



NEWSLETTER - May 1



Dear Parents/Carers,

This week we are recognising the contribution that our fabulous **School Council** are making to school life. Their regular meetings with Mrs Mason are used to discuss their thoughts about certain aspects of school, and they have recently identified that everyone would like to update the playtime equipment for children on the Reception and Key stage 1 playgrounds. The children have identified these issues and have worked together to find a solution, on this occasion, raising money to buy new playground equipment. As a result, Mrs Mason and the school council have proposed a **Mini-Market Day this Thursday**, as their first fund raising event. Mrs Mason has sent information in previous newsletters but as a reminder... **We are asking that all children donate a book and a toy for these two stalls** by the end of the day tomorrow.

In addition, children at school have been making friendship bracelets to sell and biscuit snacks will also be available! **Children may bring up to £2.50 in a named envelope** and will receive tokens for their donation, which will be "cashed in" at each stall. Please ensure children bring a named carrier bag to school for their purchases. Good luck to the school councillors, let's hope they raise lots of money and then they can begin the exciting task of looking for new playground toys!

Next week we are wishing good luck to Mr Meakin, Mrs Lucas and Mrs Hewitt! All three have been undertaking training since autumn, to become **Level 3 Forest School Instructors** and have their assessment week next week! They are already involved in delivering Forest School activities across school, and staff and children are loving the outdoor learning. We are grateful to the PTA for funding the training and we will be undertaking further fund raising to develop this provision during the summer term and into next year!

A final message is one of thanks to a parent at Boldmere who has kindly donated a brand-new **Play House for the BIB**.

The grand opening will take place shortly and BIB children will have lots of opportunities for fun in the outdoor provision.

Diary Dates

Thursday 7th May - School Council, Mini Market Day
Monday 18th May - Reception trip to Ash End Farm
Wednesday 20th May - PTA School Disco
Thursday 21st May - 1.30-3.00pm School Sports Day
Thursday 21st May - Break up for half term holidays
Friday 22nd May - Professional Development Day - closed to pupils
Monday 1st June - School re-opens to all pupils
Wednesday 3rd June - Year 1 trip to Dudley Zoo
Wednesday 3rd June - Year 2 trip to Black Country Museum
Thursday 11th June - PTA Elfridges Fathers' Day
Thursday 11th June - Nursery Sports Day 10.30am & 2.30pm
Wednesday 17th & 18th June - Animal Man visit
Friday 19th June - Alice in Wonderland Performance
Thursday 25th June - Class photos
Friday 26th June - Nursery Induction - Closed to current Nursery children
Friday 3rd July - Reports to Parents
Friday 10th July - PTA Summer Fair
Thursday 16th July - Year 2 Leavers Party
Friday 17th July - Break up for Summer
Monday 20th July - Professional Development Day - closed to pupils

Congratulations Board

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

Year 1: Eve, Murdock & Sasha

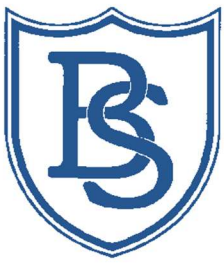
Year 2: Eloise, Evie & Courtney



Newsletter:

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

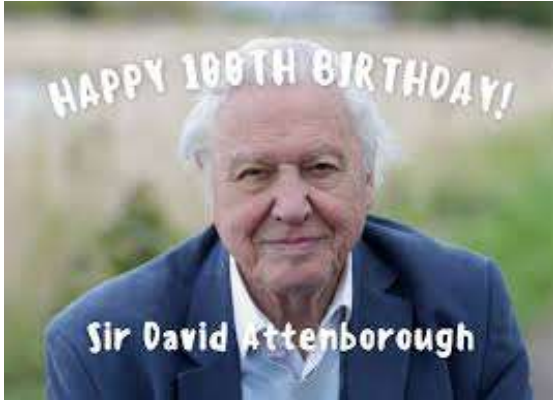
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Sir David Attenborough's 100th Birthday



On Friday 8th May we are celebrating Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday. For over 70 years, he has created and presented programme that help people understand animals, nature and the planet. His work has inspired millions of people to learn more about the world and take care of it. Many people are celebrating his life and the difference he has made. We will be joining in the celebrations and taking nature walks during the day, as well as going on mini beast hunts around school. If families undertake their own nature activities during the weekend, we would love to hear about them. Please email your year group email addresses with any photographs!

