

# NEWSLETTER - JUNE 3



Dear Parents/Carers,

## National Sports Week

Activities have begun in earnest this week! We have the climbing wall positioned between our two schools and Nursery and Year 2 were the first to experience the dizzy heights of the wall yesterday. They had great fun and even some of the teachers plucked up the courage to try it! The weather today has affected the timetable but we will ensure that everyone still receives their allocated time over the course of the next few days. Reception and Year 1 have started their balance bike sessions and we are all looking forward to further sporting activities for the remainder of the week.

## Transition

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, we have begun transition planning at school and have been speaking to children about their friendship groups. We have made the decisions that children currently in Reception and Year 1 will be split into new Year 1 and Year 2 classes for September. Year 2 classes will transition into Junior school without being mixed. Please be reassured that staff have planned the class mixes very carefully and taken many factors into consideration. We will provide further information about new classes prior to the transition day in a few weeks.

## Diary Dates

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June** - Nursery closed to current nursery children. Nursery Induction day for children starting in September 2023.  
**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July**- New Reception class RB stay & play sessions, 9.30am-10.30am & 1.30pm-2.30pm.  
**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July**- New Reception class RI stay & play sessions, 9.30am-10.30am & 1.30pm-2.30pm.  
**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July**- New Reception class RW stay & play sessions, 9.30am-10.30am & 1.30pm-2.30pm.  
**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July** - Celebration Evening 4.00pm-6.00pm.  
**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 & BIB.  
**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September**- Nursery children start staggered intake.  
**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September** - New Reception children start part time.  
**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September**- New Reception children start full time.

## NEU Proposed Strike Days

As you may be aware the NEU have announced further teacher industrial strike action days. The proposed strike days are **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July**. We will be sending further information via Parentmail on Friday regarding the proposed strike days.

## Sponsored Football Themed Camp-Out For Cure Leukaemia

Our sponsored camp out is finally here and we are all very excited for the weekend! Children will be receiving a camping pack containing treats and puzzles. Our Just Giving page has gone live this week and sponsor money can be pledged through the link below.

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/boldmere-infants-and-nursery-1686580716827>

The Cure Leukaemia foundation is very close to the hearts of everyone at school so any donations will be greatly appreciated. Please send any photographs of your camping adventures to the year group email addresses and we will include them in our display around school!

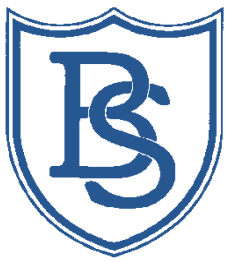
A reminder that children may wear football kits to school on Friday for our Aston Villa Penalty shootout (a £1 donation is requested please) and raffle tickets for two huge teddy bears and Aston Villa goodies will be on sale before and after school every day from tomorrow. The winners will be drawn on Friday afternoon. Raffle tickets are £1 per strip. Thank you for your support.

## Tennis Lunchtime Club - Rearranged From Teacher Strike Day

A catch up session has been arranged for Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July for the children who missed Tennis due to a teacher strike day on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

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## Message From Birmingham Authority: Update On Secondary Transition Day

Dear Headteachers / Principals,

As you will no doubt have heard, the National Education Union has announced two days of strike action on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July.

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July is currently set to be the Transition Day in Birmingham when all current Year 6 pupils go to their new secondary schools for the day.

We are also aware that a number of schools also have their new Reception induction days on the same day.

In light of the announced strike, and with being aware that previous strikes affected a large percentage of our schools, council officers have discussed this with both other local authorities and the Chairs of the Headteachers' Fora.

After careful consideration, we feel that we need to change the date of transition day as we do not want any young people disadvantaged by strike arrangements.

**We are therefore changing the Secondary Transition day to Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2023.**

We appreciate that the change of date will inevitably mean that schools have to change arrangements that they have made and are sorry for this. We also appreciate that schools may have other things planned for 12<sup>th</sup> July which may be affected by this change.

## Guide Dog visit Reception

As part of Reception's 'real life superheroes' theme they had a visit from Clare Williams and her guide dog Quita. Clare is from the Guide Dogs UK and is visually impaired. She explained to the children how Quita supports her in everyday life including crossing the road and identifying dangers. The children were able to ask Clare questions and then say hello to Quita. Quita took it all in her stride and the children were extremely good at keeping calm for her.

