

Boldmere Junior School

Weekly Newsletter

14 September 2021

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Message from Mr Glasgow:

It is wonderful to return to school and get back to 'normal' practice at our schools. The children have been a credit to their families and they are working hard. All children have made a great start to the new academic year in their new classes, settling really well in school, including our Reception classes this week, which is a delight for us to see at Boldmere.

It is great that we are resuming what is perceived to be 'normal' in our school. However, it is absolutely vital that we remain vigilant and proceed with care when continuing to manage the risks of Covid-19 at our schools and within our community.

Since returning to school, we have been informed of some positive cases of Covid and, of course, we hope the individuals affected are all well and taking care. These cases have fortunately not impacted upon anyone else at our schools and no further action needs to be taken at present.

Our updated **Covid-19 Risk Assessment and Educational Outbreak Management Plan** can be found on our school website under the Covid-19 section, if you would like to access this information.

Many thanks for your continued support and co-operation, it certainly is very much appreciated.

Reminder About Covid Tests

If your child develops any Covid symptoms- high temperature, cough or loss of taste or smell then you need to get a PCR test as soon as possible and isolate at home until you receive the results. The attendance code that will be used by school is X which is the Covid code whilst awaiting results. If your child is confirmed as positive the absence will be recorded as I for illness.

Under new guidance isolating without any Covid symptoms is now unauthorised. The government guidance states that attendance is

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

statutory and isolation is not required if you do not have any symptoms.

Flu Vaccination – 1 October 2021

Flu Consent Forms have been sent out to all children. Please return the form to the school office indicating whether your DO or DO NOT require your child to have the nasal flu vaccination. All forms to be returned to the office by 20 September 2021.

School Census – Please Help!

We have to complete a detailed School Census on behalf of the Department for Education three times every year. The first date this year is Thursday 7th October. This is the mechanism by which the school receives funding for pupils. It is absolutely essential that we claim all of the money that the school is entitled to receive to maintain our standards at Boldmere. One of the areas that we are asked to complete, is the number of children with a parent or parents who are Service Personnel serving in regular HM Forces military units or in the Armed Forces of another nation and stationed in England. Members of the Territorial Army are not classed as the regular armed forces for the purpose of the Census. The other specific group that we are required to complete is the number of children adopted from care. The DfE asks parents to provide supporting evidence, such as a photocopy of the adoption order. We realise that this is sensitive information and need to assure parents that this information is confidential and will only be used for completion of the Census. The funding for school dinners is also based on the number of dinners provided on that day and we ask for as much support as possible on this census day.

Attendance

School attendance is mandatory for all pupils of compulsory school age and it is a priority to ensure that as many children as possible regularly attend school. Children are no longer required to isolate if they are a positive contact. This includes being a positive contact with someone living in the same household

Roald Dahl Day

All the children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in our Roald Dahl Day yesterday. We were very impressed by the various outfits. Thank you to everyone who took part.

Reading Books

In school, children have carried out an online reading assessment (Accelerated Reader) in order to give them a 'number range' which in turn gives them a levelled book to read. Books will be brought home by the end of this week for children to read at home. Children choose a book from a wealth of books from our school library. Please send the books into school each day so that children can also read them in class.

When your child has read the book, they carry out a short 'quiz' in school to assess their understanding of what has been read and they can then choose a different book to read within their number range.

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

yr4-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

yr5-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

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

The online assessment system incorporates many aspects such as reading for speed, decoding and comprehension. Assessments are carried out half termly in order for children to progress through the numbered ranges. In the junior school, teachers will hear children read over a two-week cycle and will use this as part of our ongoing assessment of children's book levels as well.

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.

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

Medical and Dietary forms have been sent out to all those who will be attending the above trip. If you have not already done so, please fill in and return the forms by Friday 17 September. If you have not received the forms, please advise the school office asap.

Boldmere Values Newsletter – 'Respect'

This half term's value is 'Respect'. See attached.

School Improvement Plan

For your information, the School Improvement Plan 2021 can now be found on the school website under 'parents information'.

Busy Bodies:

Busy Bodies newsletter

New Receptions

Welcome to our new Reception children, the Busy Bodies team hope that you will have a wonderful time joining in with our morning and afternoon sessions. I would like to reassure all new parents/guardians that you will be receiving your ParentPay log in shortly via the infant school, please do not worry in the meantime. Once you have been given your log in details you will have the option of paying for your children's registration and monthly fees.

October booking forms

Forms will be available for collection at the Busy Bodies desk, the junior school office entrance and on the school's website from **Wednesday 15th September**. Forms will be required by next week Wednesday 22nd September so that we can enter your requirements and **payment by 30th September**. Should you have any queries with regards to the above information, please do not hesitate in contacting the Busy Bodies Manager on 0121 464 1343 or via email khyatt@boldmere.bham.sch.uk.

Year 6 leavers and year three children.

The Busy Bodies Manager has made all necessary adjustments/ transfers on the ParentPay system for year 6 leavers and year three children. Please can

Recruitment for Play Worker/ Play Coordinator positions at Busy Bodies

We are looking to appoint three positions at Busy Bodies for Play Workers or Play Coordinators. Should you be aware of anyone who may be interested in this job position please contact the Busy Bodies Manager on 0121 464 1343 or call the junior school office for further details.

You can download the advert and other relevant information from the Federation of Boldmere schools website. Visits to the club by applicants are encouraged, so that you can get a feel of the club and the play environment we have within the setting.

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

St Edmund Campion Open Evening/Morning Information:

Open Evening – Tuesday 21 September 2021. 6.30 pm and 8.15 pm - Headteacher will give talks at 6.30 pm and 7.30 pm. Prospective Pupils and their parents are invited to attend.

Morning Visit – Thursday 23 September – 9.45 am and 11.15 am. The morning visit is for prospective parents only.