



NEWSLETTER - JULY 2

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to our Reception children, 2PB and the BIB classes! It is lovely to see everyone back in school again. With only one week to go until we break up for the summer holidays, we have lots of busy days ahead and are hoping that there are no more cases of children or staff having to isolate. Please act promptly if your child or anyone in the household has symptoms, and contact school immediately. Thank you for your continued support and fingers crossed we will all manage to break up safely next week.

Year 2 Leavers Party

At the end of every year, Year 2 have a leavers party to celebrate their time at Infant school. We are pleased to say that this will still be going ahead in class bubbles on Friday 16th July.

We have been lucky to secure a 'Silent Disco' for each class bubble to attend, and hope that everyone is excited for the day! Children may wear their own clothes to school. A letter will be sent home tomorrow, requesting party food contributions for each class. Teachers will be responsible for sharing the food onto plates, to ensure safe handling.

Summer Holiday Free School Meal Vouchers

Free school meal vouchers to cover the summer holidays will be sent out to eligible families at the end of this week. Vouchers need to be redeemed by 30th September 2021.

End of Year Celebrations Nursery, Reception and Year One

Nursery, Reception and Year One will be celebrating children's end of year achievements, with certificate presentations in their class bubbles. Photographs of the event will be sent home on Monday 19th July. Nursery celebrations will be on Monday 19th July, Reception and Year One on Friday 16th July.

Collection of Medication in School on Last Day of Term

Parents of Year Two Children

Could you please collect any medication currently held in school on your child's last day at school, so that dates can be checked ready for you to return to Junior School in September.

Reception and Year One Children

Medication can be collected and taken home for the holidays, please check use by dates and return to the school office on the first day back at school so that it is available in the classroom if needed. You will be required to complete a new medication consent form.

Milk Letters For Reception and Year One

Milk letters for Autumn term were sent home with the children last week. Order forms and payment via Parentpay must be received by **9am Wednesday 14th July** at the very latest.

Diary Dates

Summer Term 2021

Tuesday 20th July- Break up for summer holidays.

Wednesday 21st July- Professional Development Day, school closed to all pupils.

Autumn Term 2021

Thursday 2nd September- Professional Development Day, school closed to all pupils.

Friday 3rd September- Professional Development Day, school closed to all pupils.

Monday 6th September- School re-opens for Year One, Year Two and the BIB.

Tuesday 7th September- Nursery stay and play sessions.

Wednesday 8th September - Reception Hedgehog class stay and play sessions.

Thursday 9th September - Reception Kangaroo class stay and play sessions.

Friday 10th September - Reception Turtle class stay and play sessions.

Monday 13th September - Reception children start part time.

Monday 20th September - Reception children start full time.

Friday 22nd October- Break up for half term holidays.

Monday 1st November- School re-opens to all pupils.

Friday 17th December- Break up for Christmas holidays.



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Watches With Video Devices

We have been made aware that some of the children have been wearing 'smart' style watches to school. We encourage children to wear watches to support them learning to tell the time, however we have realised that some of the smart watches allow the children to take photos and videos. Please can we ask that these watches are saved for home use only as they are a safeguarding issue in school.

Cure Leukaemia

The total raised by our sponsored camp out last weekend has reached a whopping £6730!! That is absolutely amazing! Well done everyone. There is still time to donate if you have yet to do so- <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/campingforacure>

Please remember to send into school your nature pictures a prize will be given for the most creative design. We are also looking forward to seeing your painted rocks. We will use these to brighten up the school playground.

Nursery September 2021

We still have a few Nursery places available. If you know of or have a child whose date of birth is between 01/09/17 and 31/08/18 who may be interested in a place, please contact the school office on 0121 464 2338 for further information.



Eid - Ul - Adha

Eid Mubarak to all of our children and their families celebrating Eid on Tuesday 20th July. We hope you have a lovely day.

Please could you inform school via phone to the school office 0121 464 2338 or email

enquiries@boldmere.bham.sch.uk if your child will be absent from school on the day of celebration.

Please be assured that the day will be an authorised absence.

Important Reminder

Please ensure all children are escorted onto the premises each morning by a parent/carer. Although we appreciate that parking is limited around school, we must insist that Infant children are accompanied to the school door by a responsible adult. Please do not drop children off outside school. The safety of children is paramount during the morning drop-off.

Book Returns

Please can families all check for any school library or reading books which you may have at home and return them by Friday 16th July. Thank you!

Dogs

Please can we remind all parents/carers that dogs are not allowed on the school premises at any time, with the exception of assistance dogs.

Important Information for Year Two Parents From Junior School

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week, you will receive letters and consent forms from the office with relevant information regarding transition to Year 3.

Our updated Junior school prospectus will be available for you to access on the website from Tuesday 13th July, which you will find under the parent's section on our website.

