



NEWSLETTER - JANUARY 3



Dear Parents/Carers,

Children's Mental Health and Wellbeing Week

Next week (WB 01/02/21), we will be taking part in the National Children's Mental Health and Wellbeing week. In light of the current situation children's wellbeing is more important than ever. Over the course of the week, your child's teacher will add various activities on to the timetable that have a wellbeing focus. On Wednesday 3rd February, we will be taking part in a mental health and wellbeing festival, organised by a charity called Now and Beyond (<https://nowandbeyond.org.uk>). As part of this festival, we ask that children wear something inside out for the day; this is to remind us that we don't always know how someone is feeling on the inside so we must always be kind to others. Children attending school may wear part of their school uniform inside out and we would love to see the children at home wearing some of their clothes inside out too. Please post on the Google Classroom feed. On Monday there will be an assembly posted onto Google classroom and on Wednesday there will be a lesson based on Gratitude, which links with our value this half term, appreciation. Teachers will timetable wellbeing activities throughout the week, although please remember this is a suggested structure and you may wish to take some time to focus on wellbeing at other times when it suits your family.

Lateral Flow Testing For Staff

School has, today, received Lateral flow tests for use by school staff. This information was shared by the Government last week and we are pleased to be able to facilitate this testing at Boldmere. Lateral flow testing is to identify asymptomatic cases of Covid-19. It is recognised that 1 in 3 people who test positive for Covid-19 have no symptoms, so identifying these cases will help reduce transmission. Should a member of staff test positive, school will identify all close contacts and follow the procedures currently in place. This may include closure of class bubbles. If this does occur, staff and close contacts will be required to self-isolate in line with NHS and Government guidance.

Registration for Nursery September 2021 Intake

Registration forms for children eligible to join the nursery in September 2021 (date of birth 01.09.2017 to 31.08.2018), 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.

Google Classroom

What fantastic snow pictures we had posted on Google classroom yesterday! It certainly looked like everyone had a fun day! Teachers are very impressed with children's engagement on Google classroom and they are working hard to ensure that feedback is given for all work submitted. We understand that some parents/carers are not always able to upload work until the evenings or the weekend. Staff will mark this work as early as possible, during the following morning. Please can we just reiterate that parents/carers only need to upload work from the current week. We are more than happy for children to access activities from previous weeks but the priority for teacher marking will be the current week's work. Should you have any concerns or questions, please contact the year group emails. We thank you for your continued support during this National Lockdown.

Newsletter:

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



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Contacting School

Please can we remind you that if you have an attendance query, for example if your child is currently attending school and is not going to be in, please call the office or email enquiry@boldmere.bham.sch.uk.

If you need support with teaching and learning at home, for example, a query about a lesson or clarification of an activity please make contact via the year group email addresses.

E- Safety

Ensuring that children are safe when using information technology, is an essential life skill and is needed more now than ever with children having increased screen time and access to the internet.

We wanted to remind you that on the school website, under 'Safeguarding' > 'E-safety' you can access useful resources and links to websites which offer age-appropriate resources and information for parent and carers. These can also be found on your child's Google Classroom in the 'Parent Information' folder.

Email addresses for correspondence specific to your child's class/year group, to support with teaching, learning and online/home learning support.

bib-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

nursery-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

reception-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

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