



NEWSLETTER - JANUARY 3

Dear Parents

Nursery Open Day for September 2020 Intake

Nursery will be holding open sessions on **Tuesday 25th February 2020** (10.30am and 2.30pm) for prospective parents of children who will be eligible to join the nursery in September 2020 (date of birth 01.09.2016 to 31.08.2017). Closing date for applications is Friday 13th March 2020.

If you know of anyone that may be interested in a nursery place then please get them to call into the office or call us on 0121 464 2338.

Parents' Evenings - Wednesday 12th February 4pm-6.30pm and Thursday 13th February 2020 4pm-6pm

Parents' evening letters will be sent home with your child this week. Please make sure you check your child's book bag.

Mathletics Re-launch

Thanks to the PTA's kind donation last term we were able to renew our Mathletics subscription.

Last night staff received training from the Mathletics team to support us in utilising the program effectively for children at school and home. We will be sharing some further information with you at parent's evenings.

National Storytelling Week

At Boldmere we love reading! We share books at school every day in addition to the children's guided reading sessions. This may be a story at fruit and drink time or a non-fiction book to support our foundation subjects. We ensure there are opportunities throughout the day across all year groups. Next week it is National Storytelling Week and we would like to invite 'guest readers' into school to share their favourite children's book with a class at the end of the school day, 3.00pm. We have already enlisted a few surprise storytellers but wanted to encourage parents, carers, Grandparents to take part. If you would like to offer your storytelling services please let your child's class teacher know (phone call to school or letter) so that a date can be organised. We will then keep it a surprise so don't tell your children!

Thank You

Reception would like to thank Mrs Housden for visiting each class this week to talk about her job as a nurse. We learned about the different ways nurses can help people in the community and how to maintain a healthy lifestyle.

DIARY DATES

- 12th & 13th February** - Parents Evening 4pm- 6.30pm
- 14th February**- Break up for half term.
- 24th February**- School re-opens to pupils
- 3rd March**- Year 1 Inspire afternoon 1.30pm-3.00pm
- 5th March**- Year 2 Inspire afternoon 1.30pm-3.00pm
- 5th March**- World Book Day
- 3rd April**- 9.15am Easter Bonnet Parade
- 3rd April**- Break up for Easter holiday
- 20th April**- School re-opens to all pupils
- 4th May**- School is open (previously Bank holiday)
- 8th May**- School closed for May Bank Holiday
- 21st May**- Break up for half term holidays
- 1st June**- School re-opens to all pupils
- 17th July**- Break up for summer holidays

Chinese New Year

"Gong hei fat choy" and "Gong xi fa cai"
Reception and Giraffe class in the BIB celebrated Chinese New Year yesterday. Mr Meakin bought in Chinese artefacts to share with the children and the children took part in lots of fun activities, including noodle tasting with chopsticks.



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Parentpay

Parentpay have updated their method of reporting to schools and it has come to our attention that some parents have opted to pay by bank transfer. This option allows parents to set up a direct debit to pay for clubs, trips etc. Whilst this option is one way to make a payment we felt parents should be advised that it can take up to 8 days for monies to be cleared, so school cannot assume that funds will be received. We would therefore be cautious in allocating lunchtime club places/school trips to your child in case payment is failed by Parentpay so places will therefore not be allocated at that point in time.

The alternative option for payment is to choose your child's activity, add to basket and then choose the 'other payment method'. This reserves funds from your bank account via debit card and therefore payment can be immediately assumed by school. Places on lunchtime clubs/school trips etc. will then be allocated as advised on the letter from school. Please accept this for information only and it is obviously parental choice as to how payments are made.

PTA News

BOLDMERE PTA LEAP YEAR BALL!!!

Tickets sales close in the NEXT COUPLE OF DAYS!!! (31st January) so buy now to avoid disappointment. www.pta-events.com/Boldmere

Do you have any unwanted, unopened items? Do you work for a company that are willing to donate a prize? Please, please, please, if you can find anything suitable for the raffle, we would be extremely grateful for your generosity.

Do you have a skill you can donate? Ball organisers are looking at the possibility of doing an 'Auction of promises'. If you have a skill, whether professional or personally, would you be willing to donate yourself to get auctioned off?

If you have prizes or skills please let us know on boldmere.pta@gmail.com

Busy Bodies

February booking forms

Please be aware that your February booking forms are due in by this Wednesday 29th January and fees are due in as per normal by the last Friday of the month being Friday 31st January. Should you be outstanding any fees for January, please ensure that these are paid with your February booking forms. It is advisable that parents/carers regularly check your child's ParentPay account to ensure that your balance remains clear and up to date. Should you have any queries with regards to your fees or payment options, please do not hesitate to contact the Busy Bodies Manager who would be happy to help.

Missing Scooter

We have had a report of a scooter that went missing from school last week. It is blue, has 3 wheels and has LED lights on the wheels. If you have seen anything or know of its whereabouts could you let the office know. Can we please remind you that scooters are left at your own risk.

Celebrating Attendance

Congratulations to Hedgehog and Parrot class for achieving 99.33% attendance last week. Well done!

Congratulations Board

Reception - Rachel, James, Mayaih, Maxwell, Nate and Eliza.

Year One - Oliver, Maya and Bella.

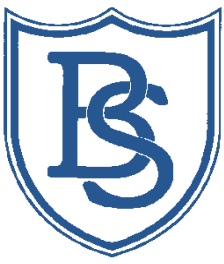
Year Two - Jessica, Maya and Joseph.

Up to Date MAT information

Information can be found at:
<https://www.boldmere.bham.sch.uk/parents/mat-information>

Newsletter:

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



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Have you ever considered a career in Teaching?

As you may know, for the last 7 years we have been working in collaboration with Birmingham City University to deliver our School Direct Initial Teaching Training (ITT) Programme.

During this time we have had a 100% employment rate and produced some excellent teachers who are flourishing in their teaching careers.

The School Direct Programme will allow you to obtain a PGCE (Post Graduate Certificate in Education) with Qualified Teacher Status (QTS). During your training, you will go on placements within our Alliance of Schools that have been part of our successful ITT programme delivery since we started training teachers.

If you are considering applying and would like some school experience, we are offering day long sessions. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to find out more about the role of a teacher and what would be expected of you if you were to apply to our School Direct Programme.

During this day you will get to observe and assist in lessons, get the chance to talk to widely experienced teachers about what the role really entails and get a real insight at what it takes to be a teacher in either the Boldmere Infant or Junior schools. This experience will allow you to then make an informed decision about whether or not you wish to pursue a career in teaching.

If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact Michael Bell, our Teaching School manager via email training@boldmere.bham.sch.uk and we will then arrange some mutually convenient dates.

Mrs S Kenny
Head of School
28.01.2020