

Boldmere Junior School

Weekly Newsletter

7 December 2021

No 13

Our current value is : KINDNESS

Dear Parents / Carers,

Message from Mr Glasgow:

Staff Leavers

Mrs Julie Goaley- Boldmere Junior Office- They say “good things come to those who wait” and Mrs Goaley certainly has waited. After 24 years of amazing service, Mrs Goaley has taken the difficult decision to retire from her role and finishes her post at the end of this term, when we break up for Christmas.

I have had the privilege and pleasure of working with Mrs Goaley for the last 13 years and she is an “absolute superstar” who will be missed greatly at our schools.

I cannot put into words how grateful we are to Mrs Goaley for all that she has done for so many staff, children and parents across our schools and always with a smile on her face. I cannot even recall Mrs Goaley being absent from her post for any reason over all these years which demonstrates her absolute dedication to our schools.

Mrs Goaley is certainly “one in a million” and I am sure you will join me in wishing her all the very best for her retirement and for the future.

Thank you Mrs Goaley!

Mrs Vicki Eccles – Teacher – As you were made aware in the junior newsletter last week. We are also saying goodbye and good luck to the amazing Mrs Eccles, who will also be leaving us this Christmas. After 10 wonderful years at Boldmere Schools, Mrs Eccles has secured promotion at another school and our loss will certainly be their gain. Mrs Eccles started her career at Boldmere Infants in September 2011, she was then seconded to work at the junior school in her current role from 2017. Throughout the whole of her time, Mrs Eccles has worked tirelessly to ensure all children in her many classes achieve the best they possible can. She is a fantastic teacher and her superb teaching skills along with her wonderful personality will be missed by us all. Thank you for all that you have done at Boldmere Mrs Eccles and I am sure you will join me in wishing Mrs Eccles all the very best at her new school in her new role.
Good Luck!

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 –
Friday 10 December
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

New Staff January 2022

Mr Matthew Sadler- Junior Head Of School – As mentioned in a previous newsletter we are eagerly anticipating the arrival of Mr Sadler as our new Junior Head of School from January. Since his appointment, Mr Sadler has been into our school on several occasions to allow him to transition into his new role, for when he officially starts his post in January 2022. I am sure you will join me in welcoming Mr Sadler to our wonderful Boldmere Community in the New Year.

Mrs Kerry Preece- Boldmere Inclusion Base Leader/Manager – We are really pleased to be able to inform you that Mrs Kerry Preece has been successfully appointed as an Assistant Head Teacher to manage and lead on the increasing provision that our Inclusion Base provides. We are delighted to have been able to recruit Mrs Preece and she joins us from her current role as lead professional of the Communication and Autism Team (CAT) for Birmingham Local Authority. She has extensive knowledge of SEND provision and we are delighted to have her as part of the Boldmere team. I am sure you will also join me in welcoming Mrs Preece also to our wonderful Boldmere Community.

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.

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 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.

FSM – if your child is absent due to covid and is eligible for free school meals please contact the school office regarding support/information.

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 Jumper Day – Friday 10 December 2021

Jolly Jumper Day – do our bit in a festive knit

It's no secret our frontline heroes at Birmingham Children's Hospital work their magic every single day.

This year will again be supporting them by taking part in Jolly Jumper Day and helping to add the sparkle by raising money for the hospital and patients.

On Friday 10 December, we are inviting children to wear a Christmas jumper (if they have one) or alternatively, a brightly colour jumper instead of their normal school jumper or cardigan. We ask that they wear the rest of their school uniform as usual.

If you wish to make a donation via ParentPay as from tomorrow, we will ensure this is forwarded to the hospital charity on your behalf. Let's join the festive fun!

Music Lessons – Autumn Term 2021 - fees

A reminder that 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.

Whitemoor Lakes – 9-11 February 2022 – Year 4

The next payment of £50 was due Wednesday 1 December 2021. Please make your payment via ParentPay if you have not already done so. 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.

Our Celebrations!

Values Ambassadors:

ED: Alfie
3P: Rory
3H: Hettie
3U: Katora
4W: Isobel
4K: Max
4M: Tabitha
5PJ: Eloise
5E: Elizabeth
5B: Ben
6J: Finlay
6FS: Oswald
6F: Zaki

Boldmere's Best Awards:

Assembly Ambassadors: 4K
Lunchtime Leaders: 5B
Marvellous Manners: 3P
Spick and Span: 6F
Responsible Role Models: 5PJ

House Points:

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

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**

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.

Busy Bodies:

Important information- Busy Bodies families.

Please be aware that your December fees have now been deducted. Kindly check your child's ParentPay account to ensure that your payments are up to date. Should you have any queries with regards to your child's account please do not hesitate in contacting the Busy Bodies manager who will be happy to help.

PTA News:

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. If you have not already placed an order, MyChildsArt have advised to order by 8th December to guarantee pre-Christmas delivery.

The BIG Christmas Raffle – Final chance to buy your tickets

For only £3 your ticket will be entered into 12 daily raffle draws from 7-18 December, so you have 12 chances of winning up to £5,000! Please visit the following link to buy your tickets and for more details: <https://www.bigptaraffle.co.uk/support/boldmere-junior-school-and-infant-school-pta-b73>

Elfridges Gift Shop – Friday 10th December

Orders have now closed, thank you so much to everyone who has purchased Elfridges gifts, it has been a record-breaking year! The PTA Elves are busy getting ready to open our Christmas Shop. Children with pre orders will be invited into the Elfridges Shop in school on Friday 10th December. If you've placed an order, please **bring a carrier bag** to school on Friday 10th to make it easy for the children to carry their gifts home.

Christmas Fair Raffle Winners

All raffle winners have now been contacted by one of our volunteers and have been asked to collect their prize from the relevant school offices. Congratulations!

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.

Coming in 2022

Looking ahead to 2022 we have some exciting events and activities to look forward to. Especially exciting for parents and staff, PTA volunteers have already started to plan the return of the PTA Ball. We can't wait to share more details in the New Year!

Thank you to everyone who has contributed in any way to the PTA this term, we couldn't do it without you. Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

'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.'