

NEWSLETTER - MARCH 1

Dear Parents/Carers,

World Book Day And Book Week.

We have started this week with some very busy scenes around school! Yesterday saw the first of our Inspire afternoons, and we welcomed parents/carers of year 1 children in to school. The activities undertaken involved planting, building, writing, reading, storytelling, and craft work and it was fantastic to see the enthusiasm of both children and adults alike! Year 2's Inspire afternoon is today and Reception's Inspire session is Wednesday from 1.30pm. We have also had a number of "surprise readers" popping in to classes this week. Thank you to all parents, carers and grandparents who have given up their time to read stories in their child's class. Children have been very surprised to see you all! This will be continuing throughout the week. The Scholastic Book Fair is also in school during this week. The Book Fair is open during the Inspire afternoons but also from 3.30pm each day. Please come to the dining hall to browse and make purchases.

Future Strike Action Information

We will be sending home more information on Friday via Parentmail regarding plans for the next teacher industrial strike action days planned for **Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March.**

Water Bottle Reminder

Please ensure that water bottles contain water only for school. We encourage children to top up their bottles as required throughout the day but we do not provide squash or fizzy drinks.

Outdoor PE- Trainers Required

Please ensure that your child has trainers in school for outdoor PE lessons. We wear black pumps for PE activities in the hall but require children to wear more substantial footwear when on the playground and field. Trainers can be stored in children's PE bags at school.

Parent Feedback Questionnaires.

Following our parents' evening sessions during the last week of term, we would like to ask parents/carers to complete a parental questionnaire. The feedback forms support our school self-evaluation process and provide opportunities for us to identify any areas for school improvement.

To complete the form please visit <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=o1qZIB4jj0KY5rkBJrERNyyzJWZL3bpCkLm8b6UtDrIUN1Y4UzISOFpOMUJXRE1RQ0VSVVFTNDZVOC4u>

Please complete the form by 12pm on Monday 13th March. Re-arranged Parents' evening for 2M will take place on Wednesday 8th March/Monday 13th March. Appointments have been allocated, but we would like to remind you that these meetings are online.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 8th March- 1.30pm Reception Inspire Workshop.
Friday 17th March- Red Nose Day, more details to follow.
Friday 31st March - Break up for Easter holidays.
Monday 17th April - School re-opens to all pupils.
Monday 1st May - May Day Bank holiday- School closed.
Monday 8th May - King Charles III Coronation Bank Holiday - School closed.
Friday 26th May - Break up for half term holidays.
Monday 5th June- School re-opens to all pupils.
Friday 21st July- Break up for summer holidays.
Monday 24th July & Tuesday 25th July- School closed for professional development days.
Monday 4th September & Tuesday 5th September - School closed for professional development days.
Wednesday 6th September- School re-opens to Year 1, Year 2 & BIB.
Friday 27th October- Break up for half term holiday.
Monday 6th November- School re-opens to all pupils.
Friday 22nd December- Break up for Christmas holidays.

British Sign Language Week

Week beginning March 13th is British Sign Language week and children will be learning more about Makaton and BSL.



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Sutton Coldfield Charitable Trust - School Uniform Grant Applications 2023

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 13th March 2023** 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.

Red Nose Day- Comic Relief - Spreading The Joy!

Red Nose Day is Friday 17th March. Your child can wear non-school uniform on this day and we are asking children to bring a joke from home to school so we can make a joke book. Donations can be made to <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=10565>

Nursery September 2023 Intake

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 17th March 2023.

Congratulations Board

Reception- Andreas, Heath & Bella.
Year One - Elsie, Joseph G & Mia.
Year Two - Gia, Gursimran & Ella.

Celebrating Attendance

Congratulations to Bear class - 2B for achieving 100% attendance the week before half term. Well done!

Makaton Sign Of The Week

The new Makaton sign for this week is 'love'. Look out for the video on twitter of Mrs Kinsella demonstrating the sign.

