

# Boldmere Junior School Weekly Newsletter

6 July 2021

No 35



Dear Parents/Carers

## **Football's coming home!!**

As England will be playing in the semi-finals of the European Championships tomorrow (Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2021), we will be showing our support by asking children to wear their England kits, tops and accessories to school on this day. If your child does not have an England shirt, they can wear a white, red or blue t-shirt. If you do not support England, you can wear colours/kit of any of the other semi-finalists. Children can wear accessories too. Please continue to monitor our twitter feed on Wednesday as we will tweet pictures of the children (and staff) in their kits!

Children can wear their England top, kit and/or accessories with their PE kit or with school uniform - it is up to you!

If you are isolating, please take pictures and put them on your child's class or year group google classroom stream and tweet us so we can see you too!

## **3K Bubble, 3H Bubble and 4M Bubble**

We are pleased to see 3K and 3H back in school this week. Unfortunately, we had to close 4M Bubble this week. They are working hard from home and we can't wait to have them back in school as soon as they can return.

A reminder that cases of the Delta Variant are rising across the local area and symptoms are presenting differently. Some children have sickness and diarrhoea/upset tummy and some have sore throats and headaches. Please continue to follow the government guidance:

If your child displays any Covid-19 symptoms you must book a PCR test and the whole family must self-isolate until you receive the results. You must inform the school of the illness in the first instance and then of the test results once received.

Government advice also recommends that twice weekly lateral flow tests are carried out by families. These tests are to detect asymptomatic cases and show results within 30 minutes.

Thank you for your continued support.

## **Diary Dates**

**2020/21**

### **Summer Term 2021**

**w/c Monday 5 July** – Junior School Reports to be sent out

**Tuesday 20 July** – Break up for summer holidays

**Wednesday 21 July** – PDD – School closed to pupils

### **Autumn Term 2021**

**Thursday 2 September PDD** – School closed to pupils

**Friday 3 September PDD** – School closed to pupils

**Monday 6 September** – Children return to school.

**Friday 22 October** – Break up for half term holidays

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

**Friday 17 December** – Break up for Christmas holidays

**PDD = Professional Development Day**

### **Please note the PDD for academic year 2021/22**

**Thursday 2 September** – PDD – school closed to pupils

**Friday 3 September** – PDD – school closed to pupils

**Tuesday 4 January** – PDD – school closed to pupils

**Wednesday 5 January** – children return to school

**Friday 27 May** – PDD – school closed to pupils

**Please can we ask parents to continue wearing face masks** when on the school site and adhere to social distancing when dropping and collecting children from school.

### **Motivational Guest Speaker at Boldmere Junior School**

If you would like to donate to the Whizz-Kidz charity, please do so via ParentPay - 'Whizz-Kidz – Wheelchair Marathon Donation 2021'.

### **Sports Day**

A reminder that in the Junior School, we will be participating in **Sports Day** this week. For Sports Day, we are currently planning for children to compete for their house in their classes and this will occur during their PE lesson on this week. For their PE lesson, children are permitted to wear their house colours: (Stratford – blue, Kenilworth – green, Lichfield – yellow and Warwick – red).

We will aim to share two videos of each class on their google classroom page so that you can share their Sports Day involvement. Please note that this is a closed platform so information should not be shared or downloaded if it has been added to Google Classroom. If you do not wish for your child's Sports Day race to be shared on Google Classroom, please contact your child's year group email to opt out. If we do not hear from you, we will post the videos of your child on Google Classroom. Your child's year group email is:

- [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)

We are hoping this will enable you to share Sports Day with us and your child.

### **Music Lessons – Year 3**

Letters will be sent via Parentmail to year 3 parents regarding music lessons for next academic year. The closing date for receipt of the slips will be Friday 16 July 2021.

### **RSE Policy for Consultation - Reminder**

The Department for Education has announced updates to Relationships and Health Education, as well as Sex Education. All schools will be required to comply with the requirements. This means that we have been reviewing our RSE policy and curriculum so we can be sure our provision is appropriate for our pupils.

We have opened our policy for consultation (link below) from 11/6/21 to 9/7/21.

You will be able to add your comments by reading the policy (on school website) and clicking on the following link to our survey <https://forms.office.com/r/qP92L2VQmD>

### **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.

## **Summer Reading Challenge 2021**

The Summer Reading Challenge, presented by The Reading Agency and funded by Arts Council England, encourages children aged 4 to 11 to set themselves a reading challenge to help prevent the summer reading 'dip'.

Each year the Summer Reading Challenge has a different theme. For 2021, The Reading Agency is partnering with **WWF** for **Wild World Heroes**, a nature-themed Challenge that will inspire children to engage with environmental issues.

