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Dear Parents/Carers,

Message from Mrs Kenny

Welcome back to everyone after our half term break in the midst of storm Ciaran! I have heard some lovely holiday tales from children this week and I know that Barnaby and Beattie Bear have enjoyed their adventures with families during the holiday! Please can all bears make their way back to school by tomorrow in order that they may plan for their next days out!

As ever, at this time of year we are preparing for a busy few weeks in the run up to Christmas but we still have lots of learning to do in addition to the fun festivities in December. Our monitoring this half term will continue to be phonics and reading so please can we encourage parents to continue practising each day with your children. We cannot stress the importance of developing reading skills at this young age, it opens up the "window to the world" for children!

Our first community event is being held on Friday this week with the PTA annual Firework Extravaganza! If you have never before been, I would encourage you to buy tickets and join in with the fun. Tickets are selling fast though so please visit the PTA website for further information. Staff are looking forward to watching the display and seeing lots of you there munching on burgers and enjoying hot chocolate! The event is always amazing and raises much needed funds for school activities.

Dates for Christmas concerts and plays are listed in the diary section of the newsletter this week so please make a note. We would like to give advance warning of our Jolly Christmas Jumper day on Friday 8th December, and Rudolph Run week of 11-15th December. Further details will follow next week but please visit the link below for further information:

<https://www.birminghamhospice.org.uk/get-involved/fundraise/events/jolly-jumper-day/>

<https://www.birminghamhospice.org.uk/get-involved/fundraise/events/rudolph-run/>

We break up on Friday 22nd December this year so there is plenty of fun going on in the meantime!

Reception Open Day is being held tomorrow, **Wednesday 8th November at 9.30am and 5.00pm**. No booking is required, but we look forward to meeting prospective parents at the sessions.

Photographs Photograph proofs were delivered to school last night so proofs will be sent home with children today. Please note that all orders are placed directly online with **essayphotography**.

Diary Dates

Friday 10th November - Bonfire Night
Monday 13th November - Odd Socks Day
Friday 17th November - Children in Need
Friday 8th December - Festive Jumper Day
Monday 11th December - 9.30am Penguin's Christmas Performance
Monday 11th December - 2.00pm Owl's Christmas Performance
Tuesday 12th December - 9.30am Hedgehog's Christmas Performance
Tuesday 12th December - 2.00pm Seal's Christmas Performance
Wednesday 13th December - 9.30am Robin's Christmas Performance
Wednesday 13th December - 2.00pm Lion's Christmas Performance
Thursday 14th December - 10.30am & 2.30pm Nursery Christmas songs
Monday 18th December - 2.00pm Parrot's Christmas Performance
Tuesday 19th December - 2.00pm Bear's Christmas Performance
Wednesday 20th December - 2.00pm Frog's Christmas Performance
Thursday 21st December - Christmas Party day
Friday 22nd December - Break up for Christmas holidays.
Monday 8th January 2024 - School closed for professional development day.
Tuesday 9th January - School re-opens to all pupils.
Friday 9th February - Break up for half term holidays.
Monday 19th February - School re-opens to all pupils.



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Anti-Bullying Week- 13th -17th November

This year the theme is '**Make a Noise About Bullying**'. We will be starting the week by asking children to wear odd socks to school on **Monday 13th November**. This helps to send an important message to our children that everyone is different and unique and that they should be allowed to be themselves, free from bullying.

Throughout the week children will learn about what bullying is via assembly and classroom activities. A key link will be made with our value Kindness. When discussing bullying with children the following definition will be shared;

'Bullying is the repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group where the relationship involves an imbalance of power. Bullying can be verbal, physical or psychological. It can happen face to face or online'.

Please refer to our school website under the tab 'Safeguarding and Wellbeing' for further information and useful links about bullying.



Remembrance Day

Children will be learning about Remembrance Day during their PSHE lessons this week and we will hold a minutes silence on Friday at 11.00am as a mark of respect. Our school council representatives will also be selling poppies each day for the Royal British Legion. We are requesting a minimum donation of 50p so please support this worthy cause.

Thank you.

Children In Need 2023

We are joining in with the BBC's **Children in Need** appeal on **Friday 17th November**. This year's theme is 'Spotacular'. Children can wear their own clothes to school, including something spotty. We are asking for a donation of £1 which can be paid via ParentPay. Please use link below:

app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=12316

We will also be holding a **cake sale** on this day. Please send cakes, homemade or shop bought, into school on Friday. Children will have the opportunity to buy a cake to eat in school. Children may bring a cash donation into school, we suggest 50p, please be aware that change will not be given. Any cakes left over will be available to purchase at the end of the day from the Dining Hall.

