



NEWSLETTER - JAN 3

Dear Parents/Carers,

Another stormy week weather wise, but fortunately the children's learning seems unaffected! The wind and rain tend to make playtimes a little more exciting so we have spent some time on our lovely field this week and the extra space has certainly helped everyone enjoy outdoor activities safely.

On this note, please can we remind parents/carers to ensure that all clothing is named. Our lost property basket is quite full at the moment so if your child has mis-placed any items, please pop into school at the end of the day and have a rummage.

With only 2 weeks left of this half term, we are preparing for parents' evening on 6th and 7th February. The evenings will be online and the booking system via school cloud will go live at 4:00pm next Wednesday, 31st January.

We are very much looking forward to National storytelling week beginning next Monday. Speaking, listening and storytelling will be part of our monitoring activities throughout the week and teachers will be visiting paired classes to engage in story telling activities and inspire our next generation of young readers and writers.

The final week of this half term is Children's mental health week "My voice matters". Mrs Mason and Mrs Welch from Junior school, are currently planning some lovely activities and assemblies for both the Infant and Junior school children. Further details will follow in next week's newsletter and will include information for parents/carers on how to access external agencies for mental health and wellbeing support. A final note this week is on attendance and punctuality. We are becoming quite concerned by the number of parents/carers that are bring children late into school in the morning. The school doors open at 8:50 and remain so until 9:00. This is our "trickle -in time" and allows for all children to arrive safely and calmly each morning. Arriving later than 9:00am means that vital learning is missed, and activities that support children transitioning into school become difficult to facilitate. Even just being 10 minutes late each day equates to nearly an hour each week of missed learning. We appreciate that on occasion, being late is unavoidable, but we urge all parents/carers to take responsibility for their child's attendance and punctuality and recognise the importance of teaching and learning time.

Lunchtime Club for Spring 2nd Half Term 2024

There is still some availability in the Y1 & Y2 Tennis club and also in the Y2 AVFC boys' football club. If your child is interested please make payment on Parentpay and return the completed form to school.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 6th & Wednesday 7th February - Parents Evening Online 3.45-6pm

Friday 9th February- Break up for half term holidays.

Monday 19th February- School re-opens to all pupils.

Monday 4th-8th March - Book Fair.

Monday 4th March - Reception Inspire afternoon 1.30-3pm.

Tuesday 5th March - Year 1 Inspire afternoon 1.30-3pm.

Wednesday 6th March - Year 2 Inspire afternoon 1.30-3pm.

Thursday 7th March - World Book Day.

Thursday 7th March - Nursery Open Day 9.30am & 1.30pm

Friday 22nd March - Easter Bonnet Parade 9.15am

Friday 22nd March - Break up for Easter holidays.

Monday 8th April - School re-opens to all pupils.

Monday 6th May - May Day Bank Holiday - closed to all pupils

Nursery Admissions Sept 2024

Nursery registration forms to apply for a nursery place for September 2024 are available from the Infant school office. Completed application forms must be received by **Wednesday 13th March 2024**.

Congratulations Board

Year 1 - Olivia, James & Nye

Year 2 - Belle, Leo & Yiu



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Library Visit

The Year Two librarians enjoyed a visit to Boldmere Library last week. Fouzia, the librarian, explained her role to the children and then they helped her with her job! Their tasks included sorting authors into alphabetical order, unpacking orders of new books, adding books to the library system and serving members of the public by checking books in and out. Well done everybody!

Did you know that there are over 13,000 books in Boldmere Library and that children can borrow up to 20 at any one time?

Membership of the library is free for adults and children. You can join online and then collect your membership card when you make your first visit. The link for joining the library is: <https://birmingham.spydus.co.uk/>

Absences & Lateness

Please can we remind all parents/carers that you need to call (01214642338) or email (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.

Parent Class Representatives

The next parent representative meeting is taking place during the final week of half term, on Thursday 8th February at 9:15am. Our current class reps are listed below so please speak to them if you have an issues that you wish to be addressed by the group.

RI Kerry Gallier

RW Laura Shergold

RB Amy Holland and Danielle Griffiths

1H Sarah Sleight

2B Tonita Whittier-Turner

2P Celine Benoit and Debra Proud

Current vacancies remain for the following classes - 1S, 1L, 2U, and BIB.

Please contact school if you would like to fill a vacancy.

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.

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

Ordering Lunches Via 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 Nurse

The school nurse will be school tomorrow to do the height and weight checks for children in Reception as part of the National Child Measurement Programme.

Value for This Half Term

Our value for this half term is co-operation.

Newsletter:

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

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

Cello Lessons

Cello lessons will be on Thursday instead of Wednesday for this week only.



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Newsletter BIB week beginning January 23rd 2024

Celebrations

Axel in **Giraffes** for joining in with another class for PE.

Parker in **LK** for an amazing effort in his phonics session and with spelling.

Cole in **ED** for persevering in class when he found a subject hard.

PE Champions

Miss Caitlin and Mr. Rich have chosen these children as PE champions this week:

Zak James in **Giraffes**

Jayden in **LK**

James in **ED**

29th January is National story telling week. Your child will have come home with information regarding this, should they wish to take part you must sign up online. For school, please continue to read with your child at home and make a note of it in their reading record books.

Parent representative. We are still keen to have a BIB Parent representative for the half termly meetings held across the Federation. Please contact Mrs Kenny if interested.

Absences. If your child is poorly and not able to come into school, please ring the main school office in the first instance to inform them.

Infants- 0121 464 2338

Juniors -0121 464 3656

It is always helpful to contact the BIB too either by email bib-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

Or by phone dialing the above number and selecting option 5.

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

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23/1/2024