



# NEWSLETTER - JAN 1

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Welcome Back

Welcome back everyone! It was lovely to see lots of smiling faces this morning, and everyone very eager to share news about their Christmas holidays!

This term is a very short one in comparison to the Autumn term, so we are straight into teaching and learning from today - with the exception of a little Christmas show and tell! Our school improvement plan has been amended slightly following Ofsted in November, but monitoring activities continue as planned. We also look forward to welcoming the Governors into school in February to observe writing provision throughout school.

The temperature has certainly dropped a degree or two this week, so a quick reminder to ensure that children come prepared for playtimes outside - coats, gloves, scarves and hats are a must (all named please). Should we have challenging weather then the decision to close a school lies with the Executive Headteacher (Mr. Glasgow) and Head of School (Mrs. Kenny), in consultation with the Chair of the Governing Board. This arrangement enables decisions to be taken quickly, in the light of local circumstances and or factors unique to the school, such as local transport or site related issues. On taking the decision to close the School due to severe weather, Mr. Glasgow/Mrs. Kenny will inform BCC. An immediate update for parents/carers will be made on the school's website with notification of the closure as well as using Parentmail messaging and social media to keep parents informed.

In extreme circumstances such as very heavy snowfall, the Director, Children and Families, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families, may decide to close all schools and centres that are maintained by BCC. The timing of the decision will be informed by an assessment of the conditions and forecast. It will also seek to prevent people making unnecessary journeys.

Headteachers will be notified of the decision via their school email. It will also be announced on the BCC website and through social media channels.

This half term we will be facilitating parents' evening on **6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> February**, further details regarding the online booking system will follow in subsequent newsletters.

**MMR information** has been circulated via parentmail earlier today but please take time to read the current updates from NHS, including isolation periods for unvaccinated children/adults should they come into contact with a confirmed Measles case.

## Diary Dates

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February** - Parents Evening Online 3.45-6pm

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February** - Break up for half term holidays.

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February** - School re-opens to all pupils.

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

## Nursery Parents and Carers

The Parent Declaration forms for the Early Education Entitlement funding that you completed in September 2023 need to be rechecked and signed for the Spring Term. Please can we ask all parents and carers to come to the school office by **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January at the latest**. It will only take a few minutes to complete.



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## Year 2 Times Tables Rockstars (TT Rockstars)

We are excited to announce that our Year 2 children now have access to the online game TT Rockstars. By the end of Year 2 children are expected to know their 2, 5 and 10 times tables so this is a fun way to practise at home.

Please look out for a separate parent mail with information on how to access and play the game. Your child will be bringing home a paper copy with their personal login details on Friday.

## 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.

## Year Two Parents Transfer from Year 2 to Year 3 September 2024

The transfer from Year 2 to Year 3 online application form can be found by visiting:

[www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

The closing date for applications is **Monday 15th January 2024**.

## Fundraising for Birmingham Hospice

John Hurley from Birmingham Hospice has asked me to pass on a huge thank you to everyone at Federation of Boldmere Schools, for the support that everyone has shown Birmingham Hospice in 2023. We have helped to raise the profile of the hospice, whilst raising vital funds for local people living with a life-limiting diagnosis. Everyone's support is truly appreciated!

Between the schools, we raised a wonderful **£406.99** for the **Jolly Jumper Day**, and the Just Giving page is still being added to for **Rudolph Run** and is currently on a fantastic **£1,480** (including Gift Aid).

Thank you to everyone!

## Reception Admissions - September 2024

The online application process is now live to register your child for Reception 2024. Please visit the website at:

[www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions) for further information.

The closing date for applications is **Monday 15th January 2024**.

## Poppy Appeal

The sale of the poppies in school last year raised a fantastic total of **£51.81** for the Royal British Legion.

Thank you for your support for this worthy cause.

## Year 2 Librarian Library visit

The Year 2 librarians are looking forward to visiting Boldmere Library next week, where they will meet the local librarian and find out more about their job. The library monitors will be taking home a separate letter this week which will provide further details.



Many of our children took part in the Summer reading challenge last year which was organised by The Reading Agency through local libraries. This has been followed up by a winter reading challenge.

Children are encouraged to read a range of books by Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February. If you choose to take part, you can add the books that you read to your blue reading records and maybe even recommend them to a friend! For more details and to sign up to the challenge,

visit <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/news/general/winter-mini-challenge-2023-nearly-here>

## Nursery Admissions Sept 2024

Nursery registration forms to apply for a nursery place for September 2024 are available from the Infant school office.



