



NEWSLETTER - FEB 2

Dear Parents/Carers,

It certainly looks like everyone has had a good half term break - staff and children have come back to school refreshed and ready to begin the next half term's learning! This next half term is, yet again, a very short one but we have some super exciting events planned. March 4th is the start of our Book Fayre each day after school, we will be celebrating World Book day on Thursday 7th March, wearing costumes and bringing our favourite book to school to share. Mrs Beesley is providing further information later in the newsletter.

Next week we also have the Governing Board visiting school. As part of our self-evaluation and monitoring processes, they will be meeting with Mrs. Beesley, our English lead, and then spending time looking at writing provision across school. We are looking forward to welcoming all Governors to school on this morning and I am sure that the children will proudly show their work and explain their learning!

The following week, from March 11th is British science week and Mrs. McComish is planning lots of exciting science activities and investigations during the week. Further details about these events will also follow next week, but we are hoping to inspire a future generation of scientists during the week!

The Holy month of Ramadan is predicted to begin on March 10/11th and we would like to encourage all children who celebrate to bring in any special artefacts/photographs and talk to their year groups/classes about this special time. Ramadan is celebrated by Muslims worldwide as a month of fasting, prayer, reflections and community and we hope that children will enjoy sharing their experiences with their school community. Please let your child's class teacher know if your child would like to help out! Attached to the newsletter today, is our collated responses from parent feedback last half term. Thank you to all parents/carers who completed the questionnaires, we had a total of 95 replies returned.

The senior leadership team always take on board the feedback provided, with the aim of evaluating current practise and improving teaching and learning and school processes at Boldmere.

We are very pleased and proud to see that of the responses, 100% agree that their child is happy and does well at school, 100% agree that when they have raised concerns, they have been dealt with effectively and 99% of parents would recommend Boldmere to other parents. Areas where parents "disagree/do not know" are currently being analysed further by the senior leadership team and actions to address these areas will be shared in the newsletter next week. Thank you all again for your continued support and encouragement - not only does Ofsted think we are doing a great job for your children, but you do too!

Diary Dates

Monday 4th-8th March - Book Fair.

Monday 4th March - Reception Inspire afternoon 1.30-3pm.

Tuesday 5th March - Year 1 Inspire afternoon 1.30-3pm.

Wednesday 6th March - Year 2 Inspire afternoon 1.30-3pm.

Thursday 7th March - World Book Day.

Thursday 7th March - Nursery Open Day 9.30am & 1.30pm

Friday 22nd March - Easter Bonnet Parade 9.15am

Friday 22nd March - Break up for Easter holidays.

Monday 8th April - School re-opens to all pupils.

Monday 6th May - May Day Bank Holiday - closed to all pupils

Congratulations!!!

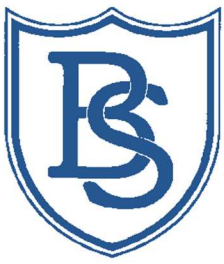
"Congratulations" to Miss Cormell, who became Mrs. Mahon during the half term holiday. She has decided that she will officially change her name at the end of the academic year to prevent causing too much confusion for her class!

Congratulations Board

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

Year 1: Jemima, Jay and James

Year 2: Issa, Bobby and Mia



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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!

Thank you to all of those parents/grandparents who have already volunteered - we will let you further details, including time allocations, next week. We do still have some spaces if you have not yet volunteered and would like to do so. Please email your child's year group by Friday 23rd February to express your interest. Shhhhhhh! It will be a secret!

Half term challenge!

WOW! Thank you to those children and families who took part in our half term reading challenge! We have some super photos of children reading a book in unusual places. These include a tent, reading with a chameleon and even in a gold mine! If you have any photos that you wish to be included on our library display, please send them to your child's year group email. Thank you!

Year 2 Hoodies

PTA are organising Y2 leavers hoodies in conjunction with Sportology in Boldmere. A separate Parentmail will be sent tomorrow with costs, details for ordering, and most importantly deadlines for orders. This is a super way to celebrate leaving the Infant school and we also allow the Hoodies (Navy blue ones) to be worn for PE lessons during the summer term!

Travelling Book Fair

The book fair will be in school from **Monday 4th March**. 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

Happy Lunar New Year.

Lots of our families celebrated Lunar New Year over the half term. We hope you enjoyed your celebrations and wish you a Happy New Year! Kung Hei Fat Choi!



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Busy Bodies

Welcome back to all of our Busy Bodies Families, we hope you had a lovely break.

March and April booking forms will be available to collect and download from this week.

Absences & Lateness

Please can we remind all parents/carers that you need to call (01214642338) or email (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

Free Community Family Events in Boldmere

Please see the attached flyer detailing series of free community events at the Newman Centre in Boldmere on each Saturday throughout March.

Workshops

Please find attached details of the **Be Empowered Workshops** for February and March 2024. The workshops are great source of information and support for parents, carers and family members.

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

Football in the Community - Aston Villa Foundation

Please see the attached fliers detailing the upcoming Football in the Community Sessions & Easter Soccer Schools.

Dog Safety

Please see the attached flyer promoting dog safety awareness in the Community.

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

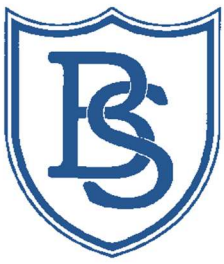
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Celebrations

Zak in **Giraffes** for making new friends and turn taking.

Jayden in **LK** for trying his best and always smiling.

Habiba in **ED** for having a positive week.

PE Champions

Miss Caitlin and Mr. Rich chose these children as PE champions for the last week of term.

Corey in **Giraffes**

Jeevika in **LK**

Musab in **ED**

I hope you all had a lovely half term with the family. We are looking forward to the second half of the spring term and hopefully better weather.

A reminder to you all that there is the opportunity to speak with the BIB teachers after school on Monday's until 4.00 in a 'drop in' style meeting.

The BIB official Parents evening is on Wednesday March 6th at 3.15-5.30pm - a letter will come out shortly for you to book an appointment to see your child's teacher.

We are planning another parent activity event as the previous Christmas sessions have been so successful. Watch out for further details.

Newsletter:

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

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

Mrs S Kenny
Head of
School
20/02/2024