If you need support with teaching and learning at home, for example, a query about a lesson or clarification of an activity please make contact via the year group email addresses.

Email addresses for correspondence specific to your child's class/year group, to support with teaching, learning and online/home learning support.

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

Newsletter:

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

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

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.

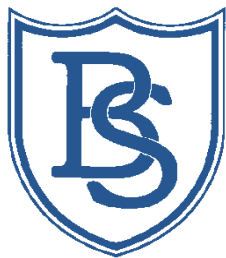
Further information including a virtual tour will be available on the school website after half term.

Nut Free School

A polite reminder that we are a nut free school. We have children attending school who have severe nut allergies and we therefore have a no nut policy. This includes Nutella spread, as this food item contains nuts.

Thank you for your cooperation.





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Boldmere Infant and Nursery School Code of Conduct for Google Classroom Sessions

In order for us to safely carry out meetings via Google Classroom/Meet, we please ask that children:

- Sit against a neutral background
- Sit in a place in the home where parents will be present and can hear conversations that are being held, e.g. not in their bedrooms and not on their own.
- Do not take any photos or videos of live sessions or of the video recordings that are available on some lessons
- Dress in appropriate clothing (not pyjamas, but not school uniform either!)
- Ensure that all other tabs on the computer/tablet are closed in their browsers
- Use language that is appropriate for being at school and be respectful to others in the live stream
- Have the computer on a table, rather than holding it/on their lap as this can affect the sound quality
- Unlock their microphone only when asked by the teacher
- Only access the meet link during your allocated time slot, not prior to this starting. Ensure you leave the meeting at the end of your allocated time slot.

*Please note that sessions will be recorded for safeguarding purposes. These recordings are the property of the school and will not be shared with any other body unless there is a safeguarding concern.

*Live-stream sessions will be treated in the same way as all other personal data and in accordance with the school's data protection policies and GDPR regulations. By accessing the live-stream registration sessions, families understand and give consent that the sessions children take part in will be recorded. If children do not take part in live sessions, a member of school staff will contact the family weekly, for safeguarding and wellbeing checks, as is our current practice.

Thank you for your cooperation in adhering to this Code of Conduct.

Mrs S Kenny
Head of
School
09/02/2021