Symbol



love

Sign



Lunchtime Playleader Vacancy

We are looking to recruit a lunchtime playleader to join our lunchtime staff in Boldmere Infant and Nursery School. The post is for five days per week, 1 hour 10 minutes per day with an approximate start of 12.10pm. If you enjoy working (and playing!) with children, and would like to support our fantastic lunchtime team, please contact school for details or click on the link where further information can be found including job description and application form. Paper copies, can also be collected from the Infant school office.

<https://www.boldmere.bham.sch.uk/job-vacancies>

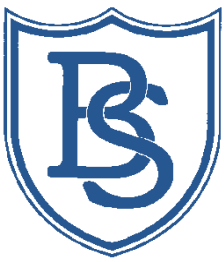
Closing date for applications is 12 noon on Friday 17th March. Please feel free to share this with anyone who may be interested in this position at our school. We look forward to receiving applications.

Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel

From 20th to 31st March, school will be taking part in this event, monitoring how we make our journeys to school. Further information and leaflets will be sent out next week in preparation for the competition!

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



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Boldmere Inclusion Base News From Mrs Preece:

Celebrations

Parker in **Giraffes** for working hard in PE with team games.

Habiba in **LK** for an amazing 'first whole day' of transition in 4RW.

Hayden in **KM** for simply being a delight to have in the classroom.

Attendance

Giraffes 82.50%

LK 82.86%

KM 94.64%

Well done KM!

Notices

All the children looked fabulous during the World Book Day celebrations last week! There are more occasions over the next few weeks where the children will have the opportunity to dress up/or in a theme for Comic Relief and Autism Awareness Day.

Comic Relief day is March 17th. Children can come dressed in red or green clothes or alternatively wear a Comic Relief charity T shirt for contributions of £1.

The Book Fair will be in the Infant School Hall from 6th March after school, so please do go along with your children.

A Parent questionnaire will be sent home with your child today. It asks you to reflect on the support your child receives and how informed you feel regarding targets and outcomes. The information will be shared with other similar schools and the Local Authority. As ever we appreciate all your feedback. Please complete it and send it in to the BIB by 13th March.

As the weather improves we will be able to go outside and make the most of our lovely out door spaces again. Last year, we were fortunate enough to receive some utensils to use in the sand and water play outside. If any of you are having a clear out of your kitchen cupboards and have old saucepans, sieves, spoons and ladles we would love to receive them for our outside areas.

We have a new Makaton sign of the week. 'Love' is the new sign please practice this at home with your child. Look out for Mrs. Kinsella demonstrating it on Twitter.

Symbol



love

Sign



Email addresses for correspondence specific to your child's class/year group.

bib-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

nursery-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

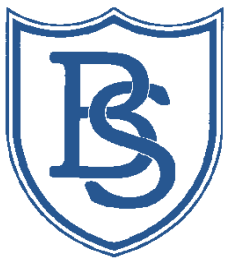
reception-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

yr1-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

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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.



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Busy Bodies

March booking forms - A huge thank you to everyone who has handed in their March forms on time, this is very much appreciated.

Please note that there is a small amount of forms still outstanding, the Busy Bodies Manager will have sent an email to all still outstanding their March forms. Please note that an admin fee charge will apply up on receiving your late booking form.

Red nose day - We are so very excited to inform you that yesterday we commenced our mile a day. All the children and staff took to the big playground to do 11 laps either running or walking, and we all felt much better afterwards and had a laugh doing it too.

For the remainder of this week and next week we will continue our mile a day, and ask for our parents support by logging onto our JustGiving page (please see QR code and web link below) to help us raise as much as possible for Comic Relief this year.

Cake sale - As part of this we will also be raising funds by having a cake sale next week Tuesday 14th March. The Junior school children are welcome to bring in a small amount to buy a cake. The Busy Bodies staff will be baking over the weekend and our children will take part in baking next week to go towards this amazing cause.

Comic Relief support many people living in poverty both in our country and Worldwide and we want to be part of this, so please help out by visiting our JustGiving page (please note it will have a Busy Bodies Banner which celebrated our 20th Birthday, and it should say Luan's page).

Thank you for your continued commitment and support throughout the year.


Please follow this link: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/busy-bodiesosc?checkoutMode=Headless>

Or use our QR code.

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Busy Bodies's
JustGiving Page



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07/03/2023