

# Boldmere Junior School

## Weekly Newsletter

7 September 2021

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Welcome back!

We hope you have all enjoyed your summer and are really pleased to have you all back in school with us. A special welcome to our new year 3 families. As I have walked around the school, it has been lovely to see all our children with smiles, looking smart and ready to learn. The classrooms look fantastic and the teachers have exciting curriculums planned for each year group.

Our first newsletter this year is always a bit long but is full of information which should help us start the year well. Thank you for taking the time to read it.

### **Covid-19 Update September 2021**

See attached to this newsletter details regarding the above. This is important information – we ask all our parents/carers to read this. Thank you.

### **Year 3 Drop Off and Collection Information**

Your year 3 children have made a fantastic start. Thank you!

#### **Drop off:**

Until further notice, all Year 3 children will continue to come through the main entrance to school in the morning and. Please note children will no longer need to line up on the grass in the mornings from Thursday 9th but will go directly into their classes through the main entrances.

#### **Collection:**

Year 3 children will continue to be collected from the same place as currently at the end of the day.

Please note: when collecting your child, we have now added zones for each class to dismiss their children from. When collecting your child at

### **Diary Dates**

**2021/22**

#### **Autumn Term 2021**

#### **Monday 13 September**

Roald Dahl Day

#### **Monday 4 to Friday 8 October**

Year 6 residential trip to Culmington Manor

#### **Friday 1 October**

Flu Immunisations for children – details to follow

#### **Wed/Thurs 20/21 October**

Parents Evening – details to follow

#### **Friday 22 October** – half term

**Monday 1 November** – children return to school

#### **Friday 19 November**

Children in Need Fundraising

#### **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

the end of the day, we request that you allow your child to enter their classes' zone and to be sent off by their teacher. This is a safeguarding requirement to allow our staff to ensure all children have been sent off to the correct adult.

As this area is narrow please ensure you vacate the area quickly in order to avoid congestion at the end of the day.

### **ParentPay – Username and Password**

Information regarding ParentPay, including usernames/passwords were sent out yesterday to parents/carers of year 3 children and any other new children in school. If you have not yet received this information, please advise the school office.

### **Collecting children from school**

Our school is a large school and our priority is to keep all children safe. At the end of the day children in years 3 and 4 are handed over to parents/carers at designated places. If you ask someone who does not normally collect your child, please tell the class teacher/school office, as we will obviously not let children leave with strangers. Unless we are given specific written authorisation, we will not let children leave the school in the care of any other child under the age of 16. We would appreciate any parents who have custody issues relating to the collection of their children, to speak either to class teachers or to the school office.

### **Contact details:**

It is essential that parents/carers inform us immediately whenever mobile telephone numbers or any other contact details change. We must be able to contact a parent/carer at all times. Coloured contact cards will be sent out via children in years 4, 5 and 6 shortly.

### **Car Parking outside of the school**

We appreciate the difficulty created by limited parking space for parents who need to drive to school to collect children. As ever, our only concern is for the safety of the children. Could we therefore ask parents not to park in the zig-zag safety area directly outside of the school. We would also remind our parents of the importance of parking safely and be considerate to residents when parking to drop off and collect your child from school.

### **Medical Conditions and Allergies**

If our child has an on-going medical condition, such as asthma or an allergy, please ensure that the school is aware of the condition and is in receipt of any prescribed medication. Asthma Inhalers are kept in the classroom and all other medication is kept in the school office. Please ensure that medication is in date and replenished when needed, it is parents/carers responsibility to do so. Children with long term medical conditions will have a care plan, which will be reviewed annually.

### **Contacting School**

Email addresses for correspondence specific to your child's class/year group, to support with teaching, learning and online/home learning support only:

[yr3-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:yr3-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)  
[yr4-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:yr4-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)  
[yr5-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:yr5-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)  
[yr6-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:yr6-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)

For general enquiries or for reporting a school absence, medical appointment, end of school arrangements, please contact the school office on 0121 464 3656 or email [enquiry@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)

### **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.

We do have some children who have allergies to nuts and nut products. Please note that we do not allow nuts for snacks or lunches as this can trigger the allergy in other children.

### **Clothes/other property labelling**

Please ensure that your child's clothes, including coats, school uniform and PE kit are labelled. We also ask that you provide your child with a water bottle in school (also labelled), for them to drink from. They are able to refill their bottle in school.

### **Roald Dahl Day – Monday 13 September**

Children **may** come into school dressed as their favourite book character, if they wish. There is no need to make a voluntary payment for this day as it is not a charity event. A parentmail was sent out yesterday for your information.

