



# NEWSLETTER - FEB 3

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week is definitely the calm before the storm! Mrs Beesley has provided further details about Book week next week, but it will certainly be a busy few days! A huge thank you to parents for volunteering to become a "secret reader" -I will say nothing further (shhh) but look forward to seeing some very surprised and excited children when you all arrive!

Staff as ever, are participating in the World Book dress up day. "Where's Wally" is our theme this year so if you are stuck for ideas, and your children would like to join us, please feel free to do so -it is a fairly easy costume to re-create!

## **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**.

## **Sponsored walk - sincere**

apologies, but we have omitted to inform parents of all the lovely items that school have purchased, following the sponsored walk in the autumn term! Nursery and Reception have added to their outdoor environment with a stage, water wall and associated resources; Y1 and Y2 have purchased additional cooking and Design technology materials; ICT equipment of headphones and BeeBots have been bought for the whole school; and finally, the Christmas parties, disco and Pantomime has been subsidised. Thank you all for the contributions.

## **Illnesses - conjunctivitis**

We would just like to reiterate to parents that cases of conjunctivitis must be treated with appropriate drops/cream prior to children being allowed into school. We appreciate that NHS guidance does not specifically state this, but given the age of our children, it is very easily spread if not treated. Our school policy is that all cases are treated and we feel that this is the most appropriate way to safeguard all children at our Nursery and Infant school. Thank you for your support.

## **Diary Dates**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> March** - Book Fair.

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March** - Reception Inspire afternoon **1.30-3pm**.

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March** - Year 1 Inspire afternoon **1.30-3pm**.

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March** - Year 2 Inspire afternoon **1.30-3pm**.

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March** - World Book Day.

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March** - Nursery Open Day **9.30am & 1.30pm**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** - Easter Bonnet Parade **9.15am**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** - Break up for Easter holidays.

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April** - School re-opens to all pupils.

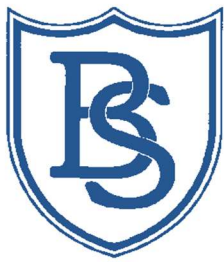
**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April** - Year 2 Trip - Black Country Living Museum

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May** - May Day Bank Holiday - closed to all pupils

## **Bhangra - Parental contributions**

We are very excited to be welcoming Nachda Sansaar into school for a Bhangra workshop on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April**.

All children will have the opportunity to participate in the dancing/singing workshop and if previous sessions are anything to go by, they will be amazing! We are suggesting a parental contribution of **£3.00** per child to facilitate the event. Please make payments via Parentpay.



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Week beginning Monday 4th March

## WORLD BOOK DAY DRESSING UP

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.

## INSPIRE WORKSHOPS

We cannot wait for you to come into school and work with your child during our book-themed Inspire workshops. This is a fantastic opportunity for you spend time with your child in school doing a range of activities.

Reception: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 1:30pm

Year 1: Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 1:30pm

Year 2: Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 1:30pm

## WORLD BOOK DAY BOOK TOKENS

Your child will be bringing home a £1 book token which can be redeemed at any book shop against the cost of a book costing more than £2.99. There are some free books which are available in exchange for your voucher. Please see the back of the voucher for further details.

Alternatively, they can be redeemed at our **SCHOOL BOOK FAIR!** (Details below)

## READING PHOTOS

WOW! Thank you for sending in some super photos of children reading in a special place. There is still time to contribute, but please send photos of your child reading by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March. All photos will be put on display in our school library.

## SURPRISE READERS

A huge thank you to those of you who have volunteered to be surprise readers. You should have received an email with your time slot and instructions. All of the slots have been filled—thank you!

(Shhhh don't tell the children!)

**COME TO THE**  
**Book Fair**

You are invited to our school book fair  
Week beginning 4th March 2024  
In our school dining hall  
3:30-4:00pm

Come and browse the books with a grown up.

The bookfair is 'cashless' but purchases can be made using the QR code available in the book fair, as well as World Book Day tokens.

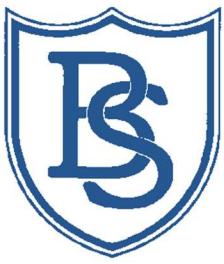
## BOOK EXPLORERS

Coming soon ...

