



NEWSLETTER - FEB 2

Dear Parents/Carers,

Parents' Evening

We are looking forward to our two parent's evening sessions next week on Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th February. A reminder that the sessions will be virtual, using SchoolCloud. An instruction letter is attached to this week's newsletter with further guidance. The booking system opened at 4.00pm on Monday 7th February and will close at 4.00pm on Monday 14th February.

Safer Internet Day:

Today's activities are promoting the safe and positive use of digital technology. KS1 are using our new Geobooks for the first time and have been learning the importance of passwords and safe searches when using search engines, whilst Reception have listened to the story "Buddy the Dog" to prompt discussions around safe internet use. Further activities and information are available at <https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2022>.

Singing Showcase:

Thank you to Year 3 for inviting our Year 2 children to the Singing Showcase last week. It was amazing! Well done to all Year 3 children and teachers, what a super afternoon of singing - great for everyone's wellbeing!

Children's Mental Health Week:

We have started Children's mental health week by thinking of how we grow together emotionally, physically and intellectually. We have watched an assembly from NSPCC and each day children are completing wellbeing activities including planting seeds and bulbs for our wellbeing garden and the quiet corner, learning friendship songs, playing team games, reading inspirational quotes from famous people, practising cosmic yoga and creating Growing Together acrostic poems.

Children will have plenty of opportunities during the week to look after their own wellbeing as well as working and supporting their friends too. "Growing Together" has been a super child centred theme for approaching this subject and we hope it has helped all children think about the importance of looking after their minds as well as bodies.

Nursery Playground:

Trumpets sound and drum roll please our eagerly awaited Nursery playground has been completed and looks amazing! Nursery are already enjoying the new equipment and the climbing frame is even large enough to have staff joining in climbing the rigging and descending the slide! We are hoping to have an official opening in the coming days so watch our twitter feed for updates.

Diary Dates.

Tuesday 15th February- Parents evening via School Cloud.
Wednesday 16th February- Parents evening via School Cloud.
Friday 18th February- Break up for half term holidays.
Monday 28th February- School re-opens to all pupils.
Wednesday 2nd March-Nursery Open Day-9.30am & 10.15am sessions.
Thursday 3rd March-World Book Day
Friday 8th April- Break up for Easter holidays.
Monday 25th April- School re-opens to all pupils.
Thursday 26th May- Pupils break up for half term holidays.
Friday 27th May- Professional Development Day - school closed to all pupils.
Monday 6th June- School re-opens to all pupils.
Wednesday 20th July- Pupils break up for summer holidays.
Thursday 21st July- Professional Development Day - school closed to all pupils.
Monday 5th September- Professional Development Day - school closed to all pupils.
Tuesday 6th September- Professional Development Day-school closed to all pupils.
Wednesday 7th September- School re-opens to Year 1, Year 2 & the BIB.
Friday 21st October- Break up for half term holidays.
Monday 31st October- School re-opens to all pupils.
Friday 16th December- Break up for Christmas holidays.



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Book Week - Week Beginning 28.2.22

Book week will soon be here and we are planning a fun-filled week to celebrate books and reading for enjoyment.

Would you like to be a SURPRISE STORY READER? We are inviting parents/grandparents/carers who would like to read a favourite story to their child's class to come in during book week (Shhh! Don't tell the children ... it's a surprise!). If you are willing to be one of our surprise story readers, please email your child's year group email to arrange a time with their class teacher.

We will be taking part in lots of book-based activities and will be holding a competition. Details coming next week!

World Book Day is on Thursday 3rd March. Children may come to school dressed as their favourite book character on that day if they wish.

The week after book week, we are holding a book fair (week beginning 7.3.22) Details will be sent out soon.

Congratulations Board

Reception-Bobby, Ettie & Dominic.

Year One - Freddie, Marley & Inayah.

Year Two - Isla, Libby & George.

REMINDER -Ordering Lunches Via School Grid

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

Lunchtime Club Letters For Spring Term Two 2022

Letters were sent home with your child yesterday 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 Monday 14th February** if you wish your child to take part in a club. Spare letters are available from the school office, if needed.

Nursery Open Day For September 2022 Intake

Nursery will be holding open sessions on **Wednesday 2nd March 2022** (9.30am & 10.15am) for prospective parents of children who will be eligible to join the nursery in September 2022 (date of birth 01.09.2018 to 31.08.2019), 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 18th March 2022.

SEND Webinars in February

Please see the attached posters with details about webinars that are available for Parents/Carers to book in February.

Boldmere Inclusion Base News:

Another busy week in the BIB!
This week's celebrations in the BIB go to:

Jayden in Giraffes

Theo in LK

Kara and Hayden in ED

You will all receive your BIB certificates to take home.

