

# Boldmere Junior School

## Weekly Newsletter

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**Our current value is : KINDNESS**

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Dear Parents / Carers,

We are pleased to congratulate Mrs Fowles (formerly Miss Taylor) who is expecting her first child later in the new year. I am sure you will share your congratulations with Mrs Fowles as we are thrilled for her as a school.

A separate letter has been sent home with children from 6FS with further information.

### Covid-19 Information

We are still seeing a rise in cases in school and continue to work with public health in regards to this.

We are liaising with PHE and DfE regarding the outbreak and will keep parents updated regularly with parentmails. The attached 'Warn and Inform' letter is information provided for parents by the DfE.

### Reminder Regarding COVID-19.

If your child displays any COVID-19 symptoms, they must have a PCR test and isolate at home until the results are received.

If results are negative, your child may return to school if they are well enough to do so.

If results are positive, your child must isolate for 10 days from the onset of symptoms or the test date.

If your child is taking a PCR test as they have been identified as a possible close contact, they can attend school as long as they have no COVID-19 symptoms.

Lateral flow testing should be used for asymptomatic testing. If your child has any COVID-19 symptoms, they must book a PCR test.

**Please ensure you let the school office know, in advance, if you book a PCR test for your child and advise the office of the result of the test before your child returns to school.**

**REMINDER: If you are communicating with the school regarding your child's absence or regarding a PCR test result, please email**

### Diary Dates

**2021/22**

#### Autumn Term 2021

##### Friday 19 November

Children in Need Fundraising – non-uniform day with yellow/spots theme – details to follow.

##### Friday 26 November

PTA Christmas Fair – see PTA information

##### Friday 10 December

Elfridges – see PTA information

##### Friday 17 December

Break up for Christmas

#### **PDD = Professional Development Day**

#### **Please note the PDD for academic year 2021/22**

**Tuesday 4 January** – PDD – school closed to pupils

**Wednesday 5 January** – children return to school

**Friday 27 May** – PDD – school closed to pupils

**Thursday 21 July** – PDD – school closed to pupils

through to 'enquiry@boldmere.bham.sch.uk' and **NOT** the year group email address. Please indicate in the heading of the email your child's class. Thank you.

### Covid Symptoms – Flow Chart

See attached a flow chart listing the three main covid-19 symptoms and action to be taken, which parents/guardians may find useful.

### Google Classroom

Google Classroom is the digital online platform for children that are self-isolating due to a positive Covid-19 test result.

When school receives notice from a parent/carer that the child has received a positive PCR test result, the child will be given access to the Google Classroom page. If the child is ill, there is no expectation for work to be completed, but if the child is well then work can be accessed, completed and sent in for the teacher to see. On the Google Classroom page, the child will find work that is in line with what is being taught in school.

### Eco-Tip Tuesday

See attached information regarding Eco-Tip Tuesday 'cycle, scoot or walk instead of driving'.

### Empties Please

See attached information from Mrs Churchill and the Eco Committee regarding recycling of cartridges.

### Busy Bodies:

#### Monthly booking forms.

May we kindly remind parents that December booking forms are due in by **tomorrow Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November.** Thank you to all our families who have so far handed in their December and January booking forms.

**PTA donations-** we are happy for families to send in their PTA donations with their children and we will kindly hand these over to the PTA team during the remainder of the week.

**Covid-19-** A huge thank you to all our families who have kept us up to date with regards to their children self-isolation. This has been really helpful in ensuring that we are able to alter your children's booking form and staff accordingly, thus ensuring the safety and well-being of everyone within our setting.

**Refunds-** We have made the appropriate adjustments to your children's booking form and will in due course credit their ParentPay accounts, which parents will be able to use towards their next month's payments. If you choose to keep a sibling off who has not been tested positive, unfortunately these accounts will not be credited as they are still able to attend school and our club as per government guidelines and your parent contract with us - updated in September.

