

# Boldmere Junior School

## Weekly Newsletter

21 September 2021

No 3

Dear Parents / Carers,

We have had a lovely week in school and the children have continued to show excellent attitudes towards their learning. Well done to all our pupils for a fantastic start to the year!

### Pupil Leaders

We are really looking forward to hearing speeches from our budding Eco Warriors and School Councillors. We are always so proud of the effort the children put into their speeches and to all the children for the respect they show to each other.

*Mrs Churchill*

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

All information for Culmington Manor will be sent out on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2021, via the school website (under the residential tab). Here, we will give information regarding activities the children will complete, staff attending, kit list and any other key information.

If you have any further questions, Mr Uppal and Miss Jackson will be available after school on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021 (3.30 – 3.45pm) at the Year 6 door. If you cannot make this, please email us via the year 6 enquiry email.

### Whizz-Kidz Sponsored Wheelchair Marathons

Please refer to the parentmail sent on Friday about this exciting event taking place during the week beginning Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September.

### 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.

### 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

**Thursday 21 July** – PDD – school closed to pupils

**Under new guidance isolating without any Covid symptoms is now unauthorised. The government guidance states that attendance is 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 you DO or DO NOT require your child to have the nasal flu vaccination. **All forms to be returned to the office by tomorrow morning at 9 am**

### **Reminder - 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.

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

A final 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).

### **Year 3 Online Login Details**

We have had some requests for online login details for Year 3 children. All Year 3 online learning logins will be sent out by the end of this week; we are working hard to finalise the last ones at the moment. These logins include: Mathletics, TT Rockstars, Spelling Shed, Letter Join and MYON Reading.

### **Term Dates – updated list attached**

We have been advised by the Local Authority that they have allocated Friday 22 July 2022 as a holiday to schools in lieu of the Queen's Jubilee celebrations which will take place during May/June half term. Therefore, the inset day/ PDD in July 2022, will now change to

#### **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)

Thursday 21 July 2022. The last day for pupils to attend school in the summer term 2022 will be Wednesday 20 July 2022.

## **Music Lessons**

Taster sessions have taken place this week for children in year 3 and 4 who have shown an interest in commencing music lessons. You will be advised shortly as to whether your child has been allocated a place. We do have spare places available for brass, woodwind, cello and violin. Please contact the school office if you would like your child to be considered for a place.

## **Karate Lessons**

Confirmation letters will be sent out tomorrow regarding Karate Lessons. Please note that we have had a large response to this after school club and we will be picking names 'out of the hat'. The maximum number is 20. Therefore, not all children who have shown an interest will have been allocated a place. We will keep a waiting list in the office should further spaces become available. You will be advised accordingly.

## **Busy Bodies:**

### **Recruitment at Busy Bodies:**

**Deputy Manager position at Busy Bodies**

**Play Worker/ Play Coordinator positions at Busy Bodies**

Further information is available from the school website or by contacting Busy Bodies direct.

## **PTA News:**

### **DATES FOR THE DIARY -**

#### **Wednesday 6th October 2021**

We will be holding the PTA AGM. The PTA do what we can supporting the school by raising money and providing essential things for the kids. **Please join us, find out what we do.** Be part of a fabulous team. Location details TBC.

#### **Friday 5th November 2021**

**FIREWORKS EXTRAVAGANZA** - more details to follow.

Have you joined our school lottery? For every £1 ticket that is entered, 40p goes back to the schools. Every week you have a chance of winning up to £25,000 while knowing you support YOUR school. Enter online now at [www.yourschoollottery.co.uk](http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk) Search for **Boldmere School**, register and you could be our next winner! Its easy.

Finally, if you want to join the PTA mailing list and receive information about our events and what we are up to, please let us know by sending your email address to [boldmere.pta@gmail.com](mailto:boldmere.pta@gmail.com) Any announcements will be sent out to the mailing list, but you have to be registered to receive them.

### **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*

See attached details from Tintagel Tutoring.

*'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.'*