



# NEWSLETTER - JAN 4

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Strike Action

Please can we draw your attention to the important letter shared by Mr Glasgow yesterday afternoon concerning the pending industrial strike action that many teachers are scheduled to participate in, the first of which is planned for Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February. As Mr Glasgow shared in the letter, we will endeavour to give as much notice as possible regarding the specific implications of this action on individual classes and year groups. We will update parents/carers accordingly as the situation develops however, at the current time, we are expecting a number of classes and year groups to be affected as a consequence of this action.

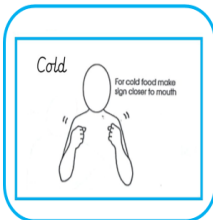
## Makaton Sign Of The Week

The new Makaton sign for this week is 'cold'. Look out for the video on twitter of Mrs Bryan and Mrs Norrie demonstrating the sign.

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Sign



## Congratulations Board

**Reception-** Gracie, Sahaavi & Muhammad Ali.

**Year One** - Deen, Aly & Jack.

**Year Two** - Arthur, Ruqayyah & Freddie.

## Dangerous Parking

Unfortunately we are having to again issue a plea with regard to keeping our children safe on and around the roads outside of school. In the past week alone, we have had concerns raised by two separate parents, one concerned with the obstruction of the road and pavement by inconsiderate and illegal parking, and a separate concern relating to the speed at which some vehicles are driving along Cofield Road. As is usually the case, it is a very small minority that are guilty of this, but this still presents a significant risk to our children and families. Whilst our 'powers' to enforce parking regulations are limited, it is our responsibility to share with you the very real fear we have that someone could be seriously injured in an accident outside our school. Please can we urge everyone to do the right thing, and drive with due care and attention in the surrounding area.

**Please do not block the entrance to the school staff car parks on Cofield Road and Glebe Drive. Access is required at all times.**

## Census Day Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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.

**Thursday 2nd March (change of date)** - 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.

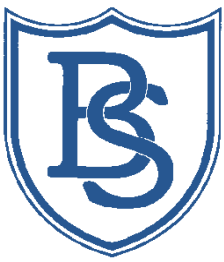
**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July & Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July**- School closed for professional development days.

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September & Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September** - School closed for professional development days.

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September** - School re-opens to Year 1, Year 2 & the BIB.

## Celebrating Attendance

Congratulations to Robin class - RI for achieving 100% attendance last week. Well done!



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## Nursery Admissions September 2023

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

## Ordering Lunches Via School Grid

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

## 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.

## Golden Table:

This week the following children have been nominated for the Golden Table in the dinner hall:  
Charlie H, Reggie & Dylan from 2M - Meerkat class and Anita, Arthur, Oliver, Harry T & Harry R in 2P-Frog class.  
Thank you children.

## Newsletter:

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

## 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.

## 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.

## Donation In Kind

We are well aware that in recent weeks there has been a marked increase in the requests we have made for parental donations; an inevitable consequence of the current financial difficulties faced in schools. A topic discussed in a recent parent representative meeting, and then raised further by another parent last week, is that there will likely be other ways than financial that parents can support the school operationally, in essence offering a 'donation in kind'. It was suggested and recognised that there will be a wealth of skills and interests amongst the parental community in Boldmere that many would be willing to share in support of school improvement. Suggested examples might be parents who are keen 'amateur' photographers who would be prepared to offer their services when we take children's photographs, or others with knowledge / expertise in various trades that could support the enhancing of specific parts of the school environment. In order to try and capture what this 'donation in kind' might look like, below is a link to a short survey whereby parents can share with us examples of any support they would be able to offer. In a joint venture with the junior school, we will audit the responses gathered via this form and at the suggestion of Mr Bennett, seek to form a parent working party to explore this further. Many thanks in advance for your support in this area, whatever format that support takes! <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=o1qZIB4jjOKY5rkBJrERNy4McyFALfNEjga3-UKIGCFUMzZQMvDTjBaU1I5WTNOUIhLNVdORIJCUS4u>



