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Dear Parents/Carers,

Covid-19 Update

The updated Government guidance can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

Please note that Lateral flow tests should be logged on the Government website and confirmation emails of positive tests, or day 5 and 6 negative tests (for early release from isolation), must be emailed to enquiry@boldmere.bham.sch.uk. We currently have 10 children and 2 staff who are currently isolating following positive tests. Please can parents continue to be vigilant and carry out lateral flow tests regularly. Thank you for your continued cooperation in dealing with the current isolation and reporting arrangements.

Reading

Mrs Kenny and Mrs Beesley had a lovely time reading with children last week. As part of our school monitoring, we read with children from each class over the week and talked about their book. We loved listening to how the children enjoy sharing books with their grown-ups at home - don't forget to write in the reading record books when your child reads with you at home.

Winter Olympics Themed Lunch On Census Day Thursday 20th January

We will be having a Winter Olympics themed lunch on Thursday 20th 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.

Parent Questionnaires

Parent Questionnaires were sent home with the children yesterday. Thank you to all of the parents who have already returned their questionnaire. Please return the forms by Friday 21st January if you have not done so already. Thank you.

Congratulations Board

Reception- Grace, Christopher and Cieann.

Year One - Erin, Reuben and Haven.

Year Two - Saffron, Betsy and Joel.

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.

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.

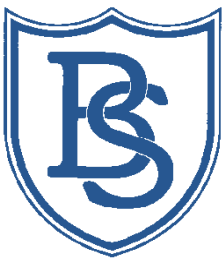
Monday 6th June- School re-opens to all pupils.

Wednesday 20th July- Pupils break up for summer holidays.

Thursday 21st July- Professional Development Day - school closed to all pupils.

E-Safety And Safeguarding

We have become aware that some of our children are making references in school to 'Squid Game'. This is not an age appropriate game and we would remind parents that our children are not mature enough to understand the themes and implications of the contents of this programme.



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Boldmere Inclusion Base

BIB Notices

Reading together with your child

Just a reminder to parents/carers to write a short comment in your child's reading book each time you read with them at home. We enjoy looking at the comments that you share.

Fruit

Snack time fruit is provided for all of our Key Stage 1 pupils in the BIB. For our Key stage 2 pupils, we do try to share out any left over. However, it is not provided as an entitlement for them. Therefore, if you would like to provide your child with a piece of fruit to ensure they have snack please do so.

Water Bottles

Water bottles should be sent into school each day. Please can we ask that they are not stored in the children's book bags, leakages can happen and spill on to reading books. There have been a number of new books that have been damaged as a result.

BIB Celebrations

Giraffes

Thierry and **Jeevika** completed some fantastic writing. They both wrote a caption to practice their spelling.

LK

Habiba achieved her Rockstar badge and **Musab** achieved Rockstar legend.

ED

Both **Taylor** and **Alfie** took part in the school football trails this week. Taylor played well and was great at defending the ball. Alfie scored a great goal.

Well done everybody!

Lunchtime Playleader Vacancy

We are looking to recruit a lunchtime playleader to join our lunchtime staff in Boldmere Infant and Nursery School. The post is for five days per week, 1 hour 10 minutes per day with an approximate start of 12.10pm.

If you enjoy working (and playing!) with children, and would like to support our fantastic lunchtime team, please contact school for details or click on the link where further information can be found including job description and application form. Paper copies, can also be collected from the Infant school office.

<https://www.boldmere.bham.sch.uk/job-vacancies>

Closing date for applications is 12 noon on Monday 24th January. Please feel free to share this with anyone who may be interested in these positions at our school. We look forward to receiving applications.

Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust,

in partnership with ORCHA, has launched a Health and Care Apps Library, which contains hundreds of independently reviewed apps to meet your needs.

Please see the attached letter with more information.

Nursery Admissions September 2022

Registration forms for children eligible to join the nursery in September 2022 (date of birth 01.09.2018 to 31.08.2019), 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.

REMINDER - Ordering Lunches Via School Grid

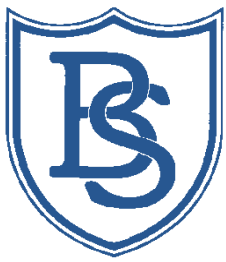
Please can we remind parents that you need to order lunches for your child each week via School Grid.

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.

SEND Webinars in February

Please see the attached poster with details about webinars that are available for Parents/Carers to book in February.



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Busy Bodies

A huge thank you to all our families who already returned their February forms along with their signed consent forms in acknowledgement of our fee increase from April 2022.

February booking form- to be returned no later than **Wednesday 26th January 2022**, as your February booking form starts week commencing 31st January. Fees must be paid in advance **no later than Friday 28th January**. Please ensure that your child's ParentPay account is clear and up to date, in order for us to accept your required session for next month's form.

Outstanding fees

We ask that parents check their children's ParentPay account to ensure that they do not have any outstanding fees. The Busy Bodies Manager will be sending out fee reminders today, should you have any queries regarding your children's fees, please do not hesitate in contacting the Manager in the first instance.

After school sports club

After school sports clubs have commenced this week and some of our Busy Bodies children will be attending. Polite reminder to parents, please inform the Busy Bodies Managers if your child/ren will be attending these sessions and later returning to Busies.

Any children cancelling the whole afternoon session will automatically receive a full refund as we can then allocate their place to other children waiting for these days.

Children who will be returning to Busies after the sports club session, will all receive a snack and their normal session fees will still apply as we will not be able to allocate their session to any other families due to the children returning to us afterwards.

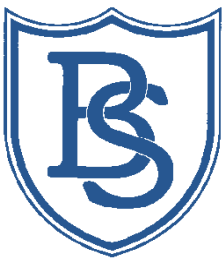
Should the sports club be cancelled for any reason, they will be able to attend Busies as their session are already reserved for them in advance.

Parents who have initially cancelled their child/ren session completely will not have their place reserved automatically and therefore will need to contact the Busy Bodies manager to book this as an extra session should they require it and we will do our best to accommodate your session needs.

Email addresses for correspondence specific to your child's class/year group.
bib-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk
nursery-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk
reception-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk
yr1-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk
yr2-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

Newsletter:

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

Happy New Year!

PTA January Meeting

The next PTA Meeting will be held on Thursday 20th January at 8:15pm on Zoom. Please let us know if you are able to join us and we shall circulate zoom login details on the day. We plan to discuss events for 2022 and debrief on the PTA's successes in 2021.

If you would like to join us for the Zoom meeting, please send an email to boldmere.pta@gmail.com - even if just to listen to what we do. We hope to host an in-person meeting soon when circumstances allow.

Future Ideas

We have some exciting events and activities planned for this year including the very popular Ball, Platinum Jubilee celebrations and the Summer Fair to name a few. We always welcome new ideas with open arms, so please do send us an email if you wish to share ideas for new activities/events or if you wish to volunteer to help out at future PTA events.

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.

Win a Forest Staycation!

Play Your School Lottery for a chance to win a Forest Staycation or cash prizes of up to £25,000. Tickets cost £1 per week and are available via www.YourSchoolLottery.co.uk/play (search for "Boldmere")

Mrs S Kenny
Head of
School
18/01/2022