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Dear Parents/Carers,

It goes without saying that my paragraph this week is all about the **weather** and keeping children safe and comfortable at school. Please can parents/carers ensure that suncream is applied before school and that children attend school with a full bottle of water (NOT squash please- this attracts ants when spillages occur), named suncream, and a named hat. We will encourage all children to drink plenty during these coming few days- as well as their own bottle, children also have milk/water at fruit time and water with their lunches. As the weather gets hotter throughout the day, we ensure that time spent outside in the heat is kept to a minimum. Children will continue to have playtimes but they may be shortened, particularly over the lunchtime period.

Last week Year 2 had a fabulous trip to the **Black Country Museum**. Children were very excited upon their return and told us all about the great experience they had. We had quite a few parent helpers that came with us so a big thank you to all you all for giving up your day to attend the trip! Thanks to staff too for their enthusiasm on the day - hot, tired children on a return coach journey is always a little challenging!

Today Year 1 have been to **Dudley Zoo** and again have had a great day of learning. Although the trip involved a lot of walking, children managed well in the heat and saw many animals from reptiles to mammals, creepy crawlies to amphibians!



Alongside these two trips, we have had a second visit from the **Animal Man** for Nursery and Reception. I must say that the Animal man is possibly the best visitor to school that we have had and thanks go to the PTA for providing the funding for the event. Children in our BIB classes, as well as everyone in Infants, had amazing sessions with Laura and Chris -the awe and wonder was palpable and children did extremely well, listening carefully to instructions and showing such gentleness when handling all of the animals.

Our final **Parent Rep meeting** of the year is taking place tomorrow morning so please contact your Class Rep if you have any agenda items that you wish to discuss. Information about **transition activities** will be shared at the Parent Rep meeting tomorrow and we will provide further details in next week's newsletter.

A final couple of reminders for today's newsletter... we have M&M

Theatre Company performing **The Jungle Book** on Friday this week. Thank you to all parents who have made contributions already, if you have not donated, please can we urge you to do so as we have not yet received enough payments to cover the cost of the performance. These extra-curricular opportunities are only possible when parental contributions cover the full costs.

Nursery will be closed to all current children on Friday 27th June as we have the Induction sessions for new Nursery children starting in September.

Thank you for your understanding.



Wednesday 18th June -

Class Photographs

Friday 27th June - Nursery Induction Sept 2025 -

Closed to current Nursery Children

Friday 18th July - Break up for the summer holidays

Monday 1st & 2nd

September - Professional Development Day. School closed to pupils

Wednesday 3rd September - School re-opens

Statutory Phonic Screening

Year 1 children spent last week completing **statutory phonic screening checks**.

These tests assess children's phonic knowledge and are administered by class teachers.

Children all performed brilliantly and did their best during the assessments where they read "real" and "alien" words using their phonic knowledge.

Outcomes of each assessment is shared with the Local authority and results for individual children will be sent home with end of term reports at the beginning of July.

If any child does not achieve the required pass mark, they will have another opportunity in Year 2 to re-take the test.



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Sibling Photographs

The Infant class photos will be taken tomorrow, Wednesday 18th June. The photographer will be visiting Junior school for their class photos on **Wednesday 25th June** so has agreed to set up **before school for family sittings. If you would like to have a family photograph taken with siblings from Infant and Junior school, please arrive from 8.00am on Wednesday 25th June, at the training room entrance.** Photographs will be taken in the Junior school prior to the start of the school day.



Allergies/food intolerances

If your child has any allergies, please ensure that this information is added to School Grid (Dolce) when you register your child for school meals.

This must be completed in addition to notifying the school office.

Dolce manage our lunch provision and it is parent's responsibility to provide food allergy information directly to Dolce via the online portal.

Sharing recipes!



Please find attached a recipe for 'Big Daddy Chocolate Cookies' which the children at the Pudding & Pie Club thoroughly enjoyed making! Hope you have fun making them again at home!

Attendance - updated processes

Our amended Attendance Processes have been circulated via Parent Mail, including request for absence forms. Please can we remind all parents/carers that you need to call (01214642338) or email

enquiry-inf@boldmere.bham.sch.uk before 9am in the morning if your child is going to be absent from school (illness or Religious Observance) 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. Thank you.

Absences

An important reminder about absence requests and penalty notices for unauthorised absences.

The Education Legal Intervention Team have notified school that they have now begun to issue penalty notices (fines) for unauthorised absences. Please note that fines are issued to **BOTH PARENTS** and **BOTH PARENTS** must pay the penalties.

Failure to pay the penalty notice, will result in the matter proceeding to court and could potentially lead to a criminal record.

Medical Appointments

A reminder that if your child will be absent from school, arrives late or has 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.



Parking around school

For reporting illegally parked vehicles, please follow the link....

https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/2/0109/parking/1983/report_an_illegal_y_parked_vehicle

Newsletter:

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

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

Congratulations Board

Congratulations to these children who are on the Congratulations Board this week:

Year 1: James, Zuri & Nicky

Year 2: Lily-Mae, Savannah & Khadijah





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Foundation

Summer 2025 Soccer Schools

Participants will take part in fun and engaging sessions along with NEW weekly educational workshops. All children receive a medal and certificate.