### **Book Explorer Activity**

During book week, your child will bring home our book explorer activity where they can earn bronze, silver and gold awards.

More details will follow.



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## Sutton Coldfield Charitable Trust - School Uniform Grant Applications 2024

School Uniform Grant Application forms are available from the school office. All completed forms will need to be returned to the school office by **Monday 11th March 2024** at the latest. The eligibility criteria and proof of benefits required is listed below:

- A current resident of one of the Sutton Constituency Electoral Wards, ie Sutton Mere Green, Sutton Four Oaks, Sutton Vesey, Sutton Wylde Green, Sutton Trinity, Sutton Roughley, Sutton Reddicap, Sutton Wamley & Minworth.
- In receipt of one or more of the benefits listed: Income Support, Job Seekers Allowance, Employment Support Allowance, Child Tax Credit, Working Tax Credit or Universal Credit.

## Spare clothes

Our supply of spare clothes is running very low. Please can you return any clothes belonging to school as soon as possible. We also require some more spare clothes, so if you have any that you could donate, that would be great. We are particularly looking for spare pants, socks, trousers and polo shirts for both girls and boys. Thank you!

## 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.

## Values

Our value this half term is **appreciation**. Please see the attached values newsletter for further information and activities to do at home.

## Absences & Lateness

Please can we remind all parents/carers that you need to call (01214642338) or email ([enquiry@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto: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.

## 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

## Congratulations Board

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

Year 1: Dylan, Edward & Emmy  
Year 2: Caleb, Elijah & Joe

## 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](mailto:customercare@dolce.co.uk)

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

[bib-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:bib-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)

[nursery-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:nursery-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)

[reception-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:reception-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)

[yr1-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:yr1-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)

[yr2-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:yr2-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)

## Year Two Trip

Letters will be sent home today with details of the Year 2 trip to the Black Country Living Museum.

## Newsletter:

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



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Newsletter BIB week beginning February 26<sup>th</sup> 2024

## Celebrations

**Shravya** in **Giraffes** for being so involved with our colour theme activities this week.

**Parker** in **LK** for a super attitude to all his learning.

**James** in **ED** for helping his friends during their ICT lesson.

## PE champions

Miss Caitlin and Mr. Rich have chosen these children as PE champions this week:

**Axel** in **Giraffes**

**Parker** in **LK**

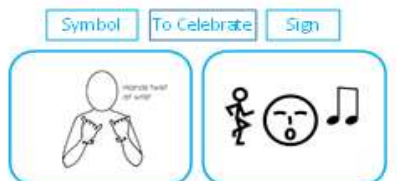
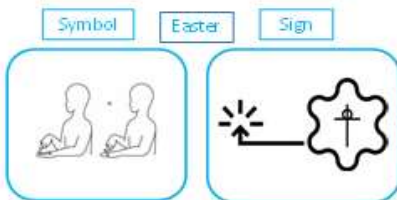
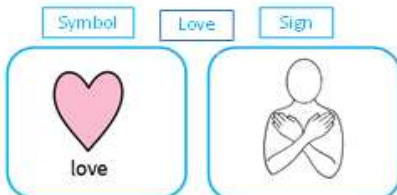
**Hayden** in **ED**

**BIB Parents evening** letters will have been sent out to you. Please do ensure that you return your completed forms to your child's teacher as soon as possible.

**World book day** is on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March**. The BIB children can come to school dressed as a book character or in their own clothes, whatever they are most comfortable in.

Our **Easter Activities afternoon** is **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March** at 1.45. Please save the date as we would like to see as many parents attend as they can.

## Our Makaton Signs for Spring Term 2



Please practice signing with your child.

## Busy Bodies

### Booking forms

The March and April booking forms are now available and need to be returned to us by **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March** and fees to be paid by **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March**.

### Perfect Pets Competition

Well done to all the children that entered the Perfect Pets competition, the winners received a complimentary copy of the book with their pictures published inside.

Our competition winners were:

Lily, Charlotte, Iyla, Pheobe, Rayyan and Keyan.

Well done to all of you!

### Perfect Pets



Mrs S Kenny  
Head of  
School  
27/02/2024

*Samanta Kenny*