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## Newsletter BIB week beginning January 8<sup>th</sup> 2024

Happy New Year to you all and your families, I hope you all had a wonderful time during the holidays. Here's to a short but busy spring term. I am very much looking forward to the brighter days, as I am sure you are too.

This term there are a few staff changes; we welcome several new staff to the BIB:

**Miss. O'Connor** will be teaching LK on Friday's.

Richard Henderson (**Mr. Rich**) and Caitlin Carnegie (**Miss. Caitlin**) from West Bromwich Albion, will be teaching PE in the BIB. Miss. Caitlin on Wednesdays and Mr. Rich on Fridays.

**Giraffe class** - Mrs. Welch Smith, Miss. Tulley and Mrs. Boylan.

LK- Mrs. Kinsella, Mrs. Dale and Miss Mevish.

ED- Miss. Driscoll, Miss Gaunt and Mrs. Isher.

Thank you to all of you so far who have completed the parent survey/Microsoft form. Responses are anonymous so please do come and see me if there are individual issues that you would like me to be aware of.

A reminder to you all that children can come to school in their PE clothes on Wednesdays and Fridays. There will be days that PE is outside so please ensure that they have appropriate clothing for this.

Ensure coats and jumpers, have your child's name inside them. We have had occasions where clothing is misplaced or mixed up with others. Drinks bottles and book bags should also be named please.

## Congratulations Board

**Year 1** - Isabella-Rose, Maria & Leo

**Year 2** - Caleb, Eric and Isabella

## 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)

## Diner Day Themed Lunch On Census Day Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January

We will be having a Diner Day themed lunch on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January**. We would like to have the absolute maximum number of children possible having a free school dinner on this day. The funding of dinners for the rest of the year is based on the number of dinners provided on that day and it is really important that we claim all possible funding for Boldmere Infant School. We completely understand that some children and families prefer a packed lunch but would ask for as much support as possible.

To order your child's dinner please visit Schoolgrid. If you need any help with this the school office will be happy to help.

The menu for the day is attached to the newsletter.

## Ordering Lunches Via School Grid

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

## Parking Outside Of School

We are aware that Parking Attendants have been visible around school on a number of occasions recently.

They have very kindly provided the school with guidance of how restrictions apply outside school which has been attached to this newsletter for your reference.



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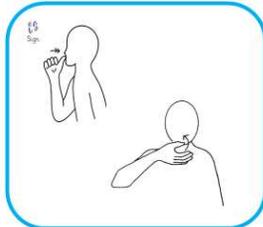
## Makaton Signs for Spring Term 1

The new Makaton signs for Spring 1 which are Happy New Year, Drink of water, teacher, name and banana. We will also Tweet (X) some staff signing over the spring term.

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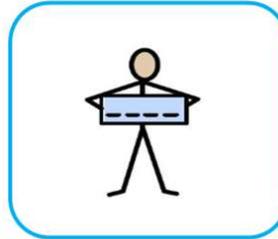
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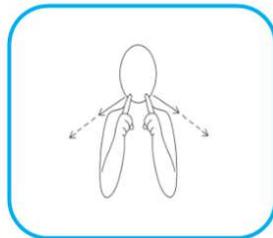
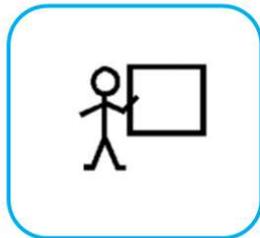
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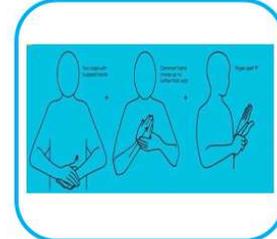
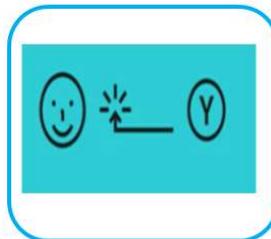
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Happy New Year

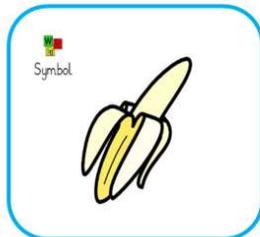
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Banana

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

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Mrs S Kenny  
Head of  
School  
9/1/2024

### Newsletter:

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

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

*Susan Kenny*