



# NEWSLETTER - JAN 3



Dear Parents/Carers,

Yesterday we had a special visit from Hetty and John Hurley! We were presented with a cheque for our contribution which was **£1332.75** to the Rudolph Run and are pleased to share the photograph in today's newsletter. A great fundraising effort from everyone! Well done Boldmere! We are continuing to work with Birmingham Hospice and have future fundraising activities planned, including an Easter "Bunny Hop" and Bulls in the City art work.



On the theme of art work in the Community, we are also working again with The CommunitaCafe in Boldmere and will be providing art work for their window displays during the Spring term, so keep a look out for this!

Our Parent's evening dates have previously been shared in the newsletter but we can confirm that meetings will be accessed online, via Schoolcloud. Instructions for booking appointments and accessing the **online meeting** will be shared later this week via ParentMail. The booking system will open at **4.00pm** on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February** and close at **9.00am** on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February**.

In consultation with Junior school, we are also able to share some important dates with you for the next academic year, 2025-2026. We hope that this will help parents/carers plan time off during the official school holidays, thereby reducing the Leave of Absence requests and subsequent fines issued by the Authority.

Term dates can be viewed on BCC website link below...

[https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20014/schools\\_and\\_learning/685/school\\_term\\_dates](https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20014/schools_and_learning/685/school_term_dates)

**Boldmere INSET days for 25-26 are as follows**

- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025
- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025
- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026

**School will be closed to all pupils on these dates.**



## Diary Dates

- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January** - SEND Coffee afternoon 1.45pm - 3.15pm
- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> February** - Children's Mental Health week
- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February** - Parents Evening
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February** - Parents Rep Meeting
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February** - Break up for half term holidays
- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February** - School re-opens to all pupils
- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March** - World Book Day
- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March** - Nursery 2025 Open Day
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March - PTA Ifthar
- Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April** - Parents Rep Meeting
- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April** - Break for Easter holidays
- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April** - School re-opens to all pupils
- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May** - May Day Bank Holiday - closed to all pupils

## Congratulations Board

Congratulations to these children who are on the Congratulations Board this week:

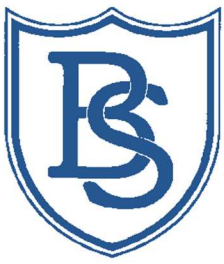
- Year 1:** Taite, Rayaan & Alexandra
- Year 2:** Jovan, Leziah and Chester



## Newsletter:

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

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



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## **SEND Coffee Afternoon - Monday 27th January 2025, 1.45pm until 3.15pm.**

We are looking forward to hosting our next SEND Coffee Afternoon on Monday 27th January from 1.45pm until 3.15pm.

This will take place in the school hall at Boldmere Junior School, but will be open to parents of children at Boldmere Infant and Nursery School, Boldmere Junior School and Boldmere Inclusion Base.

Based on feedback from our last Coffee Afternoon, I have invited Tracey Jones, Specialist Teacher from the Communication and Autism Team, to join us. Tracey will lead a session on one of the topics below and then there will be an opportunity to speak informally to her (time permitting). I will also be available, alongside some of our support staff.

There will be time to chat to other parents and enjoy a hot cup of tea/coffee and, of course, biscuits!

Please could you indicate your preference on the form below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/tWVtpvPwkd>



Your feedback will then be used to decide what is covered during the Coffee Afternoon so we can make it relevant to as many parents as possible. The theme of the afternoon will then be shared with you after Christmas. Your child does not need to have a diagnosis for you to attend this session.

Many thanks, Mrs Jones

## **Busy Bodies News**

**February booking form-** Please note that February booking form is available for collection from a Busy Bodies member of staff, the Junior school foyer or online at the Federation of Boldmere schools website.

Please note that February booking form is **due back by Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January, and fees are due in by Friday 31st January.** Kindly check your child's ParentPay page to ensure that fees are paid and up to date.

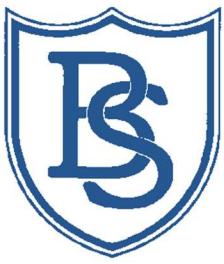
**Waiting list-** Currently, we are at full capacity on Tuesday to Thursday. We would appreciate that all booking forms are returned on time to ensure that we can staff for the required number of children attending each day.

**Children attending other after school clubs-** If your child goes to another after school club, and will be returning to Busy Bodies after, kindly indicate this on your booking form. This helps us to know which children will be returning to our care at a later time.