WELL DONE!!

Notices

March 3rd is World Book Day.

In the BIB we will be celebrating this by reading the books 'Mixed' by Arree Chung and 'The Colour Monster' by Anna Llenas. We would like the children to come dressed in their favourite colour, if they feel comfortable to.

'Drop in' reminder:

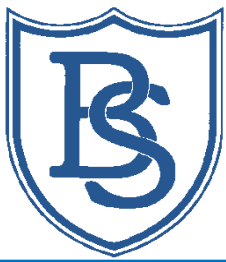
Teachers in the BIB are available after school on Mondays for any parents that need to speak to them in more detail and in confidence should the need arise.

School Crossing Patrol Warden Vacancy

Attached is an advertisement for the School Crossing Patrol Warden Vacancy on Boldmere Road. For more information, please email: schoolcrossings@birmingham.gov.uk or phone 0121 303 7777.

Book Bags

We now have book bags in stock in school. If you would like to purchase one for your child, please make the payment via Parentpay and your child will receive their new bag.



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PTA News

Coin Wars so far...

Our Two'sDay Coin Wars competition began on 2/2/22. The class with the most points by 22/2/22 will win donuts for the whole class - winners will be announced in the Newsletter on Tuesday 1st March. Here are the points so far after the first week:

2 Meerkats - 9,253 points

BIB - 7,329 points

2 Parrots - 6,843 points

1 Owls - 5,861 points

1 Penguins - 5,738 points

R Hedgehogs - 5,700 points

R Kangaroos - 5,006 points

2 Frogs - 4,690 points

R Turtles - 2,007 points

1 Lions - 1,961 points

Nursery - 531 points

Please continue searching for any spare change you have lying around and add it to your class coin jar for the chance to win a round of donuts.

Save The Date

We are very excited to announce that the PTA Summer Ball will be held on Friday 10th June. More details will follow soon.

Online Shopping

Please consider

using www.smile.amazon.co.uk (add "Boldmere Schools PTA")

or www.easyfundraising.org.uk/boldmereschoolspta Both are free and easy to sign up to. Once you've signed up the PTA will receive a small but essential percentage of every purchase made that will benefit our school and all our children.

February PTA Meeting

This month's PTA meeting will take place on Zoom on Thursday 17th February at 8:15pm. Please

email boldmere.pta@gmail.com if you would like to join - even if just to listen to what we do. Details will be sent out nearer the date.

Busy Bodies

January extra sessions- We have now debited all extra sessions/ late collections for January. Please ensure that you check your child's ParentPay account to ensure that your balance is clear and up to date. Thank you.

Whitemoor Lakes residential visit- If your child has been booked into Busy Bodies for this Wednesday to Friday afternoon session, but will now be attending Whitemoor Lakes, please inform the Busy Bodies Manager. This will inform us whether we need to reimburse your fees onto ParentPay.

Late collections- A reminder that our club closes at 6pm, lateness after this time will automatically incur additional fees, please refer to our charging policy.

We have noticed that a few families have been collecting their children later than stated on your booking forms. This is a polite reminder that children must be collected on time, as you will incur additional fees for late collections. This has an impact on our staffing levels and sometimes results in our staff staying later than expected to accommodate the level of children remaining at the club.

Reception Health Screening

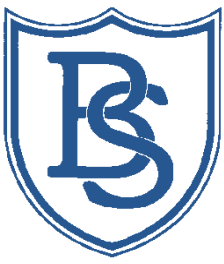
The NHS will be measuring the height and weight of the Reception children on **Tuesday 8th March 2022** (parents are not required to attend). A letter was sent home with your child last week explaining what will happen and what the information is used for. All children will be checked unless you have informed the school office that you **do not** wish your child to take part.

Exclusion Periods for Sickness and Diarrhoea

If your child has had any sickness or diarrhoea, we would ask that you keep them at home for at least 48 hours after the last episode of sickness or diarrhoea. This is in line with NHS guidelines. Thank you for your support.

Newsletter:

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



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Community News

Disclaimer - The following community events are for your information. Should you wish to obtain further information or attend, it is at parents' own discretion.

Aspire Half Term Holiday Camp- Ofsted registered activity provider Aspire Active Camps is running a jam-packed week of sports and physical activities this February half term.

And our families get a unique discount code that means you get 15% off!

Discount code: BOLDIFEB22

Aspire Active Camps is running 21st - 25th February at [Bishop Vesey Grammar School in Sutton Coldfield](#)

The activities that are running:

- Multi Sports
- Active Leaders
- Dance and Stage Beatz

To book a single day, a couple of days or the whole week, you can visit the Aspire website to find out more and make your booking.

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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