

# Boldmere Junior School

## Weekly Newsletter

2 November 2021

No 8

### **Our current value is : KINDNESS**

Dear Parents / Carers,

Firstly, welcome back everyone. We hope that you have all had a restful half term and we are thankful to welcome all of our children back into school.

The children have settled back in brilliantly and we are looking forward to sharing our news, celebrations and planned events with you in the coming weeks.

We also take this opportunity to wish all our families who will be celebrating Diwali this week, an enjoyable time

### **Reminder Regarding COVID-19.**

If your child displays any COVID-19 symptoms, they must have a PCR test and isolate at home until the results are received.

If results are negative, your child may return to school if they are well enough to do so.

If results are positive, your child must isolate for 10 days from the onset of symptoms or the test date.

If your child is taking a PCR test as they have been identified as a possible close contact, they can attend school as long as they have no COVID-19 symptoms.

Lateral flow testing should be used for asymptomatic testing. If your child has any COVID-19 symptoms, they must book a PCR test.

### **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.

### **Message from Mr Glasgow re: Bonfire Night – 5 November**

Details regarding this event are listed below under the 'PTA heading'. To reiterate the information provided by the PTA, if you will be attending this event, please walk to the event, if possible. This will help reduce the amount of cars parked on the road outside of school. If you do need to come by car, please be considerate to our neighbours by not parking across driveways etc. We also ask that you do not park across school exits from staff car parks, as these need to be accessible at all times. We thank you in anticipation of your co-operation.

**Please also note that under no circumstances will anyone be admitted unless they have a ticket.**

## **Our Celebrations!**

### **Values Ambassadors:**

**ED: Cole**

**3P: Ben**

**3H: Harry**

**3U: George**

**4W: James**

**4K: Nidhi**

**4M: Lilian**

**5PJ: Erin**

**5E: Lucy**

**5B: Chloe**

**6J: Raessa**

**6FS: Seamus**

**6F: Marty**

### **Boldmere's Best Awards:**

Assembly Ambassadors: 4M

Lunchtime Leaders: ED

Marvellous Manners: 3U

Spick and Span: 5E

Responsible Role Models: 6FS

### **House Points:**

1<sup>st</sup> place – Kenilworth

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Lichfield

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Stratford

4<sup>th</sup> Place - Warwick

## **Remembrance Day Assembly – 11 November 2021**

A reminder regarding our Remembrance Day assembly is on 11 November 2021.

### **Poppies for sale**

As you are aware, the school have been selling poppies to the children over the next few days and we asking for a donation of 50p per poppy. We also have a limited supply of extra items for sale, including zip pulls, poppy reflectors, silicon wristbands and snap bands. These items will be sold tomorrow and Thursday, subject to availability. All money raised will go towards the poppy appeal fund. The costs of these extra items are listed below:

- Zip pulls – 50p each**
- Reflectors – 50p each**
- Silicon wristbands - £1 each**
- Snap Bands - £1.50 each**

Please ensure your child brings in the **correct money for these items as it may not be possible for us to give change.** Please send your money in with your child to give to their class teacher. It is NOT possible to pay for these items or for the poppies via ParentPay. Poppies will be on sale for the rest of this week and into next week.

### **Children in Need**

Friday 19th November is the BBC's Children in Need appeal. We are inviting children to come in non-uniform with a theme of yellow or spots that day. **We are asking for a donation of £1 via ParentPay – you will be able to access this by using the link below:**

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=4248>

### **Harvest Festival**

Thank you for the kind donations that we received in school for Aston and Nechells Food bank.

### **Flu Immunisation**

If your child was absent yesterday and unable to receive the flu immunisation, you may wish contact the school nurse team on to organise an appointment for immunisation for your child. Their number is 0121 466 3460.

### **One Kind Word Week**

A reminder that this year's theme for Anti Bullying Week is 'One Kind Word'. We want to spread positive messages of kindness and celebrate what makes us all unique. The week begins on Monday 15th November which is odd socks day and we are inviting all children to wear odd socks to school that day. Throughout the week, children will take part in activities around the theme 'One Kind Word'.

### **Boldmere Values Newsletter**

See attached our values newsletter for November – 'Kindness'

### **Google Classroom**

## **Diary Dates**

**2021/22**

### **Autumn Term 2021**

#### **w/c Monday 15 November**

Anti bullying week (one kind word – details to follow.

#### **Monday 15 November**

Odd Sock Day – details to follow.

#### **Friday 19 November**

Children in Need Fundraising – non-uniform day with yellow/spots theme – details to follow.