**Key Work meetings-** In February the staff members will be having key work sessions with the children, we use this time to get to know the children better and have focused time with them in their year groups. We will keep you updated as to the activities staff will carry out with the children at a later date.

**Staff members-** A huge welcome to our new members of staff joining us at Busy Bodies- We have Holly and Humaira who started this week. Let hope that their time with us is happy and joyful one.

We hope that the remainder of your week is also a happy one. Enjoy!



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## Attendance - updated processes

Our amended Attendance Processes have been circulated via Parent Mail, including request for absence forms. Please can we remind all parents/carers that you need to call (01214642338) or email [enquiry-inf@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry-inf@boldmere.bham.sch.uk) before 9am in the morning if your child is going to be absent from school (illness or Religious Observance) 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. Thank you.

## 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.



## VACANCY

School is advertising for a lunchtime playleader to join our lovely lunchtime team. Please click on the link below to take you to our school website where all the information required is available. <https://boldmere.bham.sch.uk/job-vacancies> We hope to have a successful response and feel free to pass this information on to anyone who you know may be interested. Thank you.

## Illness in School

Unfortunately it is that time of year where there are many different illnesses circulating. Please follow the link below to NHS guidance which can support you in making a decision if your child is well enough for school. <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

## Allergies/food intolerances

If your child has any allergies, please ensure that this information is added to School Grid (Dolce) when you register your child for school meals. This must be completed in addition to notifying the school office. Dolce manage our lunch provision and it is parent's responsibility to provide food allergy information directly to Dolce via the online portal.

## 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)

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)



## Ordering Lunches-School Grid

Please can we remind parents that you need to order lunches for your child via School Grid. If your child is absent from school, please remember to cancel any ordered lunches as soon as possible to help reduce any wasted meals.

## School Emails

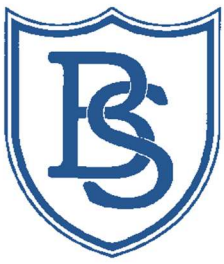
The two separate email addresses for Infants/Juniors are:  
[enquiry-inf@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry-inf@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)  
[enquiry-jun@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry-jun@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)



## Keys Found

Some keys have been handed in Infants Office. If anyone has lost any keys please call in so that they can be reunited with the rightful owner.





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**BIB Newsletter Week beginning January 20th 2025**

## Celebrations

Idris in Giraffe class for an amazing effort in joining in with the class story this week.

James in LK class for giving 100% effort in everything he does in the BIB.

Parker in ED class for always being helpful and kind in class.

The children in LK and ED were able to participate in a Dhol drum workshop last week.

They all had a fabulous time.

LK walked to Boldmere library and enjoyed listening to stories and reading for pleasure.

## Learning this week



Giraffes this week are going on a sea adventure. They will be reading Ten little Pirates, investigating floating and sinking and in Maths learning about 1 more.

As part of their outdoor learning, ED will be celebrating Red Squirrel appreciation day on January 21<sup>st</sup> and finding out what plants need to grow.

LK will be researching different species of birds to write a non-chronological report, as part of Birdwatch week.

In Maths, they will continue to learn about measurement and in Art, how to use different kinds of lines to create a portrait.

Thank you to those of you that have completed the parent survey.

For those of you who are yet to add your feedback please see the link below.

<https://forms.office.com/e/H3n42P021u>



Thank you to those parents who have attended annual reviews over the last week. I look forward to meeting with more of you over this coming week. Several of you have mentioned how your child struggles with sleep. Below are details of a workshop you might find useful.

Cerebra are a charity that help parents to create and maintain good sleep habits with their children



**GROW**  
Family Services

**CEREBRA**  
Working together for children  
with brain conditions

**SLEEP WORKSHOP** zzzz

**Monday 10 February 2025**  
10am - 2pm

Four Oaks Methodist Church,  
155 Lichfield Road  
Sutton Coldfield, B74 2UU  
Opposite Four Oaks Train Station

Come and join us for a workshop on SLEEP delivered by Cerebra. This workshop is designed to help families understand and manage sleep difficulties in children. This workshop is led by a Sleep Practitioner and covers practical strategies for improving children's sleep.

To book a place please visit  
<https://www.growfamilyservices.org> or  
<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/grow-family-services/t-lnggxn>

Mrs S Kenny  
Head of School  
21/01/2025

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