

Boldmere Junior School

Weekly Newsletter

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Our current value is : KINDNESS

Dear Parents / Carers,

We take this opportunity to thank the PTA for organising the wonderful Christmas Fair last Friday. Thank you to everyone who attended and to all those who gave their support or volunteered, including Santa.

The Christmas tree has arrived in school and will be decorated shortly for a festive scene in the Junior school entrance. Thank you to Boldmere Hardware for their kind donation of the tree.

Congratulations to Mrs Eccles

We would like to share with you the fantastic news that Mrs Eccles has successfully been appointed to the position of Vice Principal at another school. She will be leaving us at Christmas to start her new adventure.

A separate letter with further details has been sent out to parents/carers of children in 5E via Parentmail today.

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.

Diary Dates

2021/22

Autumn Term 2021

Wednesday 8 December

Christmas Meal Day – book via School Grid by 6/12/2021

Wednesday 8 December

4K Christmas Production – 2pm

Thursday 9 December

4W Christmas Production – 2pm

Friday 10 December

4M Christmas Production

Friday 10 December

Elfridges – see PTA information
Friday 10 December

Christmas Jumper Day

Birmingham Hospitals Charity –
details to follow

W/C 13 December

Class Christmas Parties – details
to follow

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

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 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.

Christmas Meal – School Grid – Wednesday 8 December

If you would like to your child to receive a **Christmas meal on Wednesday 8 December 2021**, please ensure you book your child's meal for that day **by Monday 6 December** to enable the kitchen to order supplies. Christmas meals booked after that date may have limited choice.

Music Lessons – Autumn Term 2021 - fees

If your child receives music lessons from the Music Service (cello, woodwind, brass or violin), please ensure you are up to date with your payment of fees for this Autumn term. Contact the school office if you need to discuss.

Please note, fees for the **Spring term** (January to April 2022) in the amount of £80 will be due at the beginning of January. Please make your payment via ParentPay week commencing Monday 10 January 2022.

Year 4 Christmas Production

FAO parents/carers of children in year 4: A letter was sent out last week regarding year 4 productions. If you wish to attend, please complete and return the slip attached to the letter by Friday 3 December 2021. Please note, only ONE adult per child.

Wednesday 8 December 2021 – 2 pm – ONE adult per child – 4K
Thursday 9 December 2021 – 2pm – ONE adult per child – 4W
Friday 10 December 2021 – 2pm – ONE adult per child – 4M

It is advisable that parent/carers wear masks whilst on school premises

Whitemoor Lakes – 9-11 February 2022 – Year 4

The next payment of £50 is due Wednesday 1 December 2021. Please make your payment via ParentPay. The final balance will be due on Wednesday 5 January 2022.

Reminder to parents/carers regarding forgotten items

We are having a number of parents/carers bringing in forgotten items for their children once school has commenced, e.g. musical instruments, lunch boxes, snacks, water bottles, PE kit/trainers, coats etc. **Please ensure your child has all they need when they arrive at school**, as it is not always possible for the office staff to leave the busy office to take forgotten items to class. Thank you.

FAO of parents/carers of BIB children– Dates for your diary

- BIB trip to see 'Dear Santa' at Birmingham Hippodrome – **Thursday 16 December 2021**
- BIB Class Christmas Parties – **Friday 17 December 2021**
- BIB Christmas performance will be available via google classrooms on **Friday 17 December 2021**

Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who supported Children in Need day with their kindness and generosity. We raised an amazing £294.19 for this charity event.

School Crossing Patrol Warden Vacancy – Boldmere Road

Details regarding this vacancy were sent out to parents/carers via Parentmail last week. Details are also on the schools' website.

Eco-Tip Tuesday

See attached weekly tips for greening your life and creating a more sustainable home – 'The Power Switch and Fun Fact'.

Empties Please

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

'Be Kind Advent Calendar'

See attached.

Busy Bodies:

Monthly booking forms and fees

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our parents who have handed in their December booking forms on time.

December's booking form was due in on Wednesday 24th November, it is unfortunate that we must now inform you that as of Friday afternoon last week, we still had **37 booking forms outstanding**. On Monday 29th

Our Celebrations!

Values Ambassadors:

ED: Alfie
3P: Emily
3H: William
3U: Oliver
4W: Zara
4K: Sophie
4M: Harry
5PJ: Elijah
5E: Kyden
5B: Sophie
6J: Francesca
6FS: Mackenzie
6F: Julia

Boldmere's Best Awards:

Assembly Ambassadors: 6F
Lunchtime Leaders: 3U
Marvellous Manners: 3H
Spick and Span: 5PJ
Responsible Role Models: 4W

House Points:

1st place – Kenilworth
2nd Place – Lichfield
3rd Place – Stratford
4th Place - Warwick

November there were **still 27 forms due in**, this was the case even with a follow up email reminder to parents/guardians on Friday.

This is simply not acceptable as we must safeguard the needs of our children attending our club. We must remind you of your parent contract, which states that you should provide a monthly booking form when prompted. We will not be able to provide care for those without a booking form as we will not have accounted for them being at the club.

We cannot stress enough the importance of receiving your monthly booking forms and fees on time. It not only saves administration time but more importantly it helps us to have an accurate prediction of pupil attendance, allowing us to staff appropriately. Equally, this safeguards our children by ensuring that we know where all children are at all times.

Please support us by returning your forms promptly when requested. Parents are given notice of two weeks in advance, and forms are also accessible from the school reception area, on the school's website and via the Busy Bodies staff. Forms can also be returned via email, should you prefer to do so.

If you have not yet completed your form, please contact the Busy Bodies Manager in the first instance to ensure that we are able to accommodate your needs for the remainder of the month. There will be a follow up email for any outstanding fees remaining by this Friday 3rd December. We advise parents to continually check their ParentPay account to ensure that their children's balances are accurate and up to date.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter, and should you have any queries, please contact the Busy Bodies Manager in the first instance as we are happy to help.

Congratulations Board

Many congratulations from all the staff at Busy Bodies to Huey's family (Reception) with the safe arrival on the 13th November of a beautiful daughter Daisy. Huey is a very happy, proud big brother and has been over the moon since Daisy's arrival.

Garden monitors

Thomas (Year 3) Lucy (year 5)

Busy Bodies Ambassadors

Thomas (Year 3)

PTA News:

We're Feeling Festive Now!

Last Friday 26th November we hosted our Christmas Fair

A BIG Thank You to all of the children and their parents & carers for their support on the night and for their donations. We loved seeing the beautifully designed lucky dip bags and boxes and Santa's Grotto was magical! We hope everyone enjoyed the Fair as much as we did.

We'd also like to take this opportunity to **thank all the volunteers** including PTA, staff and children who helped plan, organise, collect, set up, run, cook, serve and pack away the event. Events like this are only possible due to the

many volunteers involved. If you'd like to be involved in future events, please do contact us at boldmere.pta@gmail.com

The BIG Christmas Raffle - Buy your tickets online now

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>

Elfridges Gift Shop – Last orders Sunday 5th 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 to place your children's orders.

Christmas Cards – order by 8th December

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. MyChildsArt have advised to place orders by 8th December to guarantee pre-Christmas delivery.

Christmas Shopping

Please consider

using www.smile.amazon.co.uk or 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.

School Christmas Trees

We'd like to say a massive **THANK YOU** to **Boldmere Hardware** who have kindly donated 2 Christmas Trees to the school! Please consider them for any DIY or Hardware requirements, or even your own Christmas tree!