



# NEWSLETTER - JAN 3

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Ofsted Information Evening For Parents

Thank you to all parents and carers, as well as teachers and Governors, who attended the information evening last week. Mr. Glasgow provided information around Ofsted inspections and the current Ofsted landscape. The 2022-23 School Improvement Plans for both the Infant school and Junior school were distributed and Strengths of the schools were also shared. These documents are attached to today's newsletter. The presentation is now also available on the school website under "Latest News".

## Monitoring Visit From External School Improvement Partner

On Wednesday last week, we received our termly monitoring visit from our school improvement partner, Mrs. Leese. Mrs. Leese spent the whole day in school carrying out a number of monitoring tasks such as lesson observations, book trawls, pupil conversations and meetings with the Senior Leadership team. Although we have yet to receive official feedback, we were extremely pleased to see the highly effective teaching and learning throughout school. Lessons showed consistency of approach to phonics, reading and writing. Mrs. Leese also met with our English lead, Mrs. Beesley to discuss actions from her last visit. We will share the full report with parents/carers once it is received, but yet again are very proud of the outcomes from the visit.

## Chinese New Year Themed Lunch On Census Day Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January

We will be having a Chinese New Year themed lunch on Thursday 19<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.

## Industrial Action By Teachers

I am sure by the time of reading this, parents and carers will be aware of the news circulating that some teachers have voted to take industrial action as part of an on-going dispute over pay and more broadly, educational funding. As soon as we are able, we will communicate to parents the implications of this action, giving as much notice as possible regarding any alternative arrangements that may be necessary. Ahead of then, we would urge parents not to speculate on what the implications of this action is likely to be.

## Diary Dates

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February**-Parents Evening via school cloud.

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February**- Break up for half term holidays.

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February**- School re-opens to all pupils.

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March**- Nursery Open Day Sessions 9.15am and 1.15pm.

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March** - Break up for Easter holidays.

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April** - School re-opens to all pupils.

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May** - May Day Bank holiday- School closed.

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May** - King Charles III Coronation Bank Holiday - School closed.

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May** - Break up for half term holidays.

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June**- School re-opens to all pupils.

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July**- Break up for summer holidays.

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July & Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July**- School closed for professional development days.

## Nursery Admissions September 2023

Nursery registration forms to apply for a nursery place for September 2023 are available from the Infant school office.

## Celebrating Attendance

Congratulations to Bear class -2B for achieving 100% attendance last week. Well done!



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## Oral Kit For Year 1 and Year 2 Children

Public Health Birmingham has been awarded funding by NHS England to fund oral health promotion activity. Tooth brushing packs have been sent to schools to be distributed to all children in Key Stage 1 classes. On the reverse of the oral health leaflet for parents is a tick chart for two weeks of brushing. Once returned to school, children can collect their superstar sticker award! Useful video links from Dr. Ranj are below. Tooth brush packs will be distributed to all Year 1 and Year 2 children this week. Happy brushing!

### How to care for the teeth of children aged 3-6 with Dr Ranj and Supertooth

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lQE4xxk1r5g>

### How to care for the teeth children aged 7+ with Dr Ranj and Supertooth

[How to care for the teeth children aged 7+ with Dr Ranj and Supertooth! - YouTube](#)

## 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 23rd January. Please feel free to share this with anyone who may be interested in this position at our school. We look forward to receiving applications.

## Year 2 TT Rockstars

Wow Year 2! We have been really impressed with how many children have been playing TT Rockstars at home.

Feedback from parents is that when using the game Studio some children are becoming frustrated as the questions are pitched too high, for example children need to know their x7 and x12 facts.

Unfortunately, we are unable to set specific times tables in the game Studio, this is the game where children earn their rock star status and earn certificates/ badges.

In the game Garage we can set specific parameters for Year 2 and can therefore set more appropriate questions for children to practice but this does not generate certificates automatically.

To encourage children and to praise their efforts school will start monitoring the use of TT Rockstars and begin issuing certificates for effort.

Hopefully this will encourage children to use the Garage as well as Studio.

## Chinese/Lunar New Year

We would like to wish all of our families who are celebrating Chinese/Lunar New Year a very happy celebration. 2023 is the year of the Rabbit.



## Congratulations Board

**Reception**- Tsz Ka, Edward & Lucas.

**Year One** - Hamdan, Madeleine & Olive.

**Year Two** - Zaynab, Thomas & Dylan.

## SEND Webinars in February

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



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## **Boldmere Inclusion Base News From Mrs Preece:**

### **Celebrations**

**Giraffes** -Zak James for counting and recognising numbers.

**LK**- Habiba for having an excellent week back in the school routine and participating in transition.

**KM**-Enya for trying incredibly hard with her Maths work.

### **Letters**

Thank you to those of you who have sent in the Parent Coffee Morning slips and survey responses in so far. Please send in any remaining ones by Wednesday 18th or bring with you to the coffee morning.

