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Dear Parents/Carers,

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.

Reception 2022 Open Day

Today we have welcomed prospective Reception parents for September 2022. It was lovely to be able to showcase the school to outside visitors. If you were unable to attend, please contact the school office as we may be able to facilitate a further session in the future.

Happy Diwali

Wishing any of our family and friends celebrating this week a Happy Diwali.



Play Leader Vacancy

We urgently require 2 play leaders for lunch times. Please contact the school office if you would like to become part of our lunchtime team. The job description is attached for your information.

Harvest Festival

Thank you very much for the kind donations that have been sent into school. We have sent over 40 bags of food and toiletries to the Aston and Nechells Food bank.

Our Value This Half Term Is 'Kindness'

We have used the following definition with the children: Kindness is when we are friendly, thoughtful and generous; Kindness is offering to help; Kindness is thinking of another person, sometimes before yourself; Kindness is looking out for or supporting others. Ways to help at home: Children will be taking home a 'Random Act of Kindness' form which you can use to share with school a kind act that your child shows at home. We look forward to seeing the kind acts that the children do. Please see the attached flier for more information.

Congratulations Board

Year One - Hannah, Ruqayyah and Maksim.

Year Two - Alex, Lewis and Annabelle.

Diary Dates.

Tuesday 2nd November- Open day for Reception 2022 Intake, 9.30am and 5.30pm. Sessions must be pre-booked.

Friday 5th November- PTA Firework Show

Friday 19th November- Children in Need fundraising, non-uniform day with a yellow theme or spots.

Friday 17th December- Break up for Christmas holidays.

Tuesday 4th January 2022- Professional Development Day-school closed to all pupils.

Wednesday 5th January- School re-opens to pupils.

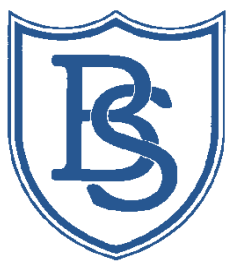
Friday 18th February- Break up for half term holidays.

Monday 28th February- School re-opens to all pupils.

Friday 8th April- Break up for Easter holidays.

One Kind Word Week

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'.



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Reception Admissions - September 2022

The online application process is now live to register your child for Reception 2022. Please visit the website at: www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions for further information. The closing date for applications is **Saturday 15th January 2022**.

Lost property

We have a lot of unnamed lost property in school. **Please make sure that you name all of your child's clothes.** We will put all lost property between the two schools on Wednesday 3rd November at the end of the school day. Any unclaimed clothing will be disposed of after this date.

Message From Mr Glasgow-

The PTA Firework show event on Friday 5th November is a ticket only event and under no circumstances whatsoever will anyone be admitted unless they have a ticket. If you are attending this event please can we ask you to walk to school if possible to avoid congestion around the school site. If you do need to drive to school please be considerate to our neighbouring residents by not blocking driveways. Please do not park across school exits or staff car parks as these will need to be accessible at all times.

Year Two Parents

Transfer from Year 2 to Year 3 September 2022

- Letters were sent home last week to all year two children.
- The transfer from Year 2 to Year 3 online application form can be found by visiting:
- www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions
- The closing date for applications is **Saturday 15th January 2022**.

Poppy Appeal

- Poppies will be on sale from tomorrow. If your child would like to purchase a poppy, we will be asking for a minimum of 50p donation.

Reception, Nursery and Resource Base Sponsored Walk

Thank you to everyone who has raised sponsorship money for our annual sponsored walk. So far Nursery have raised £456.50, Reception have raised £1051.60 and the Resource Base have raised £112.00. Remaining sponsorship monies can be paid in via Parentpay. All monies raised will be spent on updating our outdoor resources. Please help support our school.

Lego

If anybody has any Lego that they no longer require, please would you consider donating it to school. Thank you.

Nursery Admissions September 2022

Nursery registrations forms to apply for a nursery place for September 2022 are available from the Infant school office.

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 which can be paid via Parentpay. Here is the link: <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=4673>

Reminder:

Please can we remind all families that dogs (with the exception of guide dogs) are not allowed onto the school site. This includes the area between both schools, near the bike shelter. Thank you for your co-operation.

Email addresses for correspondence specific to your child's class/year group.

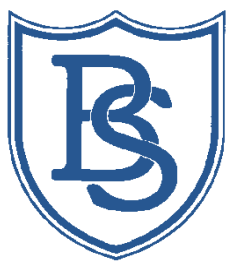
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Busy Bodies News

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 3rd 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 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 rung 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 5th 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

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.

Mrs S Kenny

Head of
School

02/11/2021