Time:
9:30 - 15:30

Ages:
5 - 12

Week 3

4th - 8th Aug
Aston
Sutton Coldfield
Harborne
Burntwood

Week 2

28th Jul - 1st Aug
Aston
Sutton Coldfield
Harborne
Solihull

Week 1

21st - 25th July
Aston
Sutton Coldfield
Harborne
Solihull

Week 5

18th - 22nd Aug
Aston
Harborne
Solihull

Week 6

26th - 29th Aug
Aston
Sutton Coldfield
Harborne





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Busy Bodies News

This week at Busies the children will take part in our arts and crafts activities, these are:

Monday- Summer wreaths, Tuesday- Cupcake fish, Wednesday- Paper plate caterpillars and Thursday- Bottle blossom trees.

Our snacks for the afternoon will be:

Mon- Sandwiches, Tuesday- Fish finger sandwiches, Wednesday- cheese or jam wraps, Thursday- Pancakes and Friday Crackers and cake.

As normal Dan will be carrying out Tennis sessions in the mornings, as well as other sporting activities. Due to the hot weather we are experiencing this week, we are encouraging children to wear sun hats/ cap, drink plenty of water and to put on your sun cream. This will help to protect you whilst we play in the sunshine. We will have water monitors on the playground this week to actively remind children of all of the above.



Arbor-

This week all account balances should be transferred and up to date, so kindly check your Busy Bodies accounts on ParentPay and Arbor at the end of the week. We hope that all our families have now been able to practice using the Arbor app, we can only promise that the few teething problems that have occurred, we will actively work with you to solve these to ensure that we can take advantage of the Arbor app.

Please be reminded, bookings for July will need to be completed by next week Friday 27th June.

We require monthly bookings where possible in order for us to have complete registers and cater for staff to children ratios.

We encourage you to only book sessions you require as refunds will not be given unless it falls in line with our charging policy. We have given a month's grace to allow our families to adjust to using the Arbor app, and have made cancellations where necessary to support those who needed it.

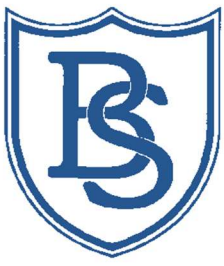
Parents can call to add ad hoc sessions where required or add these to Arbor up to 12 hours before the start of the session. Please note that you cannot cancel sessions yourselves this needs to be done by the Busy Bodies Manager.

We appreciate your patience and support as we transition from ParentPay to Arbor, and kindly ask that should you have any difficulties or recommendations, please send us an email and we will get back to you.

Thank you for your continued support as always.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate in contacting the Busy Bodies Manager on:

Tel: 0121 464 1343 or email: busies@boldmere.bham.sch.uk



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BIB Newsletter Week beginning 9th June 2025

I hope you have all been enjoying the lovely sunny weather. With that in mind please ensure that your child has plenty to drink with them, sun cream applied and a named sun hat.

Thank you to all of you for the swift response to the Twycross Zoo trip. Mrs. Kinsella and I did a prelim visit at the weekend. You and your child will have a super time, fingers crossed this glorious weather stays with us for then.

TWYCROSS ZOO

Should you require a school packed lunch, please make sure that all the lunch forms are returned promptly.

Celebrations

Ava in **Giraffe class** for settling back into class, joining in activities and following instructions.

Alim in **ED** for a good attitude to work this week.

Sam in **LK** for super focus all week and remaining on task in all lessons.

Learning this week:



Giraffes

Maths - focus this week is positional language - in, on under etc. The children will be learning a silly song about different positional language, 'put the bean bag on your head.'

Literacy, the children are beginning to learn about people who help us. This week's book is 'Emergency by Margaret Mayo.

The children are continuing to mark make and attempt to trace and write letters of their names. Following the theme of People who help us, this week, is keeping healthy. How do doctors, nurses, dentists, help us to do this.

ED

In Literacy and Art, ED will be continuing to focus on Handa's surprise. Learning interesting facts about wild animals, their habitat and what they need to survive. Using punctuation correctly in their writing.

In Art, making models of African animals and painting pictures of some to.

LK

In Maths, LK will be looking at and interpreting data of all different kinds.

In Literacy, The boy, the mole, the fox and the horse by Charlie Mackesy continues to be the focus.

They are looking at how the characters development and the plot of the story.

Their PSHE focus is family and relationships.

As a team, we have noticed that some of the children continue to struggle to put on coats and shoes. With this in mind, our Independence skills focus will be on dressing and undressing.

This is something we have focused on previously and hope that you will support us in this by providing your child with a PE bag with their clothes on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Children will require, named white T shirts, shorts or jogging bottoms and pumps.





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School Emails

The two separate email addresses for Infants/Juniors are:

enquiry-inf@boldmere.bham.sch.uk
enquiry-jun@boldmere.bham.sch.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
yr2-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk



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