

# NEWSLETTER - MARCH 4

Dear Parents/Carers

## Daffodils

### Spring is sprung!

The Friends of Mossy Bank worked with some of our Junior children in the Autumn to plant daffodil bulbs on Mossy Bank. It is lovely that these are now flowering for people to enjoy. Please do not allow your children to pick the flowers although they are very tempting they need to be appreciated by everyone. They will be planting wild flowers on Mossy Bank shortly and we look forward to these flowering in the summer.



## Red Nose Day Cake Winners

Well done to our cake winners from our Red Nose Day cake sale. All the cakes looked fantastic and tasted delicious!

Reception - Charlotte in RB

Year 1 - James in 1C

Year 2 - Tom in 2M

Total - £417.70



## Book Fair

A huge thank you to all of those parents and families who supported our book fair. We took a total of £1352! This means that we have an amazing £750 in commission to spend on books for school. That is fantastic - THANK YOU!



## Chickenpox

We currently have a number of children in all year groups who have chickenpox. Symptoms include a fever, runny nose, cough and general rash which starts as blisters and then forms a scab. Chickenpox is very infectious and is spread by the respiratory route through discharges from the nose and throat but sometimes through direct contact with the rash. The incubation period of chickenpox is 2-3 weeks and the person is infectious for 1-2 days before and 5 days after the appearance of the rash. Please contact school if your child has chickenpox, and keep your child at home for 5 days after the rash has appeared.

## Celebrating Attendance

Congratulations to Penguin class for achieving 99.31 % attendance last week. Well done!

## Newsletter:

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

## Congratulations Board

**Reception**- Appollonia, Jack, Isabella

**Year One** - Whole Year

**Year Two** - Noah, Maxwell, Anashe  
Thank you children.

## Milk Letters

Milk letters will be sent home this week for the summer term. Order forms and payment via Parentpay must be received by **9am on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Year Two Parent's Meeting

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 9.15am**

Letters were sent home on Friday to all year two children inviting parents to an information session about end of KS1 assessments.

Please return the tear off slip to your child's class teacher confirming attendance.

Thank you.



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## Easter Breakfast Club -

Wylde Green United Reformed Church will be hosting a breakfast club over the April school holidays in their Britwell Rd Hall. The plan is to organise

- A continental breakfast of cereal, fruit, toast and drinks.
- A make your own sandwich bar to take a lunch away,
- Colouring, word searches and the opportunity to use the field at the back of the church as a playground.

All are welcome. There is no charge but donations will be welcome. There is no need to book but please contact [revchrisdowd@protonmail.com](mailto:revchrisdowd@protonmail.com) if you'd like to come along or volunteer to help.

**Easter Holiday Club** - Ofsted registered activity provider Aspire Active Camps is running a jam-packed week of sports and physical activities this Easter. Boldmere families get a unique discount code that means you get 15% off!

Discount code: BOLDIAPR22  
Aspire Active Camps is running 11th April - 22nd April at Bishop Vesey's Grammar School

The activities that are running:

- Multi Sports
- Active Leaders
- Dance and Stage Beatz
- Cricket Academy
- Xtra-Time

To book a single day, a couple of days or the whole week, you can visit the Aspire website to find out more and make your booking.

## Diary Dates.

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April**- Break up for Easter holidays.

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April**- School re-opens to all pupils.

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May**- Pupils break up for half term holidays.

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May**- Professional Development Day - school closed to all pupils.

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June**- School re-opens to all pupils.

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July**- Pupils break up for summer holidays.

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July**- Professional Development Day - school closed to all pupils.

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September**- Professional Development Day - school closed to all pupils.

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September**- Professional Development Day-school closed to all pupils.

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September**- School re-opens to Year 1, Year 2 & the BIB.

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October**- Break up for half term holidays.

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October**- School re-opens to all pupils.

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December**- Break up for Christmas holidays.

## Easter Bonnet Parade

This will take place on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April. Weather permitting, we will have a parade around the field after the morning drop off. Start working on your designs now!



## 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.

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

[bib-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:bib-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)  
[nursery-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:nursery-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)  
[reception-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:reception-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)  
[yr1-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:yr1-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)  
[yr2-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:yr2-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)

## Golden Table:

This week the following children have been nominated for the Golden Table in the dinner hall:

Riley, Libby, Clara, Alice, Monica and Izzy from Parrot class

Mary and Saffron from Frog class

Thank you children.



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## PTA News

### March PTA Meeting

The next monthly PTA meeting will take place on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 8pm. We had hoped to meet in person however, it seems that a Zoom call is more convenient for the majority. Login details will be circulated tomorrow, please email [boldmere.pta@gmail.com](mailto:boldmere.pta@gmail.com) if you wish to join us.

### Mothers' Day Elfridges

This is a final call for anyone who has forgotten to purchase tickets for the Mothers' Day Elfridges shop. Tickets are only available for purchase until midday tomorrow, Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, there will be no exceptions for anyone wishing to purchase a ticket after that time. Tickets cost £2.50 each and can be purchased at [www.pta-events.co.uk/boldmere](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/boldmere) Children with tickets will be invited into the Elfridges shop on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March to select their gifts.