Annual Review letters are being sent to those of you with meetings coming up this term. Please send in the reply slip and parent views prior to the meeting.

Parents Evening information will also be sent out shortly. The BIB will be holding face to face appointments on Wednesday 15th February.

### **Coffee Morning**

I am looking forward to seeing most of you at the coffee morning. It will be held in the Training room. Please can you sign in at your child's respective schools -LK and KM in Juniors and Giraffes in Infants. Someone will bring you to the Training room or you will be collected from the Reception areas.

### **Notices**

Please can you send in a carrier bag with your child on Wednesday. We will be sending home old work books that we no longer need to keep in school.

If your child brings a lunch from home that contains a yoghurt or jelly, please can you provide a spoon.

## **Busy Bodies**

### **Chinese New Year- Year of the Rabbit.**

We are very excited to be celebrating the upcoming Chinese New Year, which is on Sunday 22nd January 2023. This week, the Busy Bodies children will take part in various activities to be able to fully appreciate the year of the Rabbit. This will include making lanterns, rabbit mosaics, dragon rice painting and tasting some Chinese inspired food of course.

### **January fees-**

Currently there are a few payments still remaining outstanding for January payments, kindly check your child's ParentPay account to ensure that your fees are up to date. The Busy Bodies Manager will be sending out a ParentPay reminder by the end of this week to all parents/carers outstanding fees for this month, polite reminder that fees are due in advance of care being provided.

### **February booking forms-**

Booking forms will be available from Monday 23rd January, please access a copy from the junior school office, via a Busy Bodies member of staff or online via the Federation of Boldmere Schools website.

### **Parent request- Yoga teacher**

We would love to find out if any of our parents/carers would be able to provide a Yoga/Pilates session for our Busy Bodies staff. If you are aware of anyone who may have the skills and availability to deliver a session or two we would love to hear from you. Please contact Kerema Hyatt via telephone: 0121 464 1343 or via email:

[khyatt@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:khyatt@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)





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## Community News

*Disclaimer - The following community events are for your information. Should you wish to obtain further information or attend, it is at parents' own discretion.*



At Tintagel Tutoring our brand new **art classes for primary school children** have been so popular we have decided to run an additional class. This class will be on **Wednesdays at 16:00 - 17:00** starting on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

You can bring a copy of this newsletter as a voucher for **the first lesson free!** We would love your child to join us. Booking is essential as there are limited spaces available - please contact us to book your child's space.

This class will run every Wednesday from 16:00 - 17:00 and cost £40 for a block of 6 classes. All resources and equipment will be provided for your child to use during the lesson.

Find out more at: <http://www.tintageltutoring.co.uk>

To book contact us through our website or call/message us on 07967 629738



## Aston Villa Foundation: Half-Term Soccer Schools

For children aged between 5-12 year olds, our Soccer Schools encourage children to stay active, learn new football skills and have fun in a **safe and secure environment.**

### Aston

Academy Building, Villa Park,  
Witton Ln, Birmingham B6 6HE

### Tamworth

Tamworth Enterprise College, Birds  
Bush Rd, Tamworth B77 2NE

### Harborne

Lordswood Girls School,  
Knightlow Rd, Harborne, Birmingham  
B17 8QB

### Sutton Coldfield

Sutton Coldfield Town FC, Central  
Ground, Coles Ln, Birmingham, B72  
1NL

### Email:

[amber.wassell@avfc.co.uk](mailto:amber.wassell@avfc.co.uk)

[www.avfc.co.uk/foundation](http://www.avfc.co.uk/foundation)

Registered Charity No: 1152848

**Dates:** Monday 20th -  
Friday 24th February 2023

**Time:** 9:30am - 3:30pm





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## Forgotten Items

Please ensure that your child has all the items that they need when they arrive for school including book bags, lunches, water bottles, coats and hats to minimise disruption to children and staff during the school day.

## Dogs

Polite reminder that dogs/puppies are not allowed on the school site, whether they are walking or being carried. The ONLY exception are guide dogs.

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)

## PTA News

The PTA newsletter will be sent out separately on Thursday to all parents/carers.

## Ordering Lunches Via School Grid

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

## Newsletter:

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

## Absence and 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.

Mrs S Kenny  
Head of School  
17/01/2023