

#### Dear Parents,

## Message From Mrs Kenny

As we break up on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July, this will be the final newsletter of the school year, can we take this opportunity to thank parents, children and others in the community for their support this year. Thank you and congratulations to all staff and children for all achievements. We have again had a challenging time in education this year but have managed to maintain very pleasing outcomes for all children at school. I am proud to say that we have incredibly kind, caring and happy children at Boldmere and I am always amazed at how grown up they all appear at the end of every year. We would like to wish our Year Two children every success as they move to Junior School; we look forward to seeing their continued success. We hope that everyone has an enjoyable summer holiday. We look forward to seeing new Year One and Year Two children on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September and our new Reception children on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September. Our new Nursery children will be joining us in a staggered intake between Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September.

# End of Year Performances Year Two

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July- 2pm (dress rehearsal in Junior school- siblings can attend) Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July – 2pm (in Junior

school hall- parents/carers only)

# Milk Scheme - Current Reception & Year One Only

Letters were sent home last week to enable you to order milk for your child for next term (autumn 2019). Please make payment via Parentpay by **Wednesday 17th July at the latest** and return the forms to the office.

# **Reading Books**

All reading books should now have been returned to school. If you still have any to return please do so immediately.

# Lost Property

We still have a large amount of lost property, please come and check the box. Any items left unclaimed will be donated to charity at the end of the week.

## School Meal Changes

If any children wish to change their meal arrangements after the summer holidays (i.e. sandwiches to school meals or vice versa) please let the school office know in writing by Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July.

#### DIARY DATES Summer Term 2019

Summer Term 2019: 18th July- Year 2 leaver's party. 19th July - Break up for summer holiday 22nd July-PD day-school closed to pupils. Autumn Term 2019: 2<sup>nd</sup> September-PD day-school closed to pupils 3<sup>rd</sup> September-PD day-school closed to pupils 4<sup>th</sup> September - School reopens to Year one and Year two pupils. 9<sup>th</sup> September - Reception children start part time 10<sup>th</sup> September- Nursery start (staggered intake) 16<sup>th</sup> September- Reception children start full time. 25<sup>th</sup> October- Break up for half term holiday 4<sup>th</sup> November- School re-opens to all pupils 20<sup>th</sup> December- Break up for Christmas holidays

# Year Two Leavers' Party Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July

The party will take place this Thursday during school hours. Please send your Year Two child into school wearing their party clothes but with sensible shoes as there will be outdoor activities during the day.



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## **Busy Bodies**

A message from Wendy Halfpenny: To all the amazing Busy Bodies families, thank you so much for all your kind support and those big smiles throughout the many years I have been the manager at Busy Bodies. Your kind words, gifts and especially those big hugs have meant so much to me in the last few days. I will continue to pop into Busy Bodies from time to time to keep an eye on the children and staff, ensuring that those high standards are being maintained or they will be in trouble (only joking). I will be running some fun activities for the children at Busy Bodies once we start back in September, so look forward to seeing you then.

Wishing you all an amazing summer, see you soon. Wendy

#### Staff Changes

It is with mixed emotions that I write this piece for our final newsletter this year. We are sadly saying a fond goodbye and good luck to 4 members of staff. Miss Parsons is leaving to take up a promotional position at Brays Special School. She has been with us since 2013, starting as a "floating teacher" and then training to lead SEN in school.

Mrs Holmes and Mrs Price are both retiring and will no doubt be filling their days with exciting new ventures. Mrs Holmes began working at Boldmere in 2008, covering maternity leave and supporting SEN provision. Mrs Price has given 21 years to Boldmere, working predominantly in early years classes and even setting up our wonderful nursery all those years ago when she first joined school. Then we come to the hardest announcement for me on a personal level, Mrs Caley's retirement. Mrs Caley has worked at Boldmere for 14 years and her impact on school has been immeasurable. I cannot really put into words all the support that she has given me as Head of School, except to say that I will be saddened by her departure. However, I wish her happiness as she begins this new chapter in her life.

#### **Congratulations Board**

**Reception** – All of Penguin Class, all of Kangaroo Class and all of Meerkat Class.

**Year One** – Freddie, Aleeza, Jack T and Kassidy.

**Year Two** - Eloïse, Lucas, Ava and Aurora.

#### **Celebrating Attendance**

Congratulations to Hedgehog class for class achieving 100% attendance last week. Well done!

# Up to Date MAT information

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

# Advance Warning! 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 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 but please check use by dates and return to school on the first day back so that it is available in the classroom if needed.

## Golden Table:

This week the following children have been nominated for the Golden Table in the dinner hall: Henry, Charlie, Dexter, Kyden, Matthew, Oliver and Gabriel in Lion class.

Thank you children.

# Thank You

We would like to say a big thank you to Tarpaulin Supply and Repair Company Ltd. Shaun and Steve have kindly donated tarpaulin for the nursery playground and have made clear tarpaulin (bespoke) 'windows' for the nursery wigwam. We are extremely grateful for their generous donation.





#### **PTA News**

As we draw to the end of another year, we want to thank you all for helping the PTA this year. Whether it's giving up your time, donating or attending the events.

All of the events that our Boldmere family enjoy take a lot of time to organise and it sometimes feels like a huge task with a small team so we want to say a huge thank you to all of those involved.

This year we are proud to announce we have raised just under £20,000 and we have donated just over £20,000 to the schools. Our children have enjoyed science demonstrations and different theatre productions. The playgrounds have new markings, the outside roads have new 'no parking' signs and the school has new fencing and security fencing. Infant school have a fabulous new quiet corner for the pupils to use, both schools have enjoyed Christmas trees and last year every child got a Christmas present. THESE WERE ALL PAID FOR BY THE PTA!! What we do enhances the education of every child at Boldmere School and we are pleased to be able to do this.

Please join us, be part of a fabulous team. We are currently looking for help, people to join in with the roles, perhaps cochair, co-secretary, sharing the responsibility to make the job a little easier. We are also needing a new treasurer as our current treasurer needs to step down at the end of this financial year. Please do get in touch if you're even slightly curious to find out about any of these roles. boldmere.pta@gmail.com.

#### III 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.

Summer Reading Challenge 2019 is taking place over the summer holidays. Your local library will have more details or visit spacechase.org.uk for more information

St Michael's Church:

We run a Place of Welcome on Wednesday mornings from 9am - 11:30am, at St Michael's church hall, Boldmere. We offer free tea, coffee, squash and biscuits or toast and jam, along with a friendly atmosphere and local information.
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At this venue, we have a Real Junk Food Boutique, which offers food and other products collected from the supermarkets that is perfectly useable but cannot be sold in store and would otherwise be sent to landfills. These products are on sale on a pay-as-you-feel basis. The money collected then goes back to The Real Junk Food Project, Birmingham, to help provide for other areas of the city.

We also sell second hand school uniforms at 50p/item. Again these items are perfectly useable and this is better than filling landfills with things that can be reused.

Also, at this time and venue, we have a relaxed, all-age communion service, with no obligation to stay throughout the service.

We will be open throughout the summer holidays and invite parents, carers, teachers and school staff to drop in. If anyone has any unwanted uniforms that they would like to donate, please either bring them into the Place of Welcome or to contact Rev'd Cath Walker on revcath@outlook.com

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