

Boldmere Junior School

Weekly Newsletter

14 December 2021

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Our current value is : KINDNESS

Dear Parents / Carers,

Message from Mr Glasgow:

Happy Christmas Holidays

Wow! It is hard to believe that we are almost at the end of this term at school. It certainly has been another challenging one, but also a very rewarding and enjoyable term at the same time.

I would like to wish all of our children, staff, parents and Boldmere community a very Merry Christmas. I hope you are able to really enjoy the festive season and spend lots of quality time with your loved ones and friends.

Have a wonderful Christmas break and it is certainly the season to be jolly. Share lots of fun and laughter and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year everyone! We look forward to the children returning to school on Wednesday 5 January 2022.

Thank you

As you know, our new Junior Head of School commences his role in the New Year and we look forward to Mr Sadler joining the Boldmere team.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Welch who has been our Acting Head of School at the Juniors over the past year. She has been amazing in her role and I am incredibly grateful for all that she has done during the challenging time that she has been doing the role.

Many thanks also to Mrs Mutch and Mr Hill who have also been Acting Assistant Head Teachers for over the past year. They have been fantastic in these roles and I am incredibly grateful to them both.

I am sure you will join me in thanking Mrs Welch, Mrs Mutch and Mr Hill for all their hard work and wish them continued success as they revert back to their previous roles in the New Year.

Diary Dates - 2021/22

Autumn Term 2021

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

W/C 31 January

Year 3 Singing Showcase – details to follow

Wednesday 9 to Friday 11 February

Year 4 Residential Trip

Friday 18 February

Break up for half term

Monday 28 February

Return to school

Monday 7 March

Year 6 Weighing and Measuring – details to follow

Friday 8 April

Break up for Easter

Monday 25 April

Return to school

Monday 2 May

Bank Holiday

Friday 27 May – PDD – school closed to pupils and break up for half term

Monday 6 June

Return to school

Thursday 21 July – PDD – school closed to pupils

Message from Mrs Welch, Acting Head of Junior School

Dear Parents / Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a safe and wonderful holiday and to thank you for all the ways you have continued to work with our school this term. Your children have been truly amazing, showing continued resilience and a love of learning this term. We are very proud of each and every one of them.

Kind regards,

Mrs Welch
Acting Head of School

Message of Mr M Sadler

Dear children, parents and staff of the Boldmere community,

Just a very short message from myself to say that I am very much looking forward to working with you all in the very near future. As is the case in my current school, I understand fully the responsibility bestowed on all of us working in schools, and it is one that I will continue to do so with great diligence and immense pride.

Ahead of then, I just wanted to take this opportunity to wish you a wonderful, and I am sure much needed holiday, and I look forward to meeting you in the New Year.

Best Regards,

Matt Sadler
Soon-to-be head of Boldmere Junior School

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

Our Celebrations!

Values Ambassadors:

3P: William

3H: Ravneet

3U: Jack

4W: Zayn

4K: Carys

4M: Mabel

5PJ: Maia

5E: Charlotte

5B: Sophie

6J: Danny

6FS: Hannah

6F: Henry

Boldmere's Best Awards:

Assembly Ambassadors: 3H

Lunchtime Leaders: 3U

Marvellous Manners: 6J

Spick and Span: 4K

Responsible Role Models: 5B

House Points:

1st place – Lichfield

2nd Place – Kenilworth

3rd Place – Stratford

4th Place - Warwick

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.

Year 4 Christmas Production

Well done to all the staff and children who worked so hard last week to produce a wonderful Christmas production in school.

Eco Christmas Tips

See attached information regarding this week's Eco Tips.

Christmas Jumper Day – Thank you

It was lovely to see so many festive jumpers last Friday. Thank you to everyone who supported this event. We will confirm the amount of money raised in the New Year.

Swimming Lessons – Spring Term 2022 – Year 5

In the Spring term, we are pleased to say we will be continuing with our swimming lessons, for children in Year 5. These will be occurring on a Wednesday morning. More details will be sent out to children in Year 5 at the beginning of the Spring term. No swimming lessons will occur in the first week back but all Y5 children will swim during the spring term. For lessons, children will require a swimming costume for girls or swimming trunks or shorts (these must not go below the knee) for boys.