The Challenge will launch in libraries in England on Saturday 10 July. Join in and stay up to date with news about the Challenge by logging in here: <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

We would love to see our Twitter feed full of the books your children are reading over the summer.

## **School Reports**

School reports will be sent home on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July. Please be aware that we will be sending them to parents electronically, via Parent Mail. You should receive a Parent Mail at around 3:00pm with your child's report attached. If you require a paper copy, please contact school to organise this.

## **Reading Books for school**

As we come to the end of the summer term, you might be thinking of having a clear out of books and we are always grateful for any donations of well kept, exciting books (fiction and non fiction) that your children have grown out of or finished reading that you would otherwise send to the charity shop. It would be lovely if your child would write a note inside the front cover of any donations to say why they enjoyed the book and write their name as a lasting memory in our library.

Thank you!

## **Values Ambassadors**



Congratulations to this week's Values Ambassadors. Keep up the hard work!

### **Year 3:**

Mabel, Zaki, Jessica, James and Rosie

### **Year 4:**

Jack, Delphi, Rahima, Jamie, Iman and Alexander

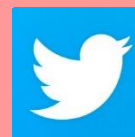
### **Year 5:**

Florence, Zara, Emme, Lacey, Krish, Finlay and Harry

### **Year 6:**

Leilani, Cillian, Francesca, Jacob, Matilda and Emily

Remember to follow us on twitter @BoldmereSchools for updates and to see some of the wonderful things happening in school!



## Community:

**The Sutton Coldfield Community Games** are back on 10 and 11 July at Wyndley Leisure Centre from 12 pm to 5 pm each day.

This year there will be a limit of 2000 people and 35 activities and the event is ticketed at £2.50 per person, with 3's and under free of charge.

The games team and sporting partners will be doing their very best to help everyone have a great community afternoon of fun, inspiration and medals!

Tickets are available via:

Website [www.suttongames.co.uk](http://www.suttongames.co.uk)

Facebook @communitygamescic

Internet <https://www.trybooking.co.uk/BBOP>

### **Boldmere Falcons Under 9's – Year 4 Girls**

We are delighted to let you know about a wonderful opportunity to get involved in playing football. If you are interested, Boldmere Falcons are calling all girls in year 4 next year to be part of this exciting team. To find out more, please contact the Boldmere Falcons under 9's manager using the contact details on the attached flyer- Its coming home, footballs coming home!!!!!!

### **Fidget Toys / Poppet Toys Reminder**

A polite reminder that children should not be bringing Fidget/poppet toys into school unless they have permission from the school SENDCO or it has been agreed between parents and teachers, with written consent sent into school.

### **PTA News**

**DONT MISS THE BIG PTA Summer RAFFLE - Support our School - ONLY £3 - win thousands £££££**

The Big PTA Summer Raffle 2021 gives you the chance to win cash prizes while supporting our school. They're hosting 12 raffle draws this summer. For £3 you can buy a ticket for all 12 draws. Each of the draws will give you the chance to win up to £5,000. In total there will be up to £60,000 given away in cash prizes. **The Christmas tickets ran out so make sure you get in early to avoid disappointment.**

**[LINK TO BOLDMERE RAFFLE PAGE - CLICK HERE!!!!](#)**

Or go to - [www.bigptaraffle.co.uk](http://www.bigptaraffle.co.uk) and when you buy your tickets search for Boldmere Schools.

## **BUSY BODIES NEWSLETTER:**

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**September booking forms**- A polite reminder to all our parents/guardians, your September booking forms are required in by this Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July. This ensures that we have accurate registers ready for the new academic year. Your fees must be paid in full by no later than 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021.

**Payment of fees:** July booking forms have now been debited, please check and kindly ensure that your fees are paid and up to date. If your child/ren have been off due to class or individual isolating, we have already deducted these from your July sessions.

If for any reasons you have requested extra sessions or collected late in June, these fees have now been debited from your child/ren account. Kindly check your child's ParentPay account and ensure your balances are cleared.

**New reception Children:** By the end of this week all parents/guardians will have received a welcome pack for new children attending Busy Bodies in September. Please ensure your child's welcome booklet is returns along with your September booking form and any other additional information we may have requested.

**Safety of our children.** It has been noted that some parents are not accompanying their children to the Busy Bodies door. I understand that we are sometimes rushing to get to work or other places, however our children's health, safety and well-being are paramount.

Please be reminded that we are not accountable for your children until they enter the school building. It is parent's responsibility to ensure that they drop their children off safely to a member of our Busy Bodies staff as per your parent contract with us. You must not wait in your car whilst your children walk to the doors.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

### **Contacting Busy Bodies by phone**

It is now possible to contact Busy Bodies via the school number 0121 464 3656, pressing option 3 or direct on 0121 464 1343

*'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.'*