



NEWSLETTER - MARCH 1



Dear Parents/Carers,

Our week has started with a bang!

Yesterday saw the first of our Inspire workshops and we welcomed Reception parents/carers into school for the afternoon. They worked alongside the children on an Elmer themed set of activities including an obstacle course, music making in the Quad, a colour hunt around school and some super Elmer creative masterpieces! Thank you to all parents/carers who attended and what a great opportunity to share learning experiences it was. A lovely afternoon was had by all and thank you for all of the positive feedback.

Yesterday we also saw "Secret Readers" creeping into classes! We enjoyed the stories of those of you who attended and we look forward to future visitors each day this week! (Shhh!)

And finally, on Thursday is World Book Day! We will be using World Book Day as a way to share our favourite books. We are inviting children (and staff!) to dress up as character from their favourite books. Whilst we encourage all children to dress up, we recognise that some children may not want to. If this is the case, then children can always choose to bring in a favourite book instead.

Diary Dates

Monday 4th-8th March - Book Fair.

Wednesday 6th March - Year 2 Inspire afternoon **1.30-3pm**.

Thursday 7th March - World Book Day.

Thursday 7th March - Nursery Open Day **9.30am & 1.30pm**

Friday 22nd March - Easter Bonnet Parade **9.15am**

Friday 22nd March - Break up for Easter holidays.

Monday 8th April - School re-opens to all pupils.

Monday 15th April - Year 2 Trip - Black Country Living Museum

Monday 6th May - May Day Bank Holiday - closed to all pupils

Nursery Open Day for September 2024 Intake

Nursery will be holding open sessions on **Thursday 7th March 2024** (9.30am & 1.30pm) for prospective parents of children who will be eligible to join the nursery in September 2024 (date of birth 01.09.2020 to 31.08.2021). 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 **Wednesday 13th March 2024**.

Values

Our value this half term is **appreciation**.

Easter Bonnet Parade

Advance warning that our annual Easter Bonnet parade will take place on Friday 22nd March at approximately 9:10am after morning drop-off. Weather permitting, children will take part in a parade around the playground/field wearing their bonnets/hats!

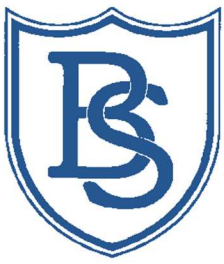


World Book Day Lunch Thursday 7th March

Our World Book Day school lunch is David Walliams themed this year where we will be transporting our children into their favourite stories. Please see the attachment to view the menu available on the day.

Bhangra Workshop

As previously mentioned, we have made a booking for Dansansaar to provide dance workshops on Tuesday 9th and Thursday 11th April, the first week back after the Easter holidays. All classes, including Nursery and the three BIB classes will have the opportunity to take part. We are asking for a parental contribution of just **£3.00** to cover the costs of the workshop. Thank you to families that have already donated. We have currently received **£100** towards the total cost of **£600**.



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Book Fair

The book fair is open every afternoon after school from **3:30-4pm** this week, as well as during the Inspire workshops. The fair is cash-less and all payments can be made online using the QR code in the book fair. Please note that we cannot accept 'ApplePay'. School generates commission from the books that are sold and last year we were able to spend over £1000 on new books for our library with the commission. We are hoping that this year's book fair will again raise money for us to purchase more books. All children will be given a £1 book token. These can be redeemed in the book fair when purchasing a book over £2.99

Y2 Trip to the Black Country Museum

Can all Year 2 parents/carers complete the consent form for the Year 2 trip to the Black Country Museum along with the meal preference form and return them to school please. Payment must also be made via ParentPay.

Thank you to families that have already paid. We have currently received half of the payments. If sufficient contributions are not received, unfortunately the trip will be cancelled.

Multi-skills sports competition

Good luck tomorrow to the 12 children in Year 1 and Year 2, who are representing Boldmere at Bishop Vesey tomorrow afternoon. A reminder that parents should collect their child from the Infant office at 3:15pm tomorrow and make their way to Bishop Vesey for the 4:00pm start. Mrs Beesley and Mrs Kenny will be there cheering you on! It is our first sporting fixture this year so let's all enjoy it!

Congratulations Board

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

Year 1: Jenitta, Theodore & Roman.