### **Year 6 – Secondary School Transfer letter – September intake 2022 – Important Information**

A reminder that you should have received a paper copy of the letter from Birmingham City Council regarding applying online for your child's secondary school place – September 2022. We have also sent this to you via Parentmail in July. The closing date for applications is 31 October 2021. Information about the process is via [www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions).

### **Culmington Manor 4-8 October 2021 – Yr 6 Residential Trip**

We will shortly be sending out a medical/dietary form for parents/guardians to fill in and return to the school office, along with further details regarding this trip. Please check your ParentPay account to be sure that you are up to date with payments.

### **Music Lessons**

Music lessons will commence over the next two weeks. If your child has been receiving music lessons in the past and you have advised the office that you wish your child to continue with their lessons face to face, please ensure they have their instrument with them week commencing 13 September.

Tuesdays – am – violin lessons

Wednesdays pm – woodwind lessons

Wednesdays pm – cello lessons (tbc)

Fridays pm – brass lessons (tbc)

Children who have indicated that they would like to commence music lessons this half term (years 3 and 4) and have advised the office of their interest, will receive a taster session over the next two weeks. Please note that we have limited places, so not all those who have shown an interest will be offered a place and their names will be put on the waiting list. More information to follow.

### **Busy Bodies:**

The Busy Bodies team would like to take this opportunity to say a warm welcome back to all our families. We hope that everyone has had some break over the summer holidays, and look forward to hearing the children's stories and settling everyone back into the setting.

### **A new academic year.**

Welcome to all our new families, we look forward to meeting the new children and helping to settle them into our club. We encourage free play within our settling and we are happy to inform you that children will be able to enjoy the provision of freely chosen activities once more.

### **Afternoon/evening collection.**

We will be continuing with the collection procedure that was in place before the holidays. Parents/guardians should ring the Busy Bodies bell on the left hand side of the door and once the staff member has recognised who you have come to collect please return to the paved area (collection point) at the front of the school, and a member of staff will take your child/ren out to you.

### **September fees**

All our families will now have been issued with their ParentPay logins, please ensure that you have paid for your September and Registration fees by **this FRIDAY 10<sup>th</sup> September**, if you have not already done so.

### **Busy Bodies waiting list.**

The Busy Bodies Manager will be contacting parents who have not yet paid their Registration fees for this academic year, as we are currently experiencing a large intake of new families this year. If you no longer require our provision, please inform the Busy Bodies Manager as soon as possible, so that we can offer our waiting families the sessions they require.

## **PTA News:**

### **Hello and welcome to the new year.**

As you know the PTA run events such as firework displays, fairs, balls and competitions. We raised around £5,000 last year, despite covid restrictions limiting our usual calendar of events. In previous years we have been closer to £20,000. We hope this next year will be even more successful so we can continue to support our school by providing items and services such as books, subscriptions, playground markings, visits and parties that will benefit all children at our school.

To recap for you, we communicate through different ways. Please follow our social media <https://www.facebook.com/boldmereschoolspta> and <https://www.instagram.com/boldmerepta/>

If you would like to join our **mailing list** to kept up-to-date with PTA activities, then please get in touch through [boldmere.pta@gmail.com](mailto:boldmere.pta@gmail.com). You can email this same address if you have **fundraising ideas** or would like to join in. It is amazing to be part of the Boldmere family, we would love to hear from anyone who would like to get involved.

If you did not want to have a hands on role, then there are plenty of ways that you can still help out.

Please enter our **School Lottery**, visit

- [www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/boldmere-infant-and-nursery-school](http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/boldmere-infant-and-nursery-school) and register to play. It only costs £1 per week. You could be the next 'BIG MONEY' winner!

**Other simple ways that cost nothing to you and makes money for our kids.**

- Shop through Easyfundraising, [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) register with us as your charity and the retailers will make a donation to the schools.
- Start shopping at Amazon Smile [www.smile.amazon.co.uk](http://www.smile.amazon.co.uk) register with us as your charity and whenever you buy with Amazon they donate to our schools.
- Does the company you work for 'Match fund' charity events? Would you consider match funding for us.

We'll have our AGM soon, date to be confirmed, we'd love to meet parents or family members who have skills or time that may help us. Please don't hesitate to get in touch. Hope everyone is ready for the new term to start and you all settle into your new roles, classes and schools.

### **Community News:**

*Disclaimer - The following community events/activities are for your information. Should you wish to obtain further information or attend, it is at parents' own discretion*

The BOA Digital Technologies Academy – Open Day

An open event will be held on Saturday 11 September at BOA Academy, 1 Grosvenor Street, Birmingham. B4 7QD between 9 am and 2.30 pm. Visit [www.boa-digital.co.uk](http://www.boa-digital.co.uk) for more details

*'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.'*