



NEWSLETTER - MARCH 1

Dear Parents/Carers,

Celebrating Attendance

A huge thank you to all of our parents and families for your support in ensuring that your children attend school every day and on time. The importance of attending school every day cannot be stressed enough and we are sure that parents and carers would agree with us. We want to celebrate attendance in school each week so will publish details of the best class (or classes) in our weekly newsletter from next week.

If your child is absent from school, please contact the office by 9:30am on the first day of their absence to ensure that our records are up to date. You can do this by phone or by emailing the enquiry email address stating your child's name, class and reason for absence. Please note that we do not authorise any holiday in term time.

A reminder that school doors are open between 8:50-9:00am for 'trickle in' start to the day. Anyone arriving after 9am is required to sign in at the office. Please can we stress the importance of arriving at school on time - the table below gives an outline of how learning is affected through lateness.

Every Minute Counts

LATENESS = LOST LEARNING	
(Figures below are calculated over a school year)	
5 minutes late each day	3 days lost!
10 minutes late each day	6.5 days lost!
15 minutes late each day	10 days lost!
20 minutes late each day	13 days lost!
30 minutes late each day	19 days lost!

Book Week

A huge thank you to all of our surprise secret readers who have come in to school so far this week. The children have loved listening to your stories and we are looking forward to welcoming those readers who are coming in later on this week.

A reminder that Thursday is 'World Book Day' and children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character if they would like to. All children will receive a £1 world book day token and these will be redeemable in book shops or in our book fair which will be in school next week.

The book fair will be open each day in the dining hall next week from 3:30-4pm. Payments for books will be online and we will not be accepting cash.

Covid-19 Update

A separate parentmail is going to be sent out to parents/carers this afternoon with the updated government guidance.

Values

Our value this half term is honesty. Please see the attached values newsletter for further information and ideas to do at home.

Diary Dates.

Wednesday 2nd March-Nursery Open Day-9.30am & 10.15am sessions.

Thursday 3rd March-World Book Day

Tuesday 8th March- Reception classes Height & Weight screening.

Friday 8th April- Break up for Easter holidays.

Monday 25th April- School re-opens to all pupils.

Thursday 26th May- Pupils break up for half term holidays.

Friday 27th May- Professional Development Day - school closed to all pupils.

Monday 6th June- School re-opens to all pupils.

Wednesday 20th July- Pupils break up for summer holidays.

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

Monday 5th September- Professional Development Day - school closed to all pupils.

Tuesday 6th September- Professional Development Day-school closed to all pupils.

Wednesday 7th September- School re-opens to Year 1, Year 2 & the BIB.

Friday 21st October- Break up for half term holidays.

Monday 31st October- School re-opens to all pupils.

Friday 16th December- Break up for Christmas holidays.



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Sutton Coldfield Charitable Trust - School Uniform Grant Applications 2022

School Uniform Grant Application forms are available from the school office. All completed forms will need to be returned to the school office by **Monday 14th March 2022** at the latest. The eligibility criteria and proof of benefits required is listed below:

- A current resident of one of the Sutton Constituency Electoral Wards, ie Sutton Mere Green, Sutton Four Oaks, Sutton Vesey, Sutton Wylde Green, Sutton Trinity, Sutton Roughley, Sutton Reddicap, Sutton Wamley & Minworth.
- In receipt of one or more of the benefits listed: Income Support, Job Seekers Allowance, Employment Support Allowance, Child Tax Credit, Working Tax Credit, Universal Credit.

Reception Health Screening

The NHS will be measuring the height and weight of the Reception children on **Tuesday 8th March 2022** (parents are not required to attend). A letter was sent home with your child explaining what will happen and what the information is used for. All children will be checked unless you have informed the school office that you **do not** wish your child to take part.

Golden Table:

This week the following children have been nominated for the Golden Table in the dinner hall:
Lyra and Benjamin from Frog class,
Ben and Jacob from Parrot class
and Zaina, Rachel, Joel and James from Meerkat class.
Thank you children.

Congratulations Board

Reception- Kyle, Ruth and Honey.
Year One - Louis, Ella and Emily.
Year Two - Benjamin, Oliver and Amelia.

Boldmere Inclusion Base News From Mrs Preece:

Welcome back to the beginning of what I know will be a busy half term. It's book week this week. The BIB children can come dressed in their favourite colours on Thursday 3rd March. This is to reflect the themes in the books 'Mixed 'by Arree Chung and 'The Colour Monster' by Anna Llenas.

