

# NEWSLETTER - MAY 4



Dear Parents/Carers,

As another very busy half term draws to a close, we would like to say once again, a big well done to all children for working so hard during the past few weeks. Bank holidays and NEU strike action have disturbed learning to a degree, but children have shown resilience to timetable changes and shorter weeks and have still made super progress with their learning!

We end this week with a couple of exciting events, namely the PTA discos on Wednesday at 3.30pm (Nursery and Reception) and 4.45pm (Y1 and Y2), the Infant sports day on Thursday, and Nursery sports day on Friday.

Infant sports day starts at 1.30pm on the field and all parents/carers are welcome. The PTA will be selling drinks and ice creams for spectators so let us keep our fingers crossed for sunny weather! Nursery sports day will be on Friday at 10.15am/1.15pm. Parents may take their children home after the sports day events.

School breaks up for half term on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May and children return on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June. We hope that everyone has a lovely break and comes back fully refreshed and ready to face the final term!

## Nursery September 2023

Our induction day for new Nursery children is on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June.

**Nursery will be closed to current children.**

## Attendance Letter

In last week's newsletter, we wrote about the importance of good attendance and also reiterated that holidays taken during term time will not be authorised. Unfortunately, we continue to have a number of children that are missing school due to family holidays. We have attached a leaflet for parent's entitled School attendance Legal Action- Information to parents. This information is provided by Birmingham City Council, as part of the Fast Track to Attendance policy. Please take time to read the leaflet and consider carefully the impact any unauthorised absences have on your child's education.

## 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.

## Sunny Weather Reminder

The sun has finally decided to make an appearance this week so we would like to remind parents/carers to send children to school with hats and sun cream (clearly labelled) each day. We would also request that water bottles contain only water and no flavoured squash or fizzy pop.

## Diary Dates

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May** - Infant school disco.

Nursery & Reception: 3.30pm-4.30pm

Year One & Year Two; 4.45pm-5.45pm

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May**-1.30pm- Reception, Year One and Year Two Sports Day.

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May** - Nursery Sports Day.

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May** - Break up for half term holidays.

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June**- School re-opens to all pupils.

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June**- Year One trip to Dudley Zoo and Castle.

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June**- Photographer in school to take class photos.

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

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June** - Nursery closed to current nursery children.

Nursery Induction day for children starting in September 2023.

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July** - Celebration Evening 4.00pm-6.00pm.

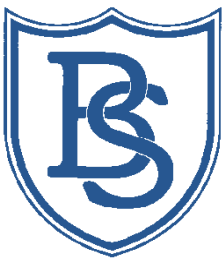
**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July**- Break up for summer holidays.

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July & Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July**- School closed for professional development days.

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September & Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September** - School closed for professional development days.

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September**- School re-opens to Year 1, Year 2 & BIB.

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October**- Break up for half term holiday.



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## PSHE/RSE Curriculum Update

Our PSHE focus next half-term is 'changing me', and involves naming parts of the body, including private body parts. After discussions with parent representatives and school governors, we have created the attached document containing the body part names, images and descriptions we will be sharing with children. We encourage you to use the same vocabulary at home to ensure children are receiving clear and consistent information.

## Celebrating Attendance

Congratulations to 2B - Bear class for achieving 99.33% attendance last week. Well done!

## Congratulations Board

**Reception-** Bonnie, Daria & Delilah.  
**Year One-** Joseph, Hau & Alice.  
**Year Two-** All Year Two Children.

## School Self-Evaluation

As part of our school self-evaluation process, we have had our termly visit from one of our external advisors, Nicki Bell. The visit involved curriculum monitoring and interviews with all curriculum leads. We have now received the report and are pleased to share with you a few of the outcomes: **Subject leaders have high quality subject knowledge and a passion for their subjects; the Infant school curriculum continues to evolve to meet the changing needs of children and it continues to be broad and balanced; subjects have detailed progression plans from Nursery to Year 3 and teachers talked knowledgeably about skills development across school; children's voice is valued through regular subject monitoring activities.** Well done to all staff for their continued commitment in providing a curriculum to be celebrated and proud of.

