

NEWSLETTER - JAN 4

Dear Parents/Carers,

School Self-Evaluation

What a great two weeks we have just had! As part of our ongoing school self-evaluation, staff have spent the last two weeks monitoring teaching and learning across school. Mrs. Kenny and Mrs. Beesley have carried out lesson drop-ins with our subject leaders, and teachers have undertaken book trawls and pupil voice conversations to evaluate our current teaching and learning. We would like to congratulate all children in school as they have been amazing during our monitoring activities. Children have articulated their learning, are showing great resilience and perseverance in lessons and are obviously enjoying learning! Well done children (and of course staff too!).

Census Day Thursday 20th January

Thank you to all parents who encouraged their children to sample school dinners last week. As highlighted in previous communication, the take up of school dinners on census day supports school funding, and we thank parents for their support on this day.

Congratulations Board

Reception- James H, Henry and Jack B.

Year One - Lohith, Thomas S and George J.

Year Two - Thomas G, Monica and Rachel.

Covid-19 Update

A parentmail was sent yesterday detailing the new cases that we have had reported to school since the weekend. We are fortunate that at the current time, we have just one member of staff and 11 children that are isolating with a positive covid-19 test result. A reminder that if your child has a main symptom of Covid and has a negative Lateral Flow Test you must book a PCR test. The updated Government guidance states that the period of isolation may potentially be reduced if Lateral tests on days 5 and 6 are negative. This certainly helps to reduce the impact on children's education, and we are encouraged by this guidance. These early release tests however must be registered on the NHS website, and school must be informed with the negative results via email notifications, prior to children returning to school. Thank you for your support whilst we continue to manage Covid absences at school. Please contact the office should you require any clarification around your child's absence or period of isolation.

Parent Survey/Questionnaires

A huge thank you to all parents who took the time to complete the questionnaires that were distributed last week. We are currently collating all responses, and will update parents/carers with the outcomes in next week's newsletter.

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.

Summer Term 2022

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.

Autumn Term 2022

Monday 5th September- Professional Development Day - school closed to all pupils.

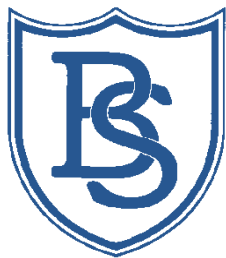
Tuesday 6th September- Professional Development Day-school closed to all pupils.

Wednesday 7th September- School re-opens to Year 1, Year 2 & the BIB.

Friday 21st October- Break up for half term holidays.

Monday 31st October- School re-opens to all pupils.

Friday 16th December- Break up for Christmas holidays.



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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.

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.

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.

Newsletter:

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

Boldmere Inclusion Base

Update from Mrs. Preece!

The first three weeks of this term have flown by! The BIB staff, children and parents have made me feel so welcome, so thank you.

Such a busy start to 2022. We have welcomed back Ryan, from West Bromwich Albion to lead our PE lessons. Sophie, our Speech and Language Therapist has returned to support some of our children too. The teachers are working hard with the children and we are showcasing what we are doing on Twitter, so keep watching for the BIB tweets. Thank you for all those parents who came along to meet me at the coffee afternoons this week. It was lovely to see so many of you. I am looking forward to us continuing to work together to develop the provision for your children. I have been meeting with the staff in the BIB this week about the good practice in the BIB and what we can all do to help develop it. Over the coming weeks, I will be talking to some of the children about what they like about their classes and anything they would like to see in it.

A polite reminder:

Please do park considerately when dropping off and picking up the children at the start and end of the day.

BIB celebrations

Another fantastic week of achievements this week!

In Giraffes, Zac has joined in with Phonics and Math's activities.

In LK, Shane has shown kindness and been supportive to his friends.

In ED, Cole has also shown kindness and a caring attitude to his friends in both LK and Giraffe classes.

Well done to you all!

Email addresses for correspondence specific to your child's class/year group.

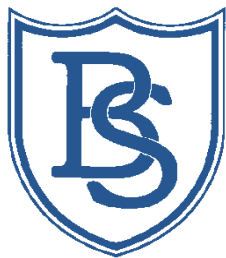
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Busy Bodies

February booking form and fees- Kindly ensure that your February booking form and signed updated contract of fees increase is returned by this Wednesday 26th January and fees should be paid by Friday 28th January. Please ensure that your child's ParentPay account is up to date prior to these fees being applied to your account.

After school sports club- We have now refunded all children who will be attending after school sports club during this half term. Should you have any queries with regards to your children's ParentPay account, please contact the Busy Bodies manager.

Chinese New Year (Year of the Tiger)- Tuesday 1st February Busy Bodies we will be celebrating Chinese New Year by offering the children a selection of foods and appetisers appropriate for this celebration. The children will also be offered the opportunity to participate in our face paint activity, we will be using Snazaroo face paint which is suitable for sensitive skin. However, if for any reasons you do not wish for your child/ren to participate in this activity due to allergies etc, please ensure that you contact the Busy Bodies manager via email on khyatt@boldmere.bham.sch.uk to ensure that we can follow parents' wishes.

PTA News

PTA January Meeting

This was held on Thursday 20th January. It has been a great start to the PTA academic year, last term we managed to raise over £7,500 for the school! Many thanks to everyone who contributed to this. There are many exciting things to look forward to in 2022, watch this space for further information! Please email boldmere.pta@gmail.com if you would like to receive a copy of the Minutes, or be added to our distribution list.

The next PTA meeting will be held in February, date tbc. Email us if you'd like to get involved.

1,2,3,4, we declare a Coin War!

Want to win a round of Donuts for your whole class? Two'sDay this year falls on Tuesday 22/2/22. Starting on Wednesday 2/2/22 we are asking for children to bring in spare change to fill their class's coin jar. Coins will be given a points value and the class with the most points by Two'sDay will win a round of donuts. The winning class will be announced in the Newsletter on Tuesday 1st March. Please see attached poster and social media for more information.

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.

Mrs S Kenny
Head of
School
25/01/2022