



# NEWSLETTER - JAN 2

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Cold Weather

I hope that everyone is keeping warm during this recent cold weather. I am pleased to see that children are coming to school all wrapped up with coats, hats, gloves and scarves- some of you are even remembering to name all items so thank you! We are continuing to have our normal playtimes but have been bringing the children in a little early from lunchtime play when necessary.

I am aware that some children do suffer with asthma, eczema and dry skin conditions when the winter is upon us and we ask that parents contact the school should they have additional medicines that might be required for their child/children. Please can we remind parents/carers however, that lip gloss items are not permitted at school and should lip balms be required for your child, you must speak with the class teacher and notify us prior to items being brought into school. Please also reiterate to your child/ children that they must never share any lip balms medications.

A final word this week is in relation to Measles. As you may have seen, the BBC National news this week has reported on the current escalation of measles across the country, but specifically in Birmingham. We notified parents of this information in a Parentmail last week, but would like to stress the importance of Birmingham recommendations. School are attending a webinar from the Health Protection Team on Thursday which will update educational settings with the latest news and guidance, and we will share this as necessary. In the meantime, we are attaching the Parentmail information again to today's newsletter.

## School Monitoring

Our monitoring this term continues to be around effective reading and writing as well as Ofsted action points regarding behaviour expectations and the consistency of rewards across school. Mrs Beesley has been particularly impressed with reading progress since September and phonic assessments have shown how well children are achieving from their starting points. Well done everyone! We cannot stress the importance of reading so please continue to work with your child each day - sharing stories, talking about pictures and practising their reading books with them. Thank you for your continued support.

## 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.

## 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

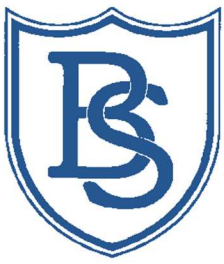
**Lunchtime Club Letters for Spring 2<sup>nd</sup> Half Term 2023**

Letters will be sent home today for the lunchtime clubs next term. Please check your child's book bags for further information.

## Congratulations Board

**Year 1** - Dantie-Bay, Jovan and Theo

**Year 2** - Grace, Jack & Millie



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## Safer Internet day -February 6th

On **Tuesday 6th February** we will be joining schools and youth organisations across the UK in celebrating Safer Internet Day 2024. Safer Internet Day is a global campaign to promote the safe and responsible use of technology, which calls on young people, parents, carers, teachers, social workers, law enforcement, companies, policymakers and more, to help to create a better internet. This year the campaign will be focusing on change online, this includes covering:

- Young people's perspective on new and emerging technology
- Using the internet to make change for the better
- The changes young people want to see online
- The things that can influence and change the way young people think, feel and act online and offline

Using the internet safely and positively is a key message that we promote in school, celebrating Safer Internet Day is a great opportunity for us to re-emphasise the online safety messages we deliver throughout the year. To help you with this, the UK Safer Internet Centre have created some free activities and information for parents and carers, which are available at <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>. Whether you have 5 minutes to start a conversation or hours to spare, there are top tips, quizzes and films that you can use at home with your child. If you have any concerns or questions about keeping your child safe online, please do get in touch with your child's class teacher or Mrs Kenny, our Designated Safeguarding Lead.

## 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.

## Value for This Half Term - Co-Operation

Our value for this half term is **co-operation**. Please see the attached values newsletter for further details and ideas to do at home.

## Boldmere Library

The Year 2 Librarians are looking forward to their library trip on Thursday when they will learn about the job of a librarian in the community.

Boldmere Library is open to the general public on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9am and 1pm and 2pm - 5pm. The library is free to join for both adults and children. If you would like to join for yourself or your child, you can sign up using the link below. Once you have signed up, you can collect your membership card from the library when you go to choose your books.

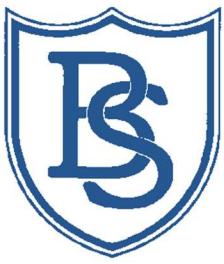
<https://birmingham.spydus.co.uk/>

## Year group Curriculum Overviews

The Curriculum Overviews for each year group are now on the school website. They can be found under the curriculum tab, under the 'EYFS and KS1 Year groups' menu. The overviews give general information about what each year group will be learning this half term in school.

## 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.



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## Newsletter BIB week beginning January 15<sup>th</sup> 2024

### Celebrations

**Shravya** in Giraffes for exploring more of the activities that are on offer to her.

**Aleen** in LK for a super attitude to her class friends - cooperation.

**Enya** in ED for coming in from the playground beautifully when directed.

### PE Champions

This week we have welcomed Miss. Caitlin and Mr. Rich to teach PE in the BIB. They have had a lovely time and together chose PE champions for the week.

**Axel** in Giraffes

**Thierry** in LK

**Theo** in ED

**It has been lovely to see all the children back in the BIB this week; they have settled well and been working hard.**

We have had the pleasure of hosting two French Student Teachers in ED and LK on Friday last week. Miss Melina and Mr Felix will be with us again this coming Friday.

**Benny the Therapy dog will be back with us this term every fortnight. Teachers will chose children to read with him over the coming weeks.**

As the majority of parents will be aware, we have a very effective parent representative group who meet with school leaders on a half-termly basis. Over the past 12 months or so, the parent representative group has collaborated with school leaders to help implement a number of positive changes. Across the Federation there are a couple of vacancies and the BIB is one. If any parents are interested in joining the group, please let me know and I advise of the next steps accordingly.

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)

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### Nursery Admissions Sept 2024

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

Mrs S Kenny  
Head of  
School  
16/1/2024

### Newsletter:

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

### Ordering Lunches Via School Grid

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

### 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)

*Samantha Kenny*