

Boldmere Junior School

Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers

Covid-19

With restrictions easing, it is still vital that we remain incredibly vigilant to help manage and mitigate the risks that Covid-19 still presents. Over the past few weeks, many schools have seen the impact of the Delta variant, which has resulted in several 'class-bubble' closures, right across the country. Unfortunately, this has been the case at our school and we have experienced a significant number of 'class-bubble' closures recently, including two in the last three days. This impacts significantly upon children, staff and parents alike, as self-isolation is a requirement of positive contact.

Please keep up your wonderful efforts to help to manage the spread of the virus as we certainly do not want any further impact upon our school community. Thank you once again for your ongoing support and understanding, it is always very much appreciated. Let us hope we have no further 'class-bubble' closures before the end of the term.

Free School Meal Eligibility – Self Isolation

If your child is self isolating and is eligible for free school meals, please contact the school office by 9.30 am tomorrow morning to obtain further information.

Contact Tracing

In line with the recent government announcements, all under 18s will be exempt from isolation for contact with a positive case from 16th August 2021. From 19th July, schools will no longer contact trace as this will be completed via NHS test and trace. With restrictions lifting on the 19th July, school will be continuing with the year group bubbles until the end of the summer term.

Collection of Medication in School on Last Day of Term

Could you please collect any medication currently held in school on your child's last day at school, so that medication and dates can be checked ready for your return to school in September. Year 6

Values Ambassadors



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

Year 3:

Rishi, Poppy, Isabelle, Ted, Zayn, Harry, Emma, Burhaan

Year 4:

Charlie, Laura, Alex,

Year 5:

Evie, Theo, Amelia, Asha, Myles, Raessa

Year 6:

Zainab, Sophie, Noah, Harry, Jude, Grace, Pearl, Deven, Amelie

parents/carers, please collect all medication from the school office on your child's last day at the junior school.

Junior Head of School

The Governing Board and I are absolutely delighted to inform you that Mr Matthew Sadler has been successfully appointed to the role of our junior Head of School. Mr Sadler is a successful Head Teacher and we are thrilled to have secured his services for our school through our incredibly rigorous recruitment process. As a serving Head Teacher, Mr Sadler will have to work his notice period and will officially take up his role in January 2022 at our junior school.

During the Autumn term he will be able to visit our school as much as possible in preparation of him starting his post, which we cannot wait for him to do as we are excited at the prospect of him joining us. We look forward to introducing Mr Sadler to you and more information will follow in due course. Congratulations Mr Sadler!

We are very pleased to inform you that Mrs Karen Welch, our current Acting Head of School, has agreed to continue in this role until Mr Sadler starts officially. Mrs Welch has and will continue to do an amazing job in this role and we thank her for her leadership and commitment to our school. Thank you for all your do Mrs Welch.

Mrs Mutch and Mr Hill will also continue their wonderful work as Acting Assistant Heads, ensuring that the school is being effectively led in the Autumn term with Mrs Welch until Mr Sadler takes up his post.

End of the School Year

The last day of term is Tuesday 20 July 2021. Children will not be in school on Wednesday 21 July 2021 as it is a PD day. We hope all our Boldmere families have an enjoyable summer break and look forward to seeing you in September.

We also hope that all our families celebrating Eid ul-Adha on Tuesday 20 July 2021 have an enjoyable time. **If your child will be absent on this day due to these celebrations, please put this in writing to us in advance.**

Music Lessons – Year 3

Letters have been 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.**

Woodwind Lessons Cancelled tomorrow

Unfortunately, Miss Marklew is unable to attend tomorrow. Therefore, there will be no woodwind lessons.

Roald Dahl Day (Monday 13 September 2021)

Next term, as a way of celebrating the life and works of Roald Dahl, we will be joining in with the national Roald Dahl Day on Monday 13 September. We would love for the children to come to school dressed in a Roald Dahl inspired costume, if they wish to do so – the

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

wackier the better! We will also be focussing our first two weeks of writing lessons on the works of Roald Dahl, culminating in each child producing a piece of Roald Dahl inspired writing which we will share with parents. We look forward to seeing the many fantastic costumes.

Busy Bodies News:

September booking form- A reminder that your September booking forms are now overdue, to secure your place in September please ensure that you fill in and return your September form immediately. Fees must be paid no later than 31st August.

Registration fees for our current families- Please ensure that you have paid for your registration fees, otherwise your child's place will be offered to other families on our current waiting list.

Year 6 leavers- May we take this opportunity to wish all our year 6 leavers a wonderful transition to your new schools. We will miss you and wish you all the successes that your future holds.

As we draw to the end of this academic year may we kindly ask parents/guardians to check and ensure that your Busy Bodies ParentPay accounts are cleared with no balances outstanding. Should you require any advice about your balances please do not hesitate in contacting our Busy Bodies manager.

PTA – Huge Thanks!

In an academic year like no other and certainly one that we never want a repeat of, we continue to owe our PTA a massive debt of gratitude for their unwavering support during the ongoing challenges that we have all faced.

Our year 6 children and parents/carers also owe a huge thanks to our wonderful PTA as they have donated money to the school to pay for all of the activities and gifts organised by the year 6 staff for a memorable 'Year 6 Leavers Week'. Due to the generosity of our PTA, we have not needed to request any additional funding to cover the cost of the 'leavers week, so I am sure that the year 6 parents/carers are equally as thankful to be PTA as we are.

Thank you for supporting our year 6 children as they make the exciting move to their secondary schools. It is also reassuring to know that year 6 will still have a memorable leavers week, despite the challenges that continue to surround us all, which also prevent us doing what we would normally do for our year 6 children.

PTA News:

Ticket sales for the big PTA Raffle closed yesterday. Thank you so much to everybody that bought tickets to support the school. Good luck to all of you, we hope you win the thousands. 😊

Boldmere PTA were please to give the Infants school the funds for new books for every class. The Infants school put in a request as they were looking to diversify the books available to the children in their

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

classrooms. They wanted all the children to have access to books that they are able to identify with and books that provide them with positive role models. We are sure the infants parents will hear more when your kids come home talking about the new books they've read.

Boldmere PTA were pleased to give the Junior school the funds for leavers week celebrations for Year 6. The school put in a request explaining how Year 6 have had an incredibly challenging final year at Boldmere. They have not being able to partake in any of the usual residential, assemblies, clubs or productions. The School asked the PTA to help them celebrate as this would be the last time many of them would ever get to spend time together before they go to secondary school. The money donated has been spent on a Lego workshop, a magician performance with a workshop for each class and all of Year 6 will get a fun day on inflatables. We hope it goes some way for this Year 6 to enjoy their final weeks at Boldmere.

We are so pleased that after a hard fundraising year, where we were unable to hold our usual events that create the funds, we are still able to help enhance the education of pupils in the school and provide engaging activities which support the school and the pupils. Please see our social media <https://www.facebook.com/boldmereschoolspta> and <https://www.instagram.com/boldmerepta/> or get in touch through boldmere.pta@gmail.com 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.

Community News:

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!!!!!!

Summer Holiday Clubs

Attached to the newsletter are two flyers regarding holiday clubs and activities available during the summer holidays.

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.

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



'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.'