

# Boldmere Junior School

## Weekly Newsletter

5 October 2021

No 5

### Our current value is : RESPECT

Dear Parents / Carers,

We have a lot of exciting things going on in school this week - our Twitter feed will show some of the wonderful things our children will be doing. Here is some of what we have been up to!

#### Black History Month

During the month of October, we will be celebrating Black History Month in school. Across the curriculum, lessons will allow children to learn and reflect on black history and we have some exciting assemblies planned for the coming weeks.

#### The Big Anti-Bullying Assembly

On Monday, we took part in The Big Anti-Bullying Assembly, where we talked about where to find support, people that can help us and creating a community of kindness.



#### National Poetry Day

We are celebrating National Poetry Day on Thursday this week by attending a live virtual crowd cast with Michael Rosen. Activities have also been planned within year groups.

#### Whizz-Kidz Wheelchair Challenge

A huge thank you to all the children who all took part in the wheelchair marathon last week and all worked together to completely smash the 26.2 miles goal! Despite the weather, everyone worked so hard and showed great resilience to achieve our goal, which was so much harder than we expected!

Thank you so much to all those who have generously sponsored the children and to those that have already collected their sponsors and kindly donated them to the Whizz-Kidz Parentpay page. Our total so far is a whopping - £1,080.50! 😊

Please keep collecting and donating and we will let you know as soon as we can, how much we have managed to raise. We will then be able to award the top three prizes to the best fundraisers!

Congratulations too, to Claire Lomas MBE, who inspired us to take up this challenge for her favourite charity, Whizz-Kidz. After many months of training,

### Our Celebrations!

#### Values Ambassadors:

3U: Theo D  
3H: Sophie  
3P: Mariyah  
4M: Joseph  
4W: Khadija  
5E: Ava  
5PJ: Maia  
5B: Hannah  
6J: Orla  
6F: Orlaith  
6FS: Brandon

#### Boldmere's Best Awards:

Assembly Ambassadors: 5B  
Lunchtime Leaders: 3P  
Marvellous Manners: 5PJ  
Spick and Span: 3P  
Responsible Role Models: 4K

#### House Points:

1<sup>st</sup> place – Warwick  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Lichfield & Stratford  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Kenilworth



she completed the London Marathon again on Sunday 3rd October, in a fantastic 6 hours 40mins in her handcycle.

## Parents' Evening Information

Please see attached letter for information about how to book for our parent's evening.

Tip 1: Week 5



## School Grid – School Meals – Dolce – Dietary Requirements and Allergy Information

As we continue to monitor our school meal facilities, we take the opportunity to remind parents/guardians that if your child has any food allergies or specific dietary requirements, that you should indicate this information on your child's School Grid account. We also take this opportunity to remind you of the need to ensure that your child's meal choices have been indicated on School Grid in advance.

Please see attached the Space Day menu for Thursday 7th October. There will be a lucky plate in the Infant and Junior School on that day which will win a prize.

Please place your food order via school grid in the normal way and arrange any payments as necessary.

## Music Lessons

Music contracts have now been sent out in a brown A4 to all new music children. Once parents/guardians receive this, please sign and return one copy of the contract to the school office asap. It is now possible for all pupils who receive music lessons provided by the music service (cello, woodwind, violin and brass), to make their payment of £80 for the autumn term 2021 via ParentPay.

## Covid Symptoms – Flow Chart

See attached a flow chart listing the three main covid-19 symptoms and action to be taken, which parents/guardians may find useful.

## Diary Dates

2021/22

### Autumn Term 2021

#### Monday 4 to Friday 8 October

Year 6 residential trip to Culmington Manor

#### 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

## Year 3 and Year 5 Virtual Author Visits

Parents/guardians of year 3 and year 5 children should have received a Parentmail regarding an online author visit that will be taking place later this term in school.

## Busy Bodies:

### October booking form.

Your October fees have now been debited on your ParentPay account, kindly check to ensure that your fees are paid and up to date. September additional sessions will be debited by the end of this week being **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October.**

May we take this opportunity to remind all parents/guardians that fees are paid a month in advance of care being provided. Should your child's account continually have an outstanding balance we reserve the right to withdraw care as advised in your parent contract with us.

### Allergies.

Please be aware that we are a healthy eating school and encourage our children to bring in healthy snacks where possible. We also have several children attending our club with different allergies, parents/guardians are advised to ensure that they are providing a healthy snack which does not contain any nuts/ seeds including peanuts, chocolate spread such as Nutella or snack bars containing these items.

All foods provided for our after school provision should be in a named lunch box and also clearly labelled to ensure that we can store the children's foods safely.

### Busy Bodies job vacancies.

Today is the final deadline for the three positions at our before and after school club. The Busy Bodies Manager would like to say a huge thank you to all our applicants and best wishes in the application process.

## PTA News:

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

Boldmere Schools PTA are holding their **Annual General Meeting** at **8pm on Thursday 21st October 2021 via Zoom.** If you would like to meet the team and be more involved with the PTA then please attend the Zoom AGM meeting. If you haven't seen the notice on last weeks parentmail and on facebook please email us on [boldmere.pta@gmail.com](mailto:boldmere.pta@gmail.com) for the details.

After 5 years running the PTA, the current Chair and Secretary will be standing down at the end of this school year (2022). If you would like to take on one of these roles, or help out and find out what these roles entail then please get in touch.

### **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 are currently organising the **Fireworks Extravaganza** and would love to hear from anyone who would like to play a part in this fabulous evening.

### **Community News:**

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

Boldtober is a series of 4 Saturdays in Boldmere that will include artisan market stalls, street performances, FREE children's entertainment and arts & crafts:

- Saturday 2nd October
- Saturday 9th October
- Saturday 16th October
- Saturday 23rd October

Come and join in the fun and explore Boldmere's large variety of independent retail shops from 10am to 3pm. Please see the poster attached.

### **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:

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