Squirrels

Seeking bright eyed and bushy tailed new recruits

Jump into Squirrels, a place for 4 and 5 year olds to have fun, learn new skills, make friends and build confidence.

We meet every Saturday during term time 9.30am-10.30am at 33rd Sutton Coldfield Scout Group, Coppice View Road, Birmingham, B73 6LE.



scouts.org.uk
Contact Squirrel Leader Rocket (Nigel) on 07880 008562

#SkillsForLife



Scouts

33rd Birmingham, 33rd Sutton Coldfield West

Arbor Payments - Lunchtime Clubs



We will no longer be using ParentPay for payments as of the end of May and we will be switching over to Arbor for our payments.

Summer Term 2 lunchtime clubs will be available to book via Arbor until Thursday 7th May, please make sure you are logged into the Arbor App.

Absences

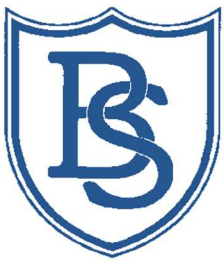
An important reminder about absence requests and penalty notices for unauthorised absences. The Education Legal Intervention Team have notified school that they have now begun to issue penalty notices (fines) for unauthorised absences.

Please note that fines are issued to **BOTH PARENTS** and **BOTH PARENTS** must pay the penalties.

Failure to pay the penalty notice, will result in the matter proceeding to court and could potentially lead to a criminal record.

Leave of Absence forms are available from the school office.





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BIB Newsletter Week beginning 4th May 2026

There are some key dates and events specifically for the resource base that we would like to highlight. Further details will be coming out to you.

School PTA disco (Infants 20th May/Juniors 21st May) Please let us know if you are purchasing a ticket for your child as we will attend to ensure they get the best out of the experience.

Animal man 18th June £3.00 per child

Sports Day (1pm) Monday 29th June

Resource Base trip with parents/carers welcome - Birmingham Nature Centre Date to be confirmed

Transition - meeting my teacher for all the resource base/Good bye Year 6 event Tuesday 14th July at 2pm.

Polite reminder that if your child receives personal care in school, please can you make sure there are adequate supplies of nappies and wipes in school at **all** times.

Giraffes

We are enjoying our new sensory story, *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. In literacy, we are continuing to build confidence in recognising and writing our names.

In Maths, we have started learning about subtracting one through fun, hands-on activities.

We've also enjoyed revisiting our sunflowers to see how much they have grown. As part of our Preparation for Adulthood, the children have been making cheese and biscuits, developing their independence skills.

Puffins

In literacy, we are enjoying the story *Giraffes Can't Dance*, exploring the characters and joining in with the rhythm of the story.

During our creative sessions, the children are making their own lion manes, using a range of materials to create bright and textured designs.

In music, we are developing our rhythm skills, moving and playing beyond a simple beat and beginning to explore different patterns.

School Catering

If you would like to contact Educaterers, our new school catering company regarding any lunches, please contact them via

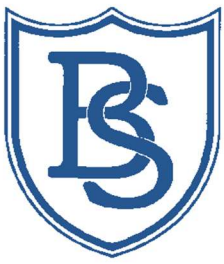
contactus@educaterers.co.uk

Just a reminder that allergy information **does not** transfer between accounts, so parents must re-add this information immediately.

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.





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Busy Bodies News

Busy Bodies families.

We hope that all our families had a wonderful bank holiday weekend, a rest that was truly needed.

Polite reminder to ensure that May's sessions are booked to ensure that our registers are accurate for the remainder of the month.

Kindly ensure that children do not bring in their own toys into the club, unfortunately when they misplace their toys children get very upset. We always try to encourage them to keep it safe at home where they will be able to give it a big cuddle at the end of the day.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

School Emails

The two separate email addresses
For Infants/Juniors are:



enquiry-inf@boldmere.bham.sch.uk
enquiry-jun@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

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

nursery-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk
reception-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk
yr1-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk
yr2-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk



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