Free School Meal Vouchers

Free School Meal And Christmas Holiday Activity Fund Vouchers Free School Meal and Christmas Holiday Activity Fund vouchers for the Christmas holiday period will be sent out to eligible families this week via Parentmail. The email will contain all the details needed to claim your vouchers.

Attendance and Lateness

We continue to track attendance and lateness at the end of each term. However, this term, due to the disruption caused by COVID, we recognise that many children have had unavoidable absences due to COVID and isolation after taking PCR tests. If we are concerned about your child's attendance, we will contact you.

Music Lessons – Autumn Term 2021 - fees

Music fees for the Spring Term 2022 will be due during the first week back in January 2022. Please make your payment of £80 via ParentPay. If you have not yet paid for the Autumn term, please check your ParentPay account and do so as soon as possible. All lessons must be paid for in advance. A reminder that if your child no longer wishes to continue with their music lessons, we must receive a half term's notice in writing and you will be charged for that half term.

Whitemoor Lakes – 9-11 February 2022 – Year 4

A reminder that the balance for the above trip will be due on Wednesday 5 January 2022. Please check your ParentPay account to be sure you are up to date with your payments. Further details regarding this trip, including a medical consent/emergency contact form will be sent to you in January, along with a kit list.

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.

BIB Visit To Birmingham Hippodrome On Thursday 16th December 2021 - CANCELLED

Unfortunately, the planned trip to the theatre this Thursday has been postponed. This decision has not been taken lightly. We have carefully considered Government guidance, including recent daily updates, as well as the rising cases of Covid-19 in the Birmingham area, and have made the decision to postpone the trip.

We know that children and staff will be disappointed, however, we have negotiated with the theatre to transfer our tickets to a future performance in April. Further information regarding this visit will be provided in the New Year.

Our priority is always to keep staff and children as safe as possible during this pandemic. A trip to the theatre at this time seems an unnecessary risk for all children and staff involved.

Thank you for your patience and continued support.

Collection of your child

If your child is being collected by someone other than a parents/carer, please ensure that the school office/class teacher is aware.

Parking

We have had a few complaints recently from residents regarding a number of parking issues outside of the school, including blocking of driveways, the moving of cones outside of a local property to use the space to park in and also inconsiderate parking on Glebe Drive where access is required for emergency vehicles is. We ask that parents/carers/visitors park safely and respectfully when dropping off and collecting their children. Thank you.

Karate Club – Fridays – Sensei Smith

A reminder that Karate Club is on this Friday (17 December 2021). Sensei Smith will give out letters on Friday regarding next term's dates etc. Please note that Karate Club next year commences on **Friday 14 January 2022** (there is no Karate Club during the first week back).

Busy Bodies:

Important information- Busy Bodies families.

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The Busy Bodies staff would like to take this opportunity to wish all our wonderful families a well-earned Christmas holiday break together. Eat, drink and be merry with lots of fun and memories. We look

forward to welcoming you all back in the new year and hearing all our children's wonderful stories.

Thank you to all our families who have already handed in their January booking form. Please ensure if you have not already done so that your January booking form is returned by no later than **Wednesday 5th January**.

December booking form and fees.

A reminder to all our families to kindly check your child's ParentPay account to ensure that your fees are up to date and ready for your January bookings.

PTA News:

Christmas Cards

We hope those of you who have ordered are happy with your children's beautiful creations. This was the first year we have used this new company for Christmas card orders, if you have any feedback on the process please send us an email to boldmere.pta@gmail.com

Elfridges Gift Shop

We would like to say a huge thank you to all the volunteers who helped to make this year's Elfridges a great success, including the parents, children and staff. The PTA Elves did a fantastic job of creating such a lovely experience for the children, it was magical to see their faces as they came into the Elfridges shop last Friday. A super big **THANK YOU** to head elf Claire Butlin who bought and wrapped over 700 individual presents!

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 next year, we have some exciting events and activities to look forward to. 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!