## Lunchtime Clubs For Summer Term Two 2023

Letters were sent home last week for lunchtime clubs for the second half of the summer term. We still have a few places available in the **Year One & Year Two Boys Rugby Club** and the **Year Two Boys & Girls Tennis club**, if your child is interested in a place then please call or pop into the school office. If your child was unsuccessful in gaining a place in their chosen club then you will receive a note from the school office. If you have not paid and have been asked to by the office please make the payment via Parentpay as soon as possible.

## Class Photographs

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

## Sponsored Football Themed Camp-Out For Cure Leukaemia

Staff and children at Boldmere Infant school are joining together with St. Nicholas Catholic Primary School to support the Cure Leukaemia Foundation and raise money for vital research into childhood cancer. Two years ago, a member of our Boldmere staff and their little boy, who attends St. Nicholas Catholic Primary school, went through a diagnosis of Blood Cancer and were supported by the Cure Leukaemia Foundation. We decided that raising money for Cure Leukaemia was a way we as a community could help. Our fund raising Camp outs have been so successful for the last two years that we have decided to do it again! Last year we raised an amazing £6000!

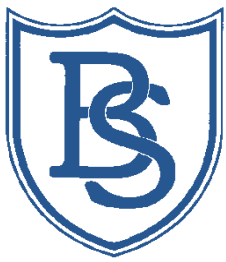
Cure Leukaemia Foundation provide fundamental research into blood cancer trials and they support not only the Haematology departments in the Midlands, but also provide support to 12 other clinics UK wide.

We are holding a "Camping for a Cure-Football style" sponsored event on **Saturday 24th June 2023**, and would like children at school to participate too!

Staff will be camping out for the evening and we are asking children to set up a camp too. This could be in their garden, in their bedroom or anywhere in their house! We are happy to see homemade tents in the living room, under sheets and blankets, or proper tents in the garden.

We will be sending home some amazing camping activities (football themed!) for everyone, as well as a goodie bag for the camp-fire! These resources are being provided by staff and school, at no cost to children and families!

Further details will be sent home after half term, but make sure you save the date!



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## Boldmere Inclusion Base News From Mrs Preece:

### Celebrations

Jeevika in Giraffes for continuing to work hard with writing.  
Musab in LK for managing his emotions when things change unexpectedly.  
Enya in ED for her outstanding contribution in group work.  
Attendance week beginning May 15<sup>th</sup>

Giraffes 100%

LK 94.29%

ED 82.86%

Well done..... Giraffes 100%

### Notices

LK and ED have been swimming today, fun was had by all. Thank you to all the parents for making sure they have all their kit with them.

Sports Day for the BIB will take place on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> July. Details will follow.

Due to a clash of Boldmere library availability and timetable issues, our local library visit has had to be postponed until the autumn term.

Those of you who have received Local Authority Year 5 transition forms, please hand a copy into the BIB once they are completed and ready to return to the LA.

The children have been making the most of the recent lovely weather by using our outdoor areas. As the weather warms up, please make sure that they have a sun hat and apply sun cream as needed.

## Busy Bodies

This has been a very busy but productive half term and the children have engaged in various craft activities during their time with us. Over summer two we have so much more fun things planned for our children to take part in, this includes our end of year celebration, personalised key worker sessions with their play leaders and much more.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that June's booking form will be required after the half term holiday, this being Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June and fees re due in by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June.

**PTA disco-** Our lovely Reception children will be taken to the disco by their class teacher. Any Reception children booked into Busy Bodies for later than 5pm will be collected at 4:30pm and brought back to our setting. All other parents must collect directly from the disco.

We will also ensure that all year ones and two are taken to the disco by 4:45pm. The same will apply for the Junior school disco on Thursday- lower school will go straight to the disco and any children to return to us will be collected on time whilst upper school are taken to the disco for the latter half.

May all our families have a fabulous half term holiday and we look forward to welcoming you all back for the final half of this academic year.

## Half Term Holidays

A reminder that we break up this week on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May. We would like to wish all of our families an enjoyable half term break. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June.

## New Arrivals!

Congratulations to Jorgie in Year One, Oliver in nursery and family on the birth of Florence.  
Welcome to our school family.

Mrs S Kenny  
Head of School  
23/05/2023