



NEWSLETTER - MARCH 2



Dear Parents/Carers

World Book Week

What a super week we had last week! World Book day on Thursday was extended, and children participated in some super reading and story telling activities throughout the week, in addition to their usual daily reads. Reception children produced some fantastic story maps at home, and Mrs. Kenny was very excited to see them on Monday - Head teacher stickers were distributed for such great homework! Children and staff also dressed up in their favourite book characters on Thursday and it was obvious that we have lots of "book worms" at Boldmere, as children keenly discussed their favourite characters and stories. Thank you to all parents/carers for supporting with costume designs -it's always lovely to see your creative talents!

Book Fair

A reminder that the Book Fair is open each afternoon at 3.30pm in the Infant Dining hall. Book tokens can be used towards the purchase of new books so please come along and see what there is on offer.

Secret Readers

A huge thank you to all grown-ups that have been our 'secret readers' during the past week. Children have loved hearing you read stories in their classes and it has been good to welcome parents back into school.

Monitoring

As part of our ongoing school self-evaluation and school improvement, we welcomed an external visitor (School Improvement Partner) to school last week, to monitor phonics and reading with the senior leadership team. The outcome of the visit was extremely positive and it was recognised that teaching of phonics and reading was consistent and highly effective across school. Children behaved exemplary during the day and showed a real love of reading. Thank you to all children and staff for working so hard, and show casing our fantastic school. It is always encouraging to receive external verification to support our own internal monitoring processes and judgements.

Diary Dates.

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.

Congratulations Board

Reception- Caleb, Sophie, William

Year One - Zaynab, Jacob, Leila

Year Two - Honor, Ismene, Amanvir

Thank you children.



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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, i.e. 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.

Birthday Sweets

A reminder that as we encourage healthy eating at school, we kindly request that birthday sweets and cakes are not sent to school for children's birthday celebrations. We do have a number of children who also have serious food allergies. If however, you feel that you would like to share goodies with your child's class mates, boxes of raisins or small gifts such as pencils/rubbers would be a suggested alternative. Thank you for your support.

Golden Table:

This week the following children have been nominated for the Golden Table in the dinner hall:
Eliza and Rosie from Frog class
Orla and Mayaih from Parrot class
Lamaisa and Freddie from Meerkat class
Orla and Habiba from Penguin class
Thank you children.

Nursery Open Day For September 2022 Intake

Last week we welcomed prospective parents to Nursery for our open day. We will be having a further session next **Wednesday 16th March** at 9.30am for any parents that were unable to attend. Please contact the school office to book a place.

If you know of anyone that may be interested in a nursery place then please ask them to call school on 0121 464 2338. The closing date for applications is Friday 18th March 2022.

Registration forms are available from the school office or they can be downloaded from the school website under the Parents/Admissions tab.

Boldmere Inclusion Base News From Mrs Preece:

BIB News

A busy first week back after half term and what a week!

Well done to LK and Giraffes for 100% attendance

The children enjoyed hearing stories read by our secret readers as part of book week.

Mr Ryan, who teaches the children PE is supporting us for two lunchtimes per week from this half term. The children love spending time with him and as the weather improves, we will be able to go outside more with the children during these sessions.

Miss Greenland has loved meeting all the BIB children. She is looking forward to working with the teachers and children over the coming weeks.

A reminder from the newsletter last week that there is a 'Parent Webinar' run by the Communication and Autism Team 'Top Tips for Transition for Autistic Pupils' that might be of interest to you. Please do book on.

Celebrations

Jayden in Giraffes for trying hard to write his name.

Sam in LK for trying hard and focusing on his work in lessons. Congratulations to both of you.

Celebrating Attendance

Congratulations to Lion class for achieving 99.03% attendance last week. Well done!



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Busy Bodies

After School Sports Club

Children attending after school sports clubs Monday to Thursday, firstly come to Busies to register, we then know that they are in school and attending the club that day for our safeguarding policy.

Different year groups attend each day of the week. This also enables us to prepare a snack for the children on returning to the setting. The sports coach directs all Busies' children back to Busy Bodies as he holds the same register of children attending following his session.

March Booking Forms

Many thanks to all our parents/carers for returning your booking forms, many of you before the deadline and on time. We really appreciate this effort as it saves many hours of following up late forms and the paperwork involved with adding to the registers after they have been printed for the following month. This gives us extra time to plan extra activities and crafts ahead for our wonderful children to engage in.

Fees

Your March fees will be debited this week, followed by any extra/additional sessions in February. These will be clearly detailed on your Parentpay account. Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Helen or myself (Karema), we will be happy to help.

Parent Survey

Wow! What a fantastic response we have had from all our families in response to our parent questionnaire that we sent out. All the Busy Bodies staff would like to express our thanks for taking this extra time to complete it in your daily schedules; this is very much appreciated.

We will send out our response to all your comments with our April booking form.

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.

Newsletter:

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

Book Bags

We 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

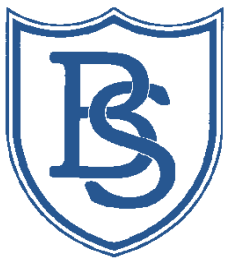
Please can we remind parents that you need to order lunches for your child each week via School Grid.

Red Nose Day Friday 18th March 2022

Calling all superheroes! We are going to join with schools across the country in a dress-up day to remember- whether it's as Superman, Wonder Woman or a local hero in our community. Dress to impress and make a small donation. We will be participating in lots of Red Nose Day activities and will update you in next week's newsletter.



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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PTA News

Coin Wars Prizes

We really enjoyed seeing the photos on Twitter of 3U and 2S enjoying their donuts last week – such happy faces! We hope the other classes enjoyed their little pack of sweets as a THANK YOU from the PTA for such a super effort for Coin Wars 2022.

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 and are selling quickly! Don't miss out, it is sure to be a fantastic evening including a 3 course meal, live band, auction and games. 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

Online Shopping

Please consider using www.smile.amazon.co.uk (add "Boldmere Schools PTA") or www.easyfundraising.org.uk/boldmereschoolspta Both are free and easy to sign up to. Once you've signed up the PTA will receive a small but essential percentage of every purchase made that will benefit our school and all our children.

Mrs S Kenny

Head of School
08/03/2022

