



NEWSLETTER - MAY 3



Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to celebrate this week! Year 2 have been undertaking their statutory SATs (quizzes) and have been amazing. They have worked incredibly hard, all tried their best and have shown resilience when faced with timetable and lesson changes during the past two weeks. Staff have ensured that children have been well prepared for the tests but as ever, we stress to the children that these tests are not the be all and end all for any child at Boldmere. Tests have been undertaken within the normal classroom environments and staff have supported any child that may have been a little wobbly, just emphasising that we all try our best! The Key Stage 1 SATs form part of our teacher assessments for the end of Year 2 but we also ensure that teacher's professional judgements celebrate our Year 2 children's achievements.

Year 1 will soon be undertaking their Statutory phonic screening and Reception, their end of year Early Years Profile. As in year 2, these assessments will be carried out by familiar staff and will be reported to all parents/carers in the end of year reports next term.

Nursery September 2023

Our induction day for new Nursery children is on Friday 30th June.

Nursery will be closed to current children.

Absence From School

Please can we remind parents/carers to contact school on the morning of any absence, either by email or telephone. We would also like to remind parents that **holidays taken during term time will be unauthorised** and parents/carers may be subject to further attendance letters/meetings in the light of Birmingham's Fast Track to Attendance Policy, currently adopted by school.

Super Hero Themed Lunch On Census Day Thursday 18th May

We will be having a Super Hero themed lunch on Thursday 18th May. We would like to have the absolute maximum number of children possible having a free school dinner on this day. The funding of dinners for the rest of the year is based on the number of dinners provided on that day and it is really important that we claim all possible funding for Boldmere Infant School. We completely understand that some children and families prefer a packed lunch but would ask for as much support as possible.

To order your child's dinner please visit Schoolgrid. If you need any help with this the school office will be happy to help.

The menu for the day is attached to the newsletter.

Class Photographs

The photographer will be visiting school on Wednesday 7th June to take class photographs.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 24th May - Infant school disco.

Nursery & Reception: 3.30pm-4.30pm

Year One & Year Two; 4.45pm-5.45pm

Thursday 25th May-1.30pm- Reception, Year One and Year Two Sports Day.

Friday 26th May - Nursery Sports Day.

Friday 26th May - Break up for half term holidays.

Monday 5th June- School re-opens to all pupils.

Monday 5th June- Year One trip to Dudley Zoo and Castle.

Wednesday 7th June- Photographer in school to take class photos.

Tuesday 13th June - New September 2023 Reception children information meetings 9.15am and 4.45pm. More information to follow.

Friday 30th June - Nursery closed to current nursery children.

Nursery Induction day for children starting in September 2023.

Tuesday 18th July - Celebration Evening 4.00pm-6.00pm.

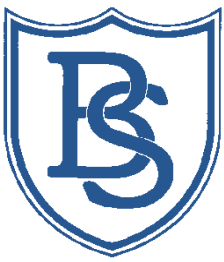
Friday 21st July- Break up for summer holidays.

Monday 24th July & Tuesday 25th July- School closed for professional development days.

Monday 4th September & Tuesday 5th September - School closed for professional development days.

Wednesday 6th September- School re-opens to Year 1, Year 2 & BIB.

Friday 27th October- Break up for half term holiday.



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Mental Health Awareness Week

This week is Mental Health Awareness Week with a specific focus on anxiety as the theme. Throughout the week children will be carrying out class activities which support their mental health and wellbeing. This includes spending time outdoors in the wellbeing garden and taking part in mindfulness activities.

For further information on anxiety please refer to our 'Safe and Well newsletter'. This can be found on our website under the 'Safeguarding and Wellbeing' tab.

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.

Lunchtime Clubs

Summer term two lunchtime club letters will be sent home tonight, please check your child's book bags. 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 reply slips are returned to school and payment is made via ParentPay before the deadline which is **9am Monday 22nd May 2023**.

Rugby And Tennis Lunchtime Club- Rearranged Teacher Strike Days

A catch up session has been arranged for next Wednesday 24th May for the children who missed Rugby due to a teacher strike day on Thursday 27th April. The children who missed the Tennis lunchtime club on Tuesday 2nd May due to a teacher strike day will have a catch up session after the half term holidays, the date is still to be confirmed.

Parent Class Representatives

We have vacancies for Reception parent class reps for each of the three Reception classes. Further details are attached to today's newsletter. If any parents of RW (Rabbits), RI (Robins) and RB (Hedgehogs) would like to be considered, please complete the "expression of interest" form at the bottom of the letter and return to school by Friday 19th May.

A reminder that the current class reps for Y1 and Y2 are as follows:
Y2 Chris Umfreville, Jin Pall
Y1 Maria Khakan, Debra Proud, Celine Benoit-Parkes, Tonita Whittier.

Reception Trip To Ash End Farm

Reception had a fantastic visit to Ash End House Children's farm last week. We saw lots of different animals and even met some lambs, calves and chicks! Luckily we dodged the thunderstorm!

Celebrating Attendance

Congratulations to RI - Robin class for achieving 100% attendance last week. Well done!