### PTA Summer Ball

The tickets for the 2022 Summer Ball 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 at [www.pta-events.co.uk/boldmere](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/boldmere) The Ball will take place at Aston Wood Golf Club on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2022 from 7pm until 1am. If you have any queries please contact [boldmereptaball@outlook.com](mailto:boldmereptaball@outlook.com)

### Year Two Hoodies

Do you have a child in Year 2 leaving the Infant School in July? Our fantastic Year 2 Hoodies are back by popular demand. If you wish to purchase one for your child, please visit [www.pta-events.co.uk/boldmere](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/boldmere) The hoodies cost £20 each, feature the names of all Year 2 pupils on the back and come in a choice of sizes. Orders must be placed by midday on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

## COVID - Living with Covid

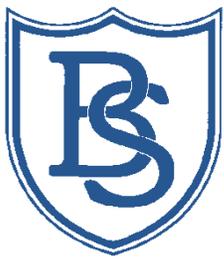
As you aware, the Government have stated that we are entering the 'living with Covid 19' phase. For the time being; staff and children who have symptoms of the virus are encouraged to undertake a confirmatory PCR test if possible and still advised to self-isolate for a minimum of 5 days and expected maximum of 10 days

## Information for parents and carers on COVID-19 vaccination for 5 to 11 year olds

Children aged 5 to 11 years who are in a clinical risk group or who live with someone who is immunosuppressed can get the COVID-19 vaccine, in line with advice set out by the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI). Eligible children include those with diabetes, immunosuppression, learning disabilities, and other conditions as outlined by the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) in the Green Book. Vaccinations help to increase protection against COVID-19, which is particularly important for those with underlying health conditions. Further information is available in the guide for parents of children aged 5 to 11 years published by UKHSA. We have published some frequently asked questions on the vaccination programme including information on eligibility, accessibility and advice for parents of children at high risk from COVID-19. Following advice from the JCVI, healthy 5 to 11 year old children will also be offered two 10 microgram doses of the COVID-19 vaccine. The NHS will prepare to extend this non-urgent offer to all children during April [https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-vaccination-resources-for-children-aged-5-to-11-years/a-guide-for-parents-of-children-aged-5-to-11-years-of-age-at-high-risk?utm\\_source=8%20March%202022%20C19&utm\\_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm\\_campaign=DfE%20C19](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-vaccination-resources-for-children-aged-5-to-11-years/a-guide-for-parents-of-children-aged-5-to-11-years-of-age-at-high-risk?utm_source=8%20March%202022%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19)

## Book Bags/PE Bags

We have book bags and PE 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.



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## **Boldmere Inclusion Base News From Mrs Preece:**

Well a great week for the BIB last week!!

**Thank you!** We received a generous donation of sand pit sand from EH Smith for our EY garden sand pit. The children have very much enjoyed playing in the sand over the last few days.

Also, a big thank you to the parents for their kind donations of kitchen utensils, the children have been using them to make sand castles and mud kitchen creations.

The children looked fantastic in their red tops for Comic Relief on Friday! A tremendous £51.60 was raised by the children and parents during our cake sale for the cause.

## **Celebrations**

Thierry in Giraffes for taking part in phonics and writing with the children in Reception.

Shane in LK for managing a new transition into the lunch hall with his peers.

Hayden in ED for demonstrating empathy and lovely friendship qualities with his peers.

## **World Autism Acceptance Week 28th March - 3rd April**

Next week is World Autism Acceptance week. Mrs Jones and I will be leading assemblies in both the Infant and Junior schools (with BIB children attending) to raise awareness of Autism.

On Friday 1st April, we will also have the pleasure of hearing from Immie Swain, the daughter of Good Morning Britain's Jonathan Swain, about her diagnosis of Autism and how she is working with teachers to help raise awareness.

During the week, to celebrate the National Autistic Society's 60th birthday and raise money to support the Autistic children in the Federation of Boldmere Schools, we are asking the children to join in with a sponsored event. Sponsorship forms will be sent home in your child's book bag today. Please pay all sponsorship monies via Parent Pay

We hope that you will join us in encouraging your child to take part.

## **Methods of Payment via ParentPay**

Due to the success of our lunchtime clubs, we are regularly oversubscribed for places. We try to refund parents their money as soon as possible but often this can be very delayed due to funds not being available because of the method of payment used by parents.

To clarify so that parents can make their own informed decisions:

If using the bank transfer method of payment - it can take 3-5 working days and sometimes up to 10 days for the funds to be cleared by the bank before school can access the money to make refunds.

If parents scroll further down the payment page to checkout and choose either visa checkout or pay - use another method and then put/save your card details, the money is then cleared immediately so that if necessary school can refund as soon as we are able to.

This applies to all payments made via ParentPay. We hope this helps explain things a little more clearly.

*Savantha Kenny*

Mrs S Kenny  
Head of School  
22/03/2022

**Our Vision:** The Federation of Boldmere Schools empowers all children to embrace learning; achieve their personal best; and build their social, emotional and physical wellbeing.

