

# Newsletter - March 5



# Dear Parents/Carers

# <u>Easter Bonnet Parade</u>

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!

# Milk Letters

A reminder that milk letters were sent out last week and MUST be returned by tomorrow.

# 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.

Lunchtime Clubs

Summer Term lunchtime club letters will be in book bags today. These clubs can be oversubscribed and we use the process of a lucky dip to ensure a fair policy. It is therefore important to ensure that payment is made via ParentPay before the deadline which is **Friday 1st April**.

Governor visit Last Wednesday we welcomed members of the Governing board into school for their termly monitoring visit. The focus of the visit was phonics and reading, a priority on our School Improvement plan for 2021-22. Governors spent all morning observing practice in each year group. They spoke to teachers; year leads and our English leads Mrs. Beesley and Mrs. Mutch (Junior school), as well as hearing children read. The visit was extremely positive and we would like to thank all Governors that attended for giving up their time to support school's self-evaluation processes. We are proud of the way we approach teaching and learning of reading and the results we achieve, and were pleased to be able to share this with Governors.

<u>Nursery offer date</u> a reminder that offers of Nursery places for September 2022 will be made by school on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April.

<u>Reception offer date</u> a reminder that offers of Reception places for September 2022 will be made by the Local authority on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April.

<u>Parent class representative</u> a letter was sent home yesterday regarding parent class representatives. The deadline for expressing an interest is 9.00am this Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> April.



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**BIB NEWS** The sun has shone on us at the BIB as the children continue to love playing and learning in our outdoor areas.

We have had a visit from the SEND School Governor. She came to look at how we learn and hear some of the children read.

28th March—2nd April is Autism acceptance week. You all should have received sponsor forms from your children about our sponsored activities in class. This is also for you at home for the 6th day, to help raise money for children with Autism at The Federation of Boldmere Schools. Thank you in advance for your contributions via ParentPay.

BIB Staff are also 'doing their bit' for Autism, completing the 'Walk for autism' challenge. 10,000 steps per day for the duration of Autism Acceptance week.

Thank you We have continued to received generous donations from local companies. Stockland Café and Peter Malier Carpets have provided us with resources to enhance the children's exploratory play.

Up and coming events The BIB trip to the Theatre to see 'Dear Zoo' will be going ahead on 6th April. This is a trip that was postponed due to the Covid Pandemic restrictions. Miss Driscoll will send out a reminder letter with the arrangements soon.

Decorate an Egg competition- the children will be invited to 'Decorate an Egg for Easter' for the last week of term. A letter will follow with the details.

Congratulations Parker in Giraffes for settling into his new school well.

James in LK for demonstrating good leadership qualities in some activities with his friends.

Kara in ED for working hard in Maths all week.

Well done everyone!

#### Year 2 Leavers Hoodies 2022

Do you have a child in Year 2 leaving the Infant School in July? Our fantastic Year 2 Leavers Hoodies are back by popular demand. If you wish to purchase one for your child, please visit <u>www.pta-events.co.uk/</u> <u>boldmere</u> 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.

#### School uniform donations

We are looking at ways to reduce household costs, reduce waste and top up much needed PTA funds. Please could you donate any good quality, washed and clean school uniform (in particular summer uniform) this Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March and Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April? A member of the PTA will gladly receive the items just outside the Training Room in the area between the two schools. With these donations we hope to launch our pre-loved uniform shop in the near future. Many thanks.

#### PTA Summer Ball

Don't miss out on your tickets for the PTA Summer Ball. 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 <u>www.pta-events.co.uk/boldmere</u> 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 <u>boldmereptaball@outlook.com</u>



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Busy Bodies survey- Thank you to all our families who completed our survey, one of the things in particular that parents commented on was having a better awareness of what their children were having for afternoon snacks as their children could never remember.

In response to this we have now put together a fortnightly snack menu, which parents can see visually on the Busy Bodies door when they drop off/ collect their children. This will then give you an insight into whether or not you wish to provide a more substantial/ alternative food for their afternoon snacks.

Thank you for all your positive feedback, which reassured us that we are accommodating all aspects of your child's care whilst in our setting.

April booking forms- Please remember these need to be returned no later than this Wednesday 30th March to ensure adequate staff both for next week and when we return after the Easter holidays. Fees will be due in advance of care being provided by Friday 1st April.

Planning for next week- Easter egg hunt and many other activities!

We are planning to do an Easter egg hunt next week for-Receptions in their Early Years area and Year one and year two weather permitting on our school's sports field, juniors when collected from Busy Bodies will have a mini egg to take home with them. We will confirm which day this will be on in case the children would like to bring in an Easter bonnet to wear on this Eggciting hunt!

## Golden Table:

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

Rudy, Inayyah, Ava and Zaynab from Lion class

Mila, Georgia, Isla and Aaizah from Frog class

Thank you children.

## Celebrating Attendance

Congratulations to Hedgehog class for achieving 99.33 % attendance last week. Well done!

#### **Congratulations Board**

Reception-Bethan, Ellison, Danny Year One - Thomas, Lucy, Joseph Year Two - Rosie, Franklin, Darcie Thank you children

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

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#### Newsletter:

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

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

## Holiday 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 <u>revchrisdowd@protonmail.com</u> if you'd like to volunteer to help.

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