



NEWSLETTER - JAN 4

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is all about communication, speaking and listening, storytelling and reading this week! This morning, I have already been treated to Hedgehog class retelling "Whatever Next" using their wonderful story maps! Lion class listened and joined in with actions too, and this was the first of our storytelling swaps this week. Mrs Beesley has provided further information below, detailing all the super opportunities for reading and storytelling at school over the course of the next few weeks. We are all excited to share our stories at school and we hope that you have fun at home too!

A reminder today that Parents' evening consultations will be taking place next Tuesday and Wednesday and the booking system (School Cloud) can be accessed from **4:00pm tomorrow 31st January**. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any difficulties accessing the online booking

National Story Telling Week

This week is National Story Telling week. This fantastic annual event is a joyful celebration of the power of sharing stories. Stories teach us about the world, they allow us to step into someone else's shoes and feel empathy, they help us to relax and escape and they can help develop essential literacy skills. In our English lessons, children have been practising telling stories and this week they will be performing their stories to another class. Teachers will also be swapping classes to tell stories. For more information visit

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/resources/national-storytelling-week/#:~:text=In%202024%2C%20National%20Storytelling%20Week,27%20January%20to%204%20February.>

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 Open Day For September 2024 Intake

Nursery will be holding open sessions on **Thursday 7th March 2024** (9.30am & 1.30pm) for prospective parents of children who will be eligible to join the nursery in September 2024 (date of birth 01.09.2020 to 31.08.2021). Registration forms 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. The closing date for applications is **Wednesday 13th March 2024**.

Surprise Reader!

Would you like to be a surprise reader during book week? If parents/grandparents/carers would like to read a favourite story to their class, please email your child's year group by **Friday 23rd February** to arrange a suitable time during that week with the class teacher. Shhhhhhh! It will be a secret!



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Children's Mental Health Week 2024

Children's Mental Health Week 2024 will take place from 5-11 February 2024.

This year's theme is 'My Voice Matters'.

When we feel empowered, there's a positive impact on our wellbeing.

Children who feel that their voices are heard and can make a difference have a greater sense of community and self-esteem.

My Voice Matters is about empowering children and young people by providing them with the tools they need to express themselves. During Children's Mental Health Week we want all children and young people, whoever they are, and wherever they are in the world, to be able to say - and believe - "My Voice Matters".

Teachers and children will be spending time in class this week thinking about the ways their voice can matter. They will be considering what matters to them and who they are grateful for who may have supported them in having their voice.

We will end the week with an 'Express Yourself' day where children can wear clothes of their own choice to school and celebrate that they are all unique.

Friday 9th February: Express Yourself - children wear their own clothes to school (Junior school will also be taking part in 'Express Yourself')

Parent and carer resources- Children's Mental Health Week

Follow the link below to access a range of resources created by the charity Place2Be, including 'Tips for Families' (see attached flier) and some lovely activity ideas.

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/families/>

Free Storybook - Grief & Loss

Cherished have written an interactive workbook for Parents & Carers to use with children who have experienced loss.

The 'Childrens Loss Storybook' and the 'Loss Workshop' Flyer are attached to this newsletter.

Reminder

Violin & Cello fees for Spring Term Two are available for payment on Parentpay.

Value for This Half Term

Our value for this half term is **co-operation**.

Lunchtime Club for Spring 2nd Half Term 2024

There is still some availability in the 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.

Reading - Half term challenge!

Find your reading super power! Do you read in bed, under the covers, sitting on the sofa, in the garden or under the stars? Ask a grown up to take a photo of you reading - this could be a favourite comfortable place or somewhere a little bit unusual or even ridiculous! You can choose to read anything that you enjoy. Please send photos to the year group email addresses and Mrs Beesley will add them to the display in the library.

Book Week - week beginning 4th March 2024

Book week is fast approaching and we are planning a fun-filled week to celebrate books and reading for enjoyment. During the week we will be holding our INSPIRE workshops when parents/carers are invited into school to work with their children. More information will be available soon. Dates are as follows:

Monday 4th 1:30pm - Reception

Tuesday 5th 1:30pm - Year 1

Wednesday 6th 1:30pm Year 2

Congratulations Board

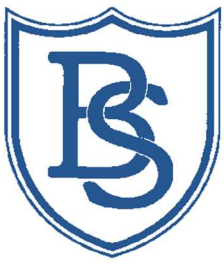
Year 1 - William, Leonora & Aryella

Year 2 - Simrun, Hau & Roop

Newsletter:

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

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



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Busy Bodies

February booking forms

Please collect your February booking forms and return by **Wednesday 31st January**, fees are due **Friday 2nd February**.

Forms can be collected from Busy Bodies, the junior office reception or available to download from the school website under - Parents dropdown menu, select Busy Bodies

Toy donations

Thank you for your kind toy donations, if you have toys that are in good working order, please think about donating them to us here at Busy Bodies, especially super heroes, Barbies and craft resources etc

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.

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.

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

Football in the Community

February Half Term Soccer Schools 2024

Please see the flyers attached to this newsletter for more information.

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

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

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.



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Newsletter BIB week beginning January 29rd 2024

Celebrations

Corey in **Giraffes** for joining in with activities that were new to him.

Yasmin in **LK** for fantastic effort in PE. Giving all the activities a go.

Hayden in **ED** for amazing Maths work.

PE Champions

Miss Caitlin and Mr. Rich have chosen:

Axel in **Giraffes**

Yasmin in **LK**

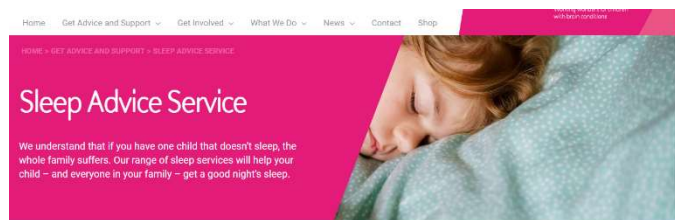
Enya in **ED**

Winter Activities. The junior BIB children will be taking part in the Winter Activities event this week. Mr Sadler shared information regarding this in the junior newsletter last week and via Parentmail. Therefore, those children should come to school in PE clothes on Thursday as well as our usual PE days.

Children's Mental Health Week 2024. From 5-11 February 2024 is Children's Mental Health week. This year's theme is 'My Voice Matters'. To mark the week, the whole Federation of Boldmere, including the BIB will be having an 'Express Yourself' **non-uniform day on Friday 9th February.**

Cerebra. The staff have noted that more frequently, they are having conversations with you as parents about your child's disturbed sleep. This might be because of the particularly turbulent weather we have experienced at night, but can also be associated with children with Autism. Cerebra is a charity that offers advice on sleep and other concerns you might have such as anxiety and sensory processing issues. Below is the link with some resources you might find useful.

<https://cerebra.org.uk/get-advice-support/sleep-advice-service/>



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Head of
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30/1/2024

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