There will be a competition for homemade entries - Mrs Kenny is looking forward to judging!

Allergies- We ask that cakes do not include nuts as we are a nut free school. If your child has a specific allergy and you wish to send a cake for your child to eat, then please discuss and arrange this with the class teacher.

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.



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Reception Admissions - September 2024

The online application process is now live to register your child for Reception 2024. Please visit the website at: www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions for further information. The closing date for applications is **Monday 15th January 2024**.

Year Two Parents Transfer from Year 2 to Year 3 September 2024

Letters will be sent home later this week to all Year 2 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 **Monday 15th January 2024**.

Nursery September 2023

We have had a few afternoon Nursery places become available. If you know of or have a child whose date of birth is between 01/09/19 and 31/08/20 who may be interested in a place, please contact the school office on 0121 464 2338 for further information.

Email addresses for correspondence specific to your child's class/year group.
bib-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk
nursery-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk
reception-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk
yr1-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk
yr2-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

Data Checking Forms

We still have some outstanding data checking forms that were given out at parents evening. Please could all forms be checked, amended if necessary, signed and returned to the school office as soon as possible.

Boldmere Christmas Festival 2023

Please find attached the flier with details of the forthcoming festival.

Boldmere Family Displays

We consider our school to be a very large family, therefore we would love your child to bring in a family photograph next week. We want to make a whole school "Boldmere Family" display to celebrate how families and schools work together. Please note that photographs are being used for a display so they may fade or be pinned (a copy or spare photograph is ideal).

Congratulations Board

Year 1 - Imogen, Isla-Rose & Bonnie
Year 2 - Ellison, Maya & Rosie

Dolce School Catering

If you would like to contact Dolce our school catering company regarding anything to do with school lunches please contact them via customercare@dolce.co.uk



Happy Diwali

Wishing all of our family and friends that will be celebrating at the weekend a Happy Diwali.

M&M Theatre Productions

We are excited to be welcoming M&M Theatre Productions into school again on Wednesday 15th November for a performance of Aladdin. The cost to school for the performance is £1200. We welcome voluntary contributions for the performance, and are suggesting a payment of up to £5 per child. ParentPay is set up accordingly today for parental contributions. Thank you in advance.

School Attendance

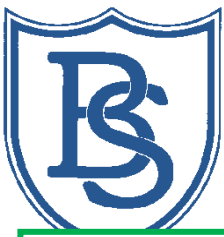
Please see the link below for advice from the DfE on promoting strong attendance throughout the autumn term.

https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

Newsletter:

The weekly newsletter can also be found on the school website:

<https://www.boldmere.bham.sch.uk>



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Boldmere Inclusion Base News from Mrs Preece

BIB Newsletter November 7th 2023

Celebrations

Zak James in Giraffes for engaging well in the bread making lesson.

Jayden in LK for a positive attitude in class and for working hard in Math lessons.

Musab in ED for always helping others and showing kindness.

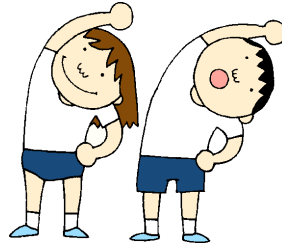


PE Champion

Corey in Giraffes

Shane in LK

Cole in ED



On **November 15th** we have been invited to join the Infants School to watch a performance of Aladdin by the M and M Theatre company. We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £5 per child, payable on Parent Pay towards the cost of the morning.

Coffee Morning **November 17th** 9.15-10.30- please do come along, if you have misplaced your letter, let your class teacher know if you can attend.

Busy Bodies News

Welcome back to our Busy Body parents, we hope you all had a lovely half-term break.

Thank you to all of those parents who have handed in their November booking forms, unfortunately, there are a few booking forms that are late, forms received from today will incur an admin fee of £5

This week at Busy Bodies-

The children will be kept very busy with our many crafts activities planned for this week, the themes will be Fireworks, Remembrance Day poppies and Diwali. For Diwali, children can have henna patterns painted onto their hands, if your child has any allergies please inform us.

Our Remembrance Day poppies will be displayed in the window at the Co-op on Boldmere Road, recently our children coloured pictures with an Autumn pumpkin theme.



Mrs S Kenny
Head of
School
7/11/2023

Swanika Kenny

Our Vision: The Federation of Boldmere Schools empowers all children to embrace learning; achieve their personal best; and build their social, emotional and physical wellbeing.