If you have not already seen it, you can find out more about us on the transition page where we have posted a welcome video and power point about the Year 3 team for the 2021/22 academic year.

A helping at home sheet will be sent out in the first week of the Autumn term, which will give additional information relevant to Year 3. In addition, information regarding your child's new ParentPay account will be sent out in September.

We are really looking forward to welcoming your children to Year 3 in September.

Mr Uppal (Year Lead)

Autumn Term Menus

The new lunchtime menu for the Autumn term is attached to the newsletter. You will be able to order meals for your child for September from the end of August.



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Message From Mr Glasgow:

Covid-19

With restrictions easing, it is still vital that we remain incredibly vigilant to help manage and mitigate the risks that Covid-19 still presents. Over the past few weeks, many schools have seen the impact of the Delta variant, which has resulted in several 'class-bubble' closures, right across the country. Unfortunately, this has been the case at our school and we have experienced a significant number of 'class-bubble' closures recently, including two in the last three days. This impacts significantly upon children, staff and parents alike, as self-isolation is a requirement of positive contact.

Please keep up your wonderful efforts to help to manage the spread of the virus as we certainly do not want any further impact upon our school community. Thank you once again for your ongoing support and understanding, it is always very much appreciated. Let us hope we have no further 'class-bubble' closures before the end of the term.

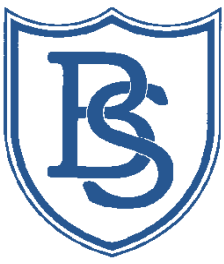
Junior Head of School

The Governing Board and I are absolutely delighted to inform you that Mr Matthew Sadler has been successfully appointed to the role of our junior Head of School. Mr Sadler is a successful Head Teacher and we are thrilled to have secured his services for our school through our incredibly rigorous recruitment process. As a serving Head Teacher, Mr Sadler will have to work his notice period and will officially take up his role in January 2022 at our junior school.

During the Autumn term he will be able to visit our school as much as possible in preparation of him starting his post, which we cannot wait for him to do as we are excited at the prospect of him joining us. We look forward to introducing Mr Sadler to you and more information will follow in due course. Congratulations Mr Sadler!

We are very pleased to inform you that Mrs Karen Welch, our current Acting Head of School, has agreed to continue in this role until Mr Sadler starts officially. Mrs Welch has and will continue to do an amazing job in this role and we thank her for her leadership and commitment to our school. Thank you for all you do Mrs Welch.

Mrs Mutch and Mr Hill will also continue their wonderful work as Acting Assistant Heads, ensuring that the school is being effectively led in the Autumn term with Mrs Welch until Mr Sadler takes up his post.



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PTA News

Ticket sales for the big PTA Raffle closed yesterday. Thank you so much to everybody that bought tickets to support the school. Good luck to all of you, we hope you win the thousands. 😊

Boldmere PTA were pleased to give the Infants school the funds for new books for every class. The Infants school put in a request as they were looking to diversify the books available to the children in their classrooms. They wanted all the children to have access to books that they are able to identify with and books that provide them with positive role models. We are sure the infants parents will hear more when your kids come home talking about the new books they've read. Boldmere PTA were pleased to give the Junior school the funds for leavers week celebrations for Year 6. The school put in a request explaining how Year 6 have had an incredibly challenging final year at Boldmere. They have not being able to partake in any of the usual residential, assemblies, clubs or productions. The School asked the PTA to help them celebrate as this would be the last time many of them would ever get to spend time together before they go to secondary school. The money donated has been spent on a Lego workshop, a magician performance with a workshop for each class and all of Year 6 will get a fun day on inflatables. We hope it goes some way for this Year 6 to enjoy their final weeks at Boldmere.

Busy Bodies Newsletter

September booking form- A reminder that your September booking forms are now overdue, to secure your place in September please ensure that you fill in and return your September form immediately. Fees must be paid no later than 31st August.

Registration fees for our current families- Please ensure that you have paid for your registration fees, otherwise your child's place will be offered to other families on our current waiting list.

Year 6 leavers- May we take this opportunity to wish all our year 6 leavers a wonderful transition to your new schools. We will miss you and wish you all the successes that your future holds.

As we draw to the end of this academic year may we kindly ask parents/ guardians to check and ensure that your Busy Bodies ParentPay accounts are cleared with no balances outstanding. Should you require any advice about your balances please do not hesitate in contacting our Busy Bodies manager.

Summer Holiday Clubs

Attached to the newsletter are some letters and flyers regarding holiday clubs and activities available during the summer holidays.

Newsletter:

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

Mrs S Kenny
Head of
School
13/07/2021

Contacting School

Please can we remind you that if you need to contact school regarding attendance please call the school office on 0121 464 2338 or email enquiry@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

Email addresses for correspondence specific to your child's class/year group, to support with teaching and learning are:

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