Congratulations Board

Reception- Roman, Anna & Jenitta.
Year One- Joel, Scarlett, Christopher & Maya.
Year Two- Emily, Penny & Marlow.

Year One Trip To Dudley Zoo & Castle

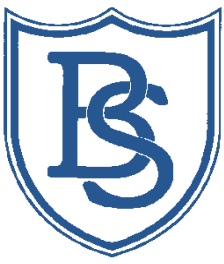
Letters were sent home to Year One children last week with information about the educational visit planned for Monday 5th June. Please can you make sure you return the completed forms to the office and make your payments via Parentpay as soon as possible. Thank you for your co-operation.

Year Two Trip to Black Country Living Museum

Year 2 had a 'bostin' day at the Black Country Living Museum on Monday. The children impressed the tour guides with their knowledge of the Victorian era and luckily behaved themselves for Mr Griffiths, the Head teacher of the Victorian School (can't say the same for the adults!!). Staff at the Black Country Living Museum commended the children for their behaviour and manners and described them as 'a credit' to Boldmere Infants and Nursery. Year 2 teachers were extremely proud.

Sports Day

Advance notice that sports day will be held on Thursday 25th May from 1.30pm. Parents/carers are welcome to attend, and the event will take place weather permitting, on the field.



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Boldmere Inclusion Base News From Mrs Preece:

Celebrations

Thierry in Giraffes for amazing effort in all he does in class.

Theo in LK for amazing effort with his handwriting.

Kara in ED for her continued hard work, especially with handwriting.

Attendance (week beginning May 8th)

Giraffes 100%

LK 100%

ED 96.43%

Well Done Giraffes and LK!!!

Notices

Thank you to those of you in LK and ED who have sent back the Swimming information. Those of you yet to do so, if you could please send them back as soon as possible so that we can group the children ready for the sessions.

Thank you to those of you who attended the Coffee Morning. It was lovely to see you all and I hope that you found it useful. I hope to be able to book more in over the coming terms to look at topics you have suggested.

Josie Leese, our School Improvement Partner visited last week. Feedback was positive, teaching and learning identified as a strength. Josie acknowledged all the hard work of the staff, commenting specifically on how we have lovely relationships with the children and parents.

Busy Bodies

May fees- May we take this opportunity to remind all parents/carers that May fees are now overdue, please check your child's ParentPay account to ensure that your fees are paid and up to date. The Busy Bodies Manager will send out a polite reminder during this week should your fees be outstanding.

Please be reminded that we utilise ParentPay as a finance recording system, all parents are able to look at their transactions and see all invoices associated with their children's fees, even if you only pay via childcare voucher.

Infant/Junior school Disco- Next week Wednesday 24th will be the infants disco afternoon and Thursday 25th Junior school disco- Please inform the Busy Bodies Manager, should you require us to take your little one to the disco and collect them after the disco finishes.

Reception- 3:30-4:30pm, and Year one and two-4:45pm-5:45pm

Year three and four- 3:30-4:30, and Year five and six- 4:45-5:45pm. (please note that we will not be able to collect Year one, two, five or six due to the disco finishing time.)

September 2023 Reception places - Registration for siblings/new children- Should you or someone you know require your child/ren to attend Busy Bodies from September onward, please collect a registration from a Busy Bodies member of staff or from the school website.

Further details will follow shortly for all current children attending Busy Bodies with regards to renewing your registration fees for the upcoming academic year.

Dolce School Catering

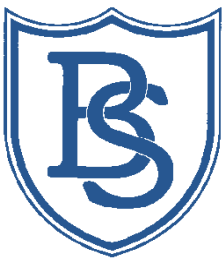
If you would like to contact Dolce our school catering company regarding anything to do with school lunches please contact them via customercare@dolce.co.uk

Newsletter

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

Ordering Lunches Via School Grid

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



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Message From SEND Birmingham

Dear Birmingham Parents and Carers,

See link below to the Birmingham SEND Parents and Carers Survey 2023.

[BirminghamSendSurvey2023](#)

This survey seeks parents and carers views about their experiences of SEND services for their child/children. It follows on from a similar survey that was carried out last year and now aims to measure any improvements made. This survey has been co-produced with the Birmingham Parent and Carer Forum (BPCF).

We would love to hear your current views on SEND services provided by Birmingham City Council (Education), Birmingham Children's Trust (Social Care) and Health (NHS) in Birmingham, alongside the Birmingham Parent Carer Forum.

All parent and carer survey responses will be automatically entered into a prize draw with a chance to win one of four £25 shopping vouchers. The survey will officially close on Friday 26th May at 11.59pm and the names will be drawn at random on Wednesday 31st May 2023.

Please contact us on SendSurvey@Birmingham.gov.uk if you need any assistance to complete the survey.

Thank you,

SEND Improvement Team

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

Dogs

Polite reminder that dogs/puppies are not allowed on the school site, whether they are walking or being carried. The ONLY exception are guide dogs.

Mrs S Kenny
Head of School
16/05/2023