

# Boldmere Junior School

## Weekly Newsletter

9 November 2021

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

Dear Parents / Carers,

We take this opportunity to thank our wonderful PTA for organising such a fantastic Bonfire Night event. Thank you to everyone who helped to make this an enjoyable evening.

This week our year 6 pupils gave their fantastic speeches to apply for the leadership roles of House, Vice Captains and Head boy and girl.

Mrs Mutch was also really pleased to have received over 100 applications for her reading champions.

Years 3 and 4 have thoroughly enjoyed their online author visits with Jennifer Killick and Thomas Taylor!

### **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.

**Please ensure you let the school office know, in advance, if you book a PCR test for your child and advise the office of the result of the test before your child returns to school.**

### **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.

### **Google Classroom**

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

### **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

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.

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

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

### **Poppies for sale**

Poppies will continue to be sold during this week.

### **Children in Need**

A reminder that 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>

### **Empties Please**

See attached information from Mrs Churchill and the Eco Committee regarding recycling of cartridges.

### **Whizz-Kidz Wheelchair Challenge – final total**

See attached information regarding this challenge

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

Confirmation of your child's place on the trip will be sent out by the end of this week, including a payment plan for the remainder of the cost. If you have not received a confirmation letter by Monday of next week, please contact the school office.

### **Early Help Process**

See attached parent/carer webinars in November and December regarding Early Help Process to learn what support parents/carers can access through Early Help.

### **Busy Bodies:**

No information for you this week from Busy Bodies, please check next week's newsletter

### **PTA News:**

#### **PTA back with a Bang!**

The Fireworks event on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November was a great success! Thank you to all who purchased tickets, we hope you enjoyed the fantastic display. A special thanks to everyone who volunteered (both staff and parents), without whom the event wouldn't have been possible.

### **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)  
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[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)

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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)

### **New PTA Chair Elected**

Following this year's AGM on 21<sup>st</sup> October, Simon Clifford was elected as new Chairperson of the PTA. A huge thanks to Melanie Holloway for the incredible effort and service she has given during her time as Chair of the PTA. Mel will continue as Vice-Chair for this year to assist with handover.

### **Christmas Themed Events – Call for Volunteers**

We are hoping to run the Elfridges gift shop and a Christmas Fair this year, but we really need volunteers to help with these. If you feel this is something you are able to help with, please get in touch via our Social Media or email [boldmere.pta@gmail.com](mailto:boldmere.pta@gmail.com) and keep your eye out for an announcement of the next PTA meeting.

### **Christmas Cards & Gifts**

This week all children will be creating their own Christmas design in class which will be available for purchase on Christmas cards, mugs, gift wrap etc. As soon as the designs have been completed and received by the printing company, all children will receive details on how to order items. These will make lovely Christmas gifts for family and friends.

### **The BIG Christmas Raffle**

Fancy winning £5,000 and helping our kids too?

Boldmere School's PTA are taking part in ParentKind's BIG PTA Raffle. Tickets cost £3 which are entered into 12 daily raffle draws from 7-18 December. Further details are available via this link <https://www.bigptaraffle.co.uk/support/boldmere-junior-school-and-infant-school-pta-b73>