We also welcome Miss Greenland, who will be on placement with us from BCU. She will be working in all the classes in the BIB.

BIB celebrations from the before half term:

Giraffes- Whole class, for taking part in the Cinderella Ball and having a lovely time.

LK- Samuel, for demonstrating a caring and thoughtful attitude towards his peers and staff.

ED- Alfie, for working hard all week. We are all looking forward to the nicer weather and some exciting things to come over the coming few weeks.

Parking Outside School

Please consider our school neighbours when parking, do not block the local residents driveways at any time. Please adhere to the double yellow lines and zig-zag restrictions around school. Please think carefully about where you park your vehicles.

SEND Webinars in March

Please see the attached posters with details about webinars that are available for Parents/Carers to book in March.

Nursery Open Day For September 2022 Intake

Nursery will be holding open sessions on **Wednesday 2nd March 2022** (9.30am & 10.15am) for prospective parents of children who will be eligible to join the nursery in September 2022 (date of birth 01.09.2018 to 31.08.2019), 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 Friday 18th March 2022.



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Busy Bodies

Welcome back to all our lovely families, we hope that you have all had a brilliant half term break together.

Thank you to all our families who have completed our Busy Bodies survey. Your comments have been very kind and complimentary to all our staff, you have been very constructive and supportive with your remarks regarding the continuous hard work of our team. We thrive to continue developing our club to enable our amazing children to have the access and opportunity to engage in various learning and play activities, thus enriching their social engagement with children of all ages within our setting.

We will do a follow up of the outcomes of the survey, either individually or via the newsletter in the coming weeks.

March booking forms-

Please be aware that your March booking forms are due in by this Wednesday 2nd March and your payments must be paid by this Friday 4th March.

Please check your child's ParentPay account to ensure that your payments are up to date. We must remind our families that fees are paid a month in advance of care being provided, it is your responsibility to ensure that your accounts are up to date.

Extra sessions payments- We will be deducting all extra sessions for February by the end of next week, please ensure that if have had any additional sessions during February that these are paid prior to or along with your March payments.

Covid-19 update- In line with the recent Government updates, that there is no longer a need or expectation for us to isolate, the responsibility is down to the individual or in the case of a child the parent to make this decision.

As per your parent contract we will be returning to following the sickness/cancellation policy which is outlined in your parent contract with us. Should you need any further clarifications around this, please do not hesitate to contacting the Busy Bodies Manager in the first instance.

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

World Book Day Harry Potter Themed Menu on Thursday 3rd March.

We will be having a special Harry Potter themed menu to celebrate World book day.

One of the dinner trays on this day will have a lucky sticker on the bottom, the winner of the lucky dinner tray will win a £5 Amazon gift voucher.

Book Bags

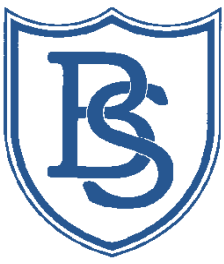
We now have book bags in stock in school. If you would like to purchase one for your child, please make the payment via Parentpay and your child will receive their new bag.

REMINDER -Ordering Lunches Via School Grid

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

Newsletter:

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



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PTA News

Coin Wars Winners

After many hours of counting, we are excited to reveal that the winning classes who will receive their donuts are:

Parrots (2S) in Infants

3U in Juniors

Congratulations and Well Done!

We would also like to say a big THANK YOU to everyone who took part in our Coin Wars competition. We were so impressed with how many coins were brought in and to see the enthusiasm and healthy competition it inspired.

Together, we have raised over £2,000 for the PTA, which is incredible! As a Thank You the PTA have organised a little treat for all the children which will be given out later this week.

Mothers' Day Elfridges

The Elfridges shop reopens its doors on Friday 25th March for children to select a gift for the significant female(s) in their life. Gifts are suitable for Mothers, Carers, Grandparents, Aunties etc. Elfridges is strictly a pre-order only service. Tickets cost £2.50 each and are available to purchase now at www.pta-events.co.uk/boldmere Ordering will close at midday on Wednesday 23rd March.

PTA Summer Ball

The tickets for the 2022 Summer Ball are now available to purchase! Tickets cost £50 each and can be purchased now at www.pta-events.co.uk/boldmere The Ball will take place at Aston Wood Golf Club on Friday 10th June 2022 from 7pm until 1am. If you have any queries please contact boldmereptaball@outlook.com Don't miss out, it is sure to be a fantastic evening including a 3 course meal, live band, auction and games.

Mrs S Kenny
Head of
School
01/03/2022