## Congratulations Board

**Reception-** Wren, Samraj & Leziah.

**Year One-** Annabelle, Jorgie & Apollonia.

**Year Two-** Harry, Harley & Lohith.

## Book Bags/PE Bags

We have book bags and PE 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.

## Parent/Carer Contact Details

Please can we remind you that if there are any changes of address or parents/carers contact details, you need to let the office know as soon as possible so that your child's details can be updated.

## Celebrating Attendance

Congratulations to 2P- Frog class for achieving 96.9% attendance the week before the half term holidays. Well done!

## 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.

## For The Attention Of Year Two Parents

The junior school will be hosting a welcome to Year 3 parents' information evening at 6.00pm on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July. Further details will be shared by Mr Sadler shortly.

## Nursery September 2023

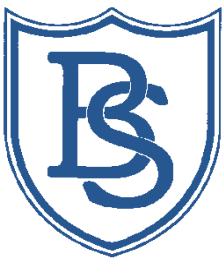
Our induction day for new Nursery children is on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June. **Nursery will be closed to current children.**

## 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.

## School Term Dates 2023-2024

Next year's term dates are attached to this newsletter for your information.



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## Boldmere Inclusion Base News From Mrs Preece:

### Celebrations

All of Giraffe class for super behavior during the fire drill practice last week.

Sam in LK for super behavior and effort during swimming.

Enya in ED for her super creativity when making her Father's Day card.

### Attendance (for the week beginning 12th June)

Giraffes 93.1%

LK 90.31%

ED 91.54%

Well Done Giraffes!!

### Notices

A reminder that LK and ED have been allocated an additional weeks swimming. They will be attending for one more session- 27th June inclusive.

Please do continue to send in sun hats and sun cream for your children. Do put cream on them prior to coming to school and the staff will top this up as needed during the day.

For ED, at the end of their Sports Day Friday July 21st 1.30-2.10, a short picnic and presentation for those children leaving us will follow. Parents of the children ED are invited to attend the sports afternoon, so please do stay for this before taking your children home.

Our School Improvement Partner, Josie Leese, has completed another successful visit to us in the BIB. I would like to celebrate all the hard work of the staff and children, who enable the BIB to be the success it is. Below are a few excerpts we would like to share with you.

The inclusion base team have created a safe and responsive environment for all pupils. All staff have considered the requirements of the pupils in their care and have ensured appropriate resources are available.

Work seen during the visit was matched appropriately to the needs of the pupils. Resources were carefully selected and helped pupils to embed key knowledge and hone their skills.

All staff can shape and adapt approaches dependent on the needs of the pupils. They provide individualized resources and learning spaces which support pupils to access their learning effectively. All staff regularly check pupils understanding and quickly intervene to address any misconceptions.

The staff team know all pupils well both academically and pastorally. All ECHPs have been carefully scrutinized and individual profile documents have been created to provide teachers with additional information both academically and pastorally.

Finally, transition for September. I know that many of you are asking about this. Please be assured that the staff in the BIB, Mr. Glasgow and I are working hard to ensure that your children will have the provision they require and the necessary staff. When we are able to, we will share information with you.

### Newsletter

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

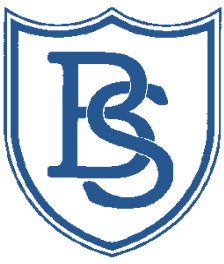
<https://www.boldmere.bham.sch.uk>

### 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.

### Ordering Lunches Via School Grid

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



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## Busy Bodies

**July/ September booking forms-** Please be aware that July Booking forms are due in for next week **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June and fees by Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June.**

Please note that September forms can be return with your July booking form or at the later date of 12<sup>th</sup> July. For our current families, please note that fees for September must be paid by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July. Please note that if your children start Reception class in September you will already be informed that fees will be dealt with at a later date once the children have been set up on our ParentPay system.

If for any reasons you are not sure of your pattern of work for September, please inform the Busy Bodies Manager prior to the September hand in date. We are happy for you to confirm your dates later as we understand that circumstances change.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

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)

[yr2-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:yr2-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)

## 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](mailto:customercare@dolce.co.uk)

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