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## Boldmere Inclusion Base News From Mrs Preece:

### Celebrations

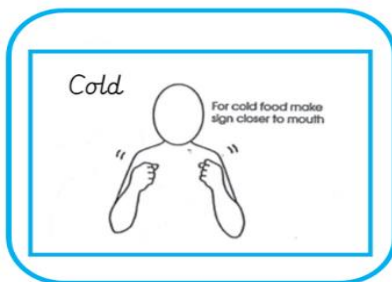
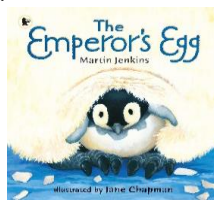
Giraffes- **Jayden** for always using his manners.

LK- **Musab** for being a wonderful friend to others.

KM- **Kara** for persevering with difficult work.

Thank you to those of you who came to the Coffee Morning this week. Thank you also, to PC Duncan Long who came to speak to us all about Internet Safety and Mrs. Welch Smith, who spoke about SCERTS. I hope you found the session informative. We will be looking to plan another event soon.

As part of the English work in LK in the next week or so, do any of you have the book, Emperor's Egg by Martin Jenkins at home that Mrs. Kinsella could borrow?



Look out for the new Makaton sign on Twitter. Mrs. Bryan and Mrs. Norrie will show you how to sign 'Cold.'

Finally, please make sure that you complete and return to school, the Annual Review slips and parent views if you have been invited to a meeting, any outstanding parent questionnaires and the Internet letters that were sent out last week.

Thank you for your continued support.

### Busy Bodies

Please be informed that the February booking forms are now available for your attention. Forms are due in by next Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February. You are able to collect one from the junior school office area, a Busy Bodies member of staff or online via the school's website.

On this occasion, due to the proposed strike actions we would understand if parents are not able to hand their hard copies in until Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February. All fees are due in by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February.

Pilates request- We are very thankful for all the parent who have contacted us in the past week regarding Pilates sessions, this is very much appreciated and we look forward to starting some classes soon.

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)

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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.*

### Aston Villa-

As part of our clubs Claret, Blue and Green Initiative and in partnership with Planet League, we are encouraging schools and families to become more sustainable and 'Go Green for Your Team'. On the run up to our game against Leicester on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2023, we are hoping for as many people as possible to sign up to the Planet League app and score goals for their club by being more sustainable.



## Childcare Choices Campaign

Over a million families in the UK are entitled to support with the costs of childcare from the government, but many are missing out because they do not realise they are eligible.

The Childcare Choices campaign aims to raise awareness and understanding of the support available from the government with the costs of childcare. You can support the campaign and help ensure your parents and carers aren't missing out by directing them to [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk) where they can easily find the right offers of childcare support for them.

They could be entitled to:

- up to £2,000 a year of Tax-Free Childcare per child (or £4,000 if disabled) for children up to 11, or 17 if they're disabled
- help with up to 85% of their childcare costs for children up to 16 with Universal Credit
- 30 hours of free childcare for 3- and 4-year-olds if they're a working family in England.

Government childcare financial support is not limited to just nurseries and childminders, depending on eligibility criteria, this support could be used for breakfast clubs, after-schools clubs, activity clubs, holiday clubs, and play schemes.



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## School Crossing Patrol Needed - Boldmere Road

**Pro Rata** £20,812 - £22,777 (Part time £10.94 per hour, 8hrs per week, term time only)

- You will need to be caring, reliable and must have good verbal communication skills to enable you to communicate effectively with a range of people in differing situations.
- You will need to be available term time mornings and afternoons during the school run.
- All leave must be taken in school holidays.
- Successful applicants will be provided with a uniform and training.
- A Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check will be undertaken.

Application Forms can be completed online [www.wmjobs.co.uk/job/147473/school-crossing-patrol-warden](http://www.wmjobs.co.uk/job/147473/school-crossing-patrol-warden)

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Head of School  
24/01/2023