

NEWSLETTER - FEB 3

Dear Parents/Carers,

Message From Mrs Kenny:

As we come to the end of another very busy half term, I would like to say how proud we are of all children and the way they have embraced our value "Co-operation" over the past few weeks. We have seen some lovely values activities taking place in classrooms and during lunchtimes. I would also like to say a huge thank you to a few very special Year 2 children who are regularly helping out in the dinner hall each day - these "Lunchtime Helpers" include Ben, Orla, Aaizah, Eliza, Lamaisa and Bonnie. What a great job you have all been doing to help out during lunchtimes! On the note of lunchtimes, we are pleased to announce that the "Golden Table" will be fully operational after half term. Mrs. Long will be choosing children who are good role models and show super table manners at lunchtime, to sit at the table. We look forward to seeing who is announced on Friday!

Free School Meal Vouchers

We have been notified this week by Birmingham City Council that supermarket vouchers will not be available for future school holiday periods. Information about how to access support through the Household Support Fund is available at www.birmingham.gov.uk/HSF

Parents' Evening Reminder

We look forward to your attendance at the virtual parents' evenings this week. Please can you ensure that you arrive for your appointment promptly and have your mobile telephone available should there be any disruption to the internet service, either at school or home. Staff will call you if contact is lost during your allotted ten minute appointment time.

Head Teacher For The Day

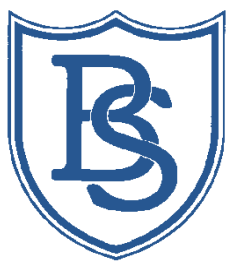
Lucy in Owl class will be joining Mrs. Kenny for the day on Friday. We have a busy day planned, including meetings with Mr. Sadler at Junior school, lunchtime duties, ordering new classroom equipment and of course enjoying a cup of coffee and cake! Lucy will also be available on the gate with Mrs. Kenny at the start of the day, to talk to parents and take messages to class teachers. We are looking forward to having Lucy spend the day in the office and I am sure she will be very helpful.

Half Term Holidays:

A reminder that we break up this week on Friday 18th February. We would like to wish all of our families an enjoyable half term break. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 28th February.

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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Staffing Update

We are very pleased to welcome back Mrs. Ankers, following her maternity leave. Mrs. Ankers has rejoined the Reception team and has settled right back into school life!

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 will be sent out at the end of the 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.

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.

Congratulations Board

Reception-Elsie, Joseph & Prajith.

Year One - Reggie, Jessica & Adrian.

Year Two - Gabriel, Ryan & Lamaisa.

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 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.

Boldmere Inclusion Base News From Mrs Preece:

Busy, busy again in the BIB this week!

The children have been celebrating 'Children's Mental Health' this week. They have made bread, taken part in 'Mindfulness' activities, Yoga, talked about feeling and joined in with role play.

'Coin Wars! We are second on the leader board. Thank you to those of the parents and children who have contributed. There is a week left before the winners are announced, can we make it to first place??? Any further contributions are welcome. We are looking forward to seeing parents this week during parents evening. If you need to speak to any of the staff outside of a parents evening, please do remember that Mondays staff are available until 4.30.

World Book Day- a reminder that the children can come in their favourite colours for the day on March 3rd.

Celebrations:

Jeevika in Giraffes, for fantastic phonics work.

Aleen in LK, for being a good role model at lunch time and completing all her work this week.

Taylor in ED, for being a good role model in class, for supporting his friends and playing with the younger children in the BIB.

WELL DONE EVERYONE!!



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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.

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.

World Book Day Harry Potter Themed Menu on Thursday 3rd March.

We will be having a special Harry Potter themed menu to celebrate World book day. The menu is attached to the newsletter, please order your child's choice via SchoolGrid.

One of the dinner trays on this day will have a lucky sticker on the bottom, the winner of the lucky dinner tray will win a £5 Amazon gift voucher.

Busy Bodies

March booking forms-

Booking forms are available for collection from a Busy Bodies member of staff or on the school website. Please return your forms by Wednesday 2nd March and fees should be paid by Friday 4th March.

Parent/Carer survey

Please note that we have attached a parent/carers survey for our families to participate in. Your feedback and suggestions will help us with our club's provision going forward. If you would like to take part in our Parent/carers survey please click on this link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/BjZEVmCm1L>

Otherwise, this is also attached to your March booking form for your kind attention.

February fees-

Please be aware that there are currently as few outstanding fees for the month of February, or this may be in relation to extra/additional sessions. Please note that we will not be able to book your children in for the month of March without these said fees being cleared. Should you have any queries with regards to your children's Busy Bodies account, please speak with the Manager.

Thank you in advance for taking part in our club's survey and your attention to the above matters.

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.

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

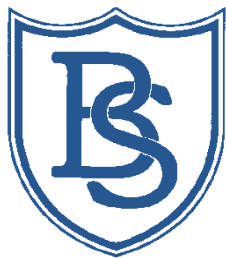
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PTA News

Coin Wars Update...

Our Two'sDay Coin Wars competition has now been running for 2 weeks. We are so impressed with how many coins have been brought in so far and to see the enthusiasm and healthy competition it has inspired. This is the last week to increase your class points total, so please continue searching for any spare change you have lying around and add it to your class coin jar by this Friday 18th February. It's still anyone's game for the chance to swipe the crown, especially using the double points available for 2p, 20p and £2 coins!

Here are the points after 2 weeks:

Owls - 21,039

Parrots - 18,637

Meerkats - 15,211

Penguins - 12,639

Lions - 12,010

BIB - 8,385

Frogs - 8,277

Hedgehogs - 7,299

Kangaroos - 6,020

Turtles - 5,435

Nursery - 5,394

The class with the most points by the end of this week will win a round of donuts for the whole class. Winners will be announced in the Newsletter on Tuesday 1st March.

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. Login details will be shared on Thursday.

Exciting News - PTA Ball Information

We can officially announce that the PTA Ball is back and is going to be better than ever! Get your glad rags on for a night of food, drink, live music and lots of fun! Put the date in your diaries now - Friday 10th June 2022 7pm-1am at Aston Wood Golf Club. Tickets will go on sale from 1 March, so get your friends together. Start organising your groups now, each table will take a group of 10. Don't miss out, tickets will sell out quickly!

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.

Mrs S Kenny
Head of
School
15/02/2022