Please continue to keep us informed and we wish all our lovely children and families who are currently self-isolating, a very speedy recovery and safe return to school.

## Our Celebrations!

### Values Ambassadors:

**3P: Bailey**

**3U: Eva**

**3H: Logan**

**4W: Emma**

**4K: Ted**

**4M: Jimmy**

**5E: Elizabeth**

**5PJ: Katelyn**

**5B: Ben**

**6J: Tiara**

**6F: Theo**

**6FS: Amelie**

### Boldmere's Best Awards:

Assembly Ambassadors: 6FS

Marvellous Manners: 6J

Spick and Span: 4W

Responsible Role Models: 5E

### House Points:

1<sup>st</sup> place – Kenilworth

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Stratford

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Warwick

4<sup>th</sup> Place - Lichfield

## **PTA News:**

Christmas is upon us!

PTA Christmas Fair 2021 – Friday 26th November 5-7pm

Free entry! Fun and games for all the family to enjoy. If you wish to book a ticket to visit Santa's Grotto, please do so via our website [www.pta-events.co.uk/boldmere](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/boldmere)

The Fair will be held outside on the Infants' Playground this year, so please wrap up warm. Hot & cold refreshments will be available to purchase. Please do not attend if you are displaying Covid symptoms or have been told to self-isolate.

Donations for the Christmas Fair

Every morning this week, there will be volunteers at both the Infants and Juniors entrances collecting the following items for the Christmas Fair:

- Unwanted good quality cuddly toys
- Auction items (unused toys, toiletries, gifts, alcohol)
- Christmas jumpers
- A bottle (of anything!)
- Empty 2L plastic bottles with tops

Thank you so much for these – without your donations the Fair would not be possible.

Non-uniform day – Friday 26th November

Children can come to school in their own clothes and donate a box. Children can decorate the box if they wish and we ask you to please place a unisex gift (worth at least £1) into the box. These will be sold on our "Deal or no Deal" stall at the Christmas Fair.

Christmas Cards

The children have completed their beautiful Christmas card designs in class. Please visit <https://mychildsart.co.uk/order/parent-portal/login/> to place your orders using the Username – Boldmere and the Password - MhJRX6cZ

### **e-safety reminder**

Ensuring that children are safe when using information technology is an essential life skill and is needed more now than ever with children having increased screen time and access to the internet.

We wanted to remind you that on the school website, under 'Safeguarding' 'E-safety' you can access useful resources and links to websites which offer age-appropriate resources and information for parents and carers. These can also be found on your child's Google Classroom in the 'Parent Information' folder.

## Elfridges Gift Shop – Friday 10th December

Our Elfridges Christmas Shop gives the children an opportunity to choose and buy their own Christmas gifts for loved ones. Orders will need to be made in advance by midday on Sunday 5th December and the children will be invited into the Elfridges Shop in school on Friday 10th December. Please visit [www.pta-events.co.uk/boldmere](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/boldmere) to place your children's orders.

## The BIG Christmas Raffle

Fancy winning £5,000 and helping our kids too?

Boldmere School's PTA are taking part in ParentKind's BIG PTA Raffle. Tickets cost £3 which are entered into 12 daily raffle draws from 7-18 December. Further details are available via this link <https://www.bigptaraffle.co.uk/support/boldmere-junior-school-and-infant-school-pta-b73>

## Black Friday

Black Friday is fast approaching, with some retailers having already started their sales. If you're shopping for bargains in the Black Friday sales, please consider using [www.smile.amazon.co.uk](http://www.smile.amazon.co.uk) or [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/boldmereschoolspta](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/boldmereschoolspta) both are free and easy to sign up to. Once you've signed up the PTA will receive a small but essential percentage of every purchase made that will benefit our school and all our children.

*'Our vision for the Federation of Boldmere schools is to empower all children to embrace learning, achieve their best and build their emotional, social and physical well-being.'*