#### **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

Google Classroom is the digital online platform for children that are self-isolating due to a positive Covid-19 test result.

When school receives notice from a parent/carer that the child has received a positive PCR test result, the child will be given access to the Google Classroom page. If the child is ill, there is no expectation for work to be completed, but if the child is well then work can be accessed, completed and sent in for the teacher to see. On the Google Classroom page, the child will find work that is in line with what is being taught in school.

## **Year 4 Residential Trip to Whitemoor Lakes – February 2022**

Confirmation of your child's place on the trip will be sent out next week, including a payment plan for the remainder of the cost. More details to follow.

## **Music Lessons - Reminder**

We still have some parents who have not yet paid for their child's music lessons (brass, cello, violin and woodwind). Please check your Parentpay account to be sure you are up to date. The cost for the whole of this term (Autumn term 2021 – September to December), is £80.

Re: **Guitar Lessons** – we are aware that Mrs Robinson, the guitar teacher, has spaces available. These are private lessons. If you are interested, please contact the school office and we will provide you with Mrs Robinson's contact number.

## **Eco-Tip Tuesday**

See attached details regarding eating more plant-based foods. However, please note that children should not bring nuts into school to eat as we have some children with severe nut allergies.

## **Busy Bodies:**

### **Busy Bodies families,**

Welcome back to all our families, we hope that you have had a lovely half term. We are looking forward to this new term and the various activities it will bring with it, we hope that all our children will enjoy all the opportunities that will be offered.

### **Use of henna**

To enjoy some of the festive celebrations this half term, the Busy Bodies team will be using henna to decorate the children's hands on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. **If your child/ren will be attending on this day, it is vitally important that parents /guardians inform the Busy Bodies Manager if for any reason you do not wish for child/ren to take part in this activity.** This may be due to any medical/ allergy related problems or just personal preference.

Reception Children will not be taking part in this activity but will be provided with other suitable crafts that they can participate in.

### **November booking form.**

We would like to thank all our families who handed in their forms on time, this helped us to ensure that our registers were up to date and ready for the new term. It is so vital that forms are handed in on time as it informs us of the children who will be attending on a daily basis. Your November fees have

## **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)

[bib-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:bib-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)

now been deducted on ParentPay, please ensure that your month's fee has been paid in full.

### **Safety notice.**

We have noticed a few children are again being dropped off at the school gate or parents waiting in the car for children to walk to the Busy Bodies door. May we remind all our families that it is their responsibility to ensure that they accommodate their children to the Busy Bodies door.

Children are not in our care until they have been handed over to a member of staff. On a few occasions the child/ren have been too small to reach the door bell and have had to wait for someone appropriate to assist them.

### **Drop off and collection**

Please note that some children are starting to attend earlier sessions in the morning than they have been booked in for, the Busy Bodies Manager will be monitoring early drop offs. We are not fully staffed until 8:00 am and as such only staff for the amount of children expected each day, and we will kindly ask parents/guardians to ensure that they are dropping off on time.

In the afternoon sessions, please ensure that once you have rang the Busy Bodies bell and have been acknowledged by a member of staff, please return to the waiting area to allow other parents to come to the door. Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

## **PTA News:**

### **Fireworks Night, Friday 5 November.**

**This is now sold out.** We are so so sorry if you were unable to get tickets. We did explain we had a reduced capacity and once the tickets were gone they were gone. We're sorry if you've missed out this time.

Doors Open at 5.30, Fireworks at 7pm.

We want to ensure that all those attending feel safe and comfortable. Please do not attend if you have COVID or are displaying COVID symptoms. We encourage the wearing of masks, maintaining a safe distant and the use of available hand sanitisers.

Please note that we can now take card payments for purchases. This would be our preferred method of payment. It might also save you bringing cash out on the night.

Events like this cannot go ahead without volunteer helpers. If you can help at the event please get in touch at [boldmere.pta@gmail.com](mailto:boldmere.pta@gmail.com)

On the evening there will be **no hot food on sale.** We are extremely sorry about this, but due to a combination of COVID restrictions and lack of volunteers, we are unable to offer this on the night. However there will be refreshments, sweets,

donuts and fun items to buy. All proceeds will benefit the schools.

Due to limited space please do not bring your own sparklers, fireworks or drones.

On the night please be aware of the usual 'flashing toy' sellers outside of school. They have been there for the last few firework displays. This money does not go to the school. We will be selling similar items inside the school at a better price.

Please consider walking to the event where possible and remember to be considerate to the local community by parking respectfully if driving.

We can't wait for us all to be back together as a school community raising money for the children.