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Dear Parents/Carers,

GMB Strike action on Tuesday 14th May

School is closed to all Nursery, Reception and Year 1 children. The only children that should attend school are those in Year 2 and all BIB registered classes. The school office will be closed all day- any urgent correspondence on the day should be emailed to enquiry-inf@boldmere.bham.sch.uk. Phone calls and gate access will only be taken in emergencies. Breakfast club for children will not be available. Lunches for Tuesday must be ordered by Parents- School cannot take responsibility for orders on the day.

Congratulations to our school council for organising such a super fund-raising event last week! It was lovely to see everyone involved in baking biscuits and cakes at school, ready for the cake sale on Friday. The cafe was well attended and I do believe that everything baked by the children tasted delicious! Thank you to Mrs Mason for helping to organise the event and to all children for donating - we will let you know how much was raised next week. Once we have a total, school council will be looking through catalogues to choose the new bikes for ordering!

As part of our ongoing school monitoring, we have been working closely with other local schools this week, moderating our expected outcomes for the end of year teacher assessments across Early years and Key stage 1. We are pleased to know that our professional judgements align with other professionals, and our expectations remain some of the highest among our colleagues.

As you may be aware, Statutory testing for end of Year 2 children is optional from this year, and as a school, we have chosen to base our judgements on teacher knowledge rather than optional tests. It is reassuring to know that the cross school moderation meetings provide valuable opportunities to validate our judgements with other professionals. Parents/carers will be provided with assessment information in the end of year reports in July.

PTA Disco

A reminder that the PTA disco is being held on **Wednesday 15th May**. Information has been sent via parentmail but we can confirm that any **Reception/Nursery children attending the disco at 3.30pm** may wear their own clothes to school on the day. All other children should attend in their normal uniform.



No Violin Lessons on Tuesday May 13th

Violin lessons are cancelled tomorrow due to the SATS in Year 6.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 15th May - PTA Infant discos x2
Tuesday 21st May - Nursery Sports Day am/pm
Thursday 23rd May - School sports day 1.30pm
Thursday 23rd May - Break up for half term holiday
Friday 24th May - INSET day - school closed to pupils
Monday 3rd June - School re-opens to all pupils
Monday 3rd - 9th June - Boldmere to Paris "Cure Leukaemia" bike ride
Monday 10th - 14th June - Year 1 Phonic screening test begin
Friday 14th June - PTA Elfridges (Fathers' Day)
Monday 17th June - National Sports week - Redpoint climbing wall
Friday 28th June - Nursery Induction - Closed to current Nursery children
Monday 1st, 2nd & 3rd July - Reception Induction sessions (Class 1,2,3) 9:30-10:30am or 1:30 - 2:30pm
Wednesday 3rd July - Transition Day
Thursday 4th July - reports to Parents
Friday 5th July - PTA Summer Fayre
Thursday 11th July - 4-6pm Celebration Evening - Parents & children
Thursday 18th July - Year 2 Leavers party



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Boldmere Library.

As a school we use the library as a resource to support our teaching and learning - at least 5 of our classes have visited this year as well as our year 2 librarians. The library also supports the school with our 'Book Explorers' by sourcing books for children to help them achieve the challenge.

As you may be aware Birmingham City Council has to make significant savings over the next few years and the proposal is to drastically reduce library provision. There is a 12 week public consultation underway which finishes on 17th July and everyone is encouraged to read the proposals and fill in the Be Heard questionnaire.

It would be a real shame for our school and the wider community if we were to lose our library. You will find attached to this newsletter a letter from the library asking us to respond to the consultation. Alternatively, you can follow this link which will take you to the consultation page:

<https://www.birminghambeheard.org.uk/adults-communities/lc24/>

[Libraries Consultation 2024 - Birmingham City Council - Citizen Space](https://www.birminghambeheard.org.uk/adults-communities/lc24/)

This site contains consultations that are run by Birmingham City Council.
www.birminghambeheard.org.uk

We would be really grateful if you could complete the form to offer as much support for our library as possible. Our Year 2 children will be writing to our local MP this week and Fouzia, the Boldmere Library Assistant Manager, has suggested that we ask parents to do the same.

As a school, we really appreciate your support in this. Thank you.

Advance notice of two events taking place after half term....

Firstly, our annual fund raising event for Cure Leukaemia takes place during the first week back after half term, but this year we are excited to be working with the Community Games to try something a little different! We will be completing a sponsored bike ride from Boldmere to Paris (and back again!) and we need your help! Further details will follow next week, but we are hoping to have Community Games visitors in school on Monday 3rd June, a static bike for adding up cycled miles during the school day and then we would love families to get involved during the weekend of **8th/9th June** with your own family bike ride! Posters and sponsor forms will be appearing around school very soon!

In addition, National sports week takes place during **17th-23rd June** and we are fortunate to have secured a booking with Redpoint climbing centre for the occasion. Redpoint will be erecting their mobile climbing wall at school on **20th and 21st June** and all children will have the opportunity to take part in the activities! A parental contribution of **£5.00** per child is requested for the event. This will cover the costs of the two day booking as well as specialist staff to lead the sessions. Payments can be made via Parentpay now.

Nursery September 2024

We still have a few spaces available in Nursery for **September 2024**. If you know of or have a child whose date of birth is between **01/09/20 and 31/08/21** who may be interested in a place, please contact the school office on **0121 464 2338** for further information.



Nursery September 2024

Our induction day for new Nursery children is on **Friday 28th June**. **Nursery will be closed to current children.**

Value For This Half Term

Our value for this half term is **honesty.**



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Lunchtime Club Letters for Summer Second Half Term 2024

Letters were sent home last week for Year 1 & Year 2 lunchtime clubs for next term. If your child did not bring one home, please contact the office.

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 17th May**.

Busy Bodies - Strike day action

Please note that Busy Bodies is open as usual on **Tuesday 14th May**, no refunds will be given.

You are welcome to drop your child/ children off at your usual time, (7:45/8:am) pick up time at 9am, this includes the afternoon sessions starting at 3.25pm

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.

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



Congratulations Board

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

Year 1: Lucy, Lucas & Lilly

Year 2: Ava, Theodore & Ayzah



Tennis Club

Year 1 Year 2 tennis Club was rearranged and has taken place at lunchtime today.

Absences & Lateness

Please can we remind all parents/carers that you need to call (01214642338) or email (enquiryinf@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.

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

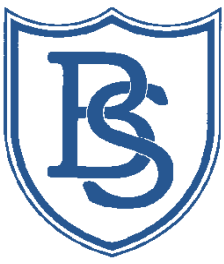
School Emails

The two new separate Email addresses for Infants/Juniors are:

enquiry-inf@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

enquiry-jun@boldmere.bham.sch.uk





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BIB Newsletter for week beginning 13th May 2024

Celebrations

Elijah in Giraffes for joining in with PE.
Jeevika in LK for fantastic effort in Maths this week.
Enya in ED for a positive attitude to learning this week.



The PE champions for this week from Mr. Rich and Miss Caitlin are:

Axel in Giraffes
Jayden in LK
Lilly in ED

Hope you have all been enjoying the hot weather recently. With this in mind, please ensure that children have sunhats, have had sun cream applied and bring a drink with them to school.

Some of the children will have the opportunity to go swimming in the coming weeks. Information will be sent out to those involved once arrangements are confirmed.

ED have been taking weekly trips to the Communita Café in Boldmere, to further develop their understanding of money and practicing life skills. We look forward to being able to continue supporting the local community with more local trips like this in the future.

Newsletter:

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

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

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School
13/05/2024

Samantha Kenny