Year 2: Prajith, Leon & Ciann

Reading Explorers

Your child will bring home a reading explorer challenge this week. There is a different challenge for each year group. Children and families always enjoy sharing books in the challenge and the librarians at Boldmere Library are always happy to help children find books. All children can achieve 3 awards - bronze, silver and gold - this is one for each half term between now and the end of the academic year in July. Further copies of the challenge can be downloaded from the school website on the English pages for EYFS and KS1.

Milk Letters for Summer Term 2024

Milk letters will be sent home for the summer term this week. Order forms and payment via ParentPay must be received by **9am on Monday 18th March** at the very latest. If your child is in a Reception class, please do not assume they will continue to receive milk even though they are under five. A new order form must be completed and sent to school. Spare letters can be obtained from the school office.

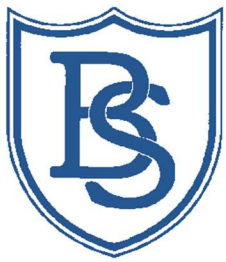
Lunchtime Club Letters for Summer Term 2024

Letters will be sent home tomorrow for Year 1 & Year 2 lunchtime clubs for next term. Please check your child's book bags.

These clubs can be oversubscribed and we use the process of a lucky dip to ensure fair policy. It is therefore important to ensure that reply slips are returned to school and **payment made via Parentpay** before the deadline which is **9am on Friday 15th March**.

Dietary & Allergy Information.

The forms were sent out last week along with a Parentmail - please could you complete and return to school as soon as possible so that our records can be updated.



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Sutton Coldfield Charitable Trust - School Uniform Grant Applications 2024

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 11th March 2024** 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 or Universal Credit.

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.

Monitoring visit from Governing Board

Last Wednesday, as part of our ongoing school monitoring and self-evaluation process, our Governing Board attended school and spent the morning with staff and children learning all about our English curriculum, specifically reading and writing. Mrs. Beesley and Mrs Mason joined the Governors in a tour of all classes, following a short presentation on our curriculum. Junior school were also involved in the process, and Governors saw clear skills progression from Infants into Juniors. Thank you to all staff for facilitating the Governor visit and thank you to all children for showing their positive attitude and super behaviour during the morning.

Spare clothes

Our supply of spare clothes is running very low. Please can you return any clothes belonging to school as soon as possible. We also require some more spare clothes, so if you have any that you could donate, that would be great. We are particularly looking for spare pants, socks, trousers and polo shirts for both girls and boys. Thank you!

Busy Bodies

Booking forms

Thank you to the parents who have sent your March and April booking forms on time.

We have still a few late booking forms, please be advised this will incur a **£5** late booking admin fee.

P.T.A News Thursday 7th March

Busy Bodies children will have the chance to purchase a "**BOLDMERE CHOCOLATE BAR**" at the price of £2.50 (Gluten free bar are available). Will your bar contain a golden ticket?
Good luck!!

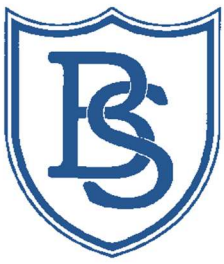
Absences & Lateness

Please can we remind all parents/carers that you need to call (01214642338) or email (enquiry@boldmere.bham.sch.uk) before **9am** in the morning if your child is going to be absent from school 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.

Newsletter:

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

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



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Newsletter BIB week beginning March 4th 2024

Celebrations

Axel in **Giraffes** for trying hard in Maths with 'one less.'

Harper Rose in **LK** for a focused week and fabulous effort in phonics.

Musab in **ED** for working hard in class and going to Forest school.

PE Champion

Miss Caitlin and Mr. Rich have given the PE champion trophies to:

Shravya in **Giraffes**

Harper Rose in **LK**

Sam in **ED**



To celebrate Book week March 4th- 8th, we would like you to send in photos of your children reading at home. This can be on their own, with a sibling, parent or Grandparent.

Please send them into bib-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

A reminder BIB parents evening is **Wednesday March 6th 3.15-5.30pm** we are looking forward to seeing you.

A polite reminder to ensure those of you who have children who eat school lunches to pre order them. There have been a few occasions recently where children have not had anything ordered.

Ordering Lunches Via School Grid

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

If your child is absent from school, please remember to cancel any ordered lunches as soon as possible to help reduce any wasted meals

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

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

Mrs S Kenny
Head of
School
4/03/2024

Free Tickets

Please see the attachment detailing a free children's concert presented by the Apollo Academy.

Sarah Kenny

