



NEWSLETTER - NOV 1

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that everyone has had a lovely half term and those who celebrated Diwali, enjoyed time with their families. This week has seen the children settle well into learning and we are pleased to see positive attitudes displayed throughout school. As part of our ongoing monitoring, we have been observing behaviours throughout the day and are very pleased to see our school values of respect and kindness being shown. Our school value this half term is Kindness and Mrs Mason has provided further information, later in the newsletter.

A busy half term is ahead of us, starting this week with our annual PTA Firework Extravaganza. Tickets for the event are still available and we would like to remind you that admission is with **ticket only**, bought in advance. The event is hugely popular and we look forward to seeing lots of you for the evening.

Next week we have The Ridiculous Rhyme Show production visiting us on Wednesday. Information for this event has been circulated previously but we still require payments of £3.00 per child please, payable via parentpay. We will be joining in with BBC Children in Need on Friday - the theme is Superheroes and we would encourage children to dress up for the day. We will be holding a fund-raising cake sale during the day and Mrs Kenny will judge the home-made cakes during the morning.

Remembrance Day

Children will be learning about Remembrance Day this week. Our School Council Representatives will be selling poppies this week for the Royal British Legion. We are requesting a minimum donation of 50p for this worthy cause. Thank you!

Reception Open Day

Will be held on **Wednesday 6th November at 9.30am and 5.00pm**. No booking is required, but we look forward to meeting prospective parents at the sessions.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 6th November - School Open Day for Reception 2024, 9.30am and 5.00pm
Thursday 7th November - Year 1 Eye tests
Friday 8th November - PTA Firework Event
Wednesday 13th November - CBeebies Ridiculous Rhyme Rocket Show
Friday 15th November - Children in Need
Monday 25th November - Pantomime Performance
Monday 2nd December - INSET Day - school closed to pupils
Monday 9th December - 9.30am (RT) Penguins' Christmas Performance
Monday 9th December - 2pm (1L) Owls' Christmas Performance
Tuesday 10th December - 2pm (1H) Seals' Christmas Performance
Wednesday 11th December - 9.30am (RM) Hedgehogs' Christmas Performance
Thursday 12th December - 9.30am (RI) Robins' Christmas Performance
Thursday 12th December - 2pm (1M) Meerkats' Christmas Performance
Friday 13th December - PTA Elfridges
Friday 13th December - Rudolph Run for Birmingham Hospice
Monday 16th December - 2pm (2B) Bears' Christmas Performance
Tuesday 17th December - 2pm (2P) Frogs' Christmas Performance
Wednesday 18th December - 2pm (2S) Lions' Christmas Performance
Thursday 19th December - Christmas Party Day
Friday 20th December - Church Service **tb**
Friday 20th December - Break up for Christmas holidays.

Staffing update

We would like to welcome Mr Hatfield as Site Manager across both the Infant and Junior School Sites. Welcome to the Boldmere Team!



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Anti-Bullying Week: 11th-15th November

This year the theme is 'Choose Respect' We will be starting the week by asking children to wear odd socks to school on Monday 11th 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 through assemblies and classroom activities. A key link will be made with our values of respect and kindness. When discussing bullying with the 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.

School Council Representatives

A huge thank you to all of the school council applicants this year. Children cast their votes and the following school council representatives were chosen to represent their classes.

2B Bears- Elisha and Mickey

2P Frogs- James G and Mila

2S Lions- Elsie and Lewis

1M Meerkats- Samuel and Orla

1L Owls- Evie and Miles

1H Seals- Elsie and Oliver

Mrs Mason is looking forward to the first meeting this Wednesday.

Year 2: Times Tables Rockstars! (TT Rockstars)

We are excited to announce that Year 2 will have access to the online game 'TT Rockstars'. By the end of Year 2 children are expected to know their 2, 5 and 10 times tables so this is a fun way to practise at home.

Please look out for a separate parentmail with information on how to access and play the game. Your child will be bringing home a paper copy with their personal login details on Friday, stuck into the inside of their reading record.

Children In Need - Friday 15th November

Superhero dressing up and Cake Sale

To raise money for Children Need this year we are suggesting a £1 donation for children to dress up as a superhero for the day! All children are superheroes in our eyes and therefore they can dress up as their own superhero or their favourite superhero. Costumes aren't needed it may involve a mask, a cape or children's own choice of clothing- whatever they feel comfortable in to show off their super powers! Your donation can be paid via ParentPay using the following link:

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=15689>

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, 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, 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.



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The Ridiculous Rhyme Show
By Joe Chambers and Andrew Crawford

As soon as **Cbeebies**

The presenters of hit BBC children's show 'The Rhyme Rocket' are visiting to perform their live production 'The Ridiculous Rhyme Show'.

The aim of the show is to encourage children to have fun and engage with creative wordplay through music, comedy and interactive performance.

This exciting and high energy theatre production will take place at school and offers a great opportunity for children to further explore the English language.

www.laughnlearn.co.uk

CBeebies

We are very excited to have arranged a visit to school by Joe Chambers, who presents the CBeebies TV show '[The Rhyme Rocket](#)' on **Wednesday 13th November**. Joe and his team are coming to Boldmere to present...

[The Ridiculous Rhyme Show](#)

The aim of the show is to promote English and encourage children to engage and have fun with creative wordplay through interactive performance. It's an upbeat show full of songs and comedy and has been received immensely well by schools across the UK as a unique learning tool to supplement the English curriculum. Lots of laughter, lots of creative learning.

Info for parents can be found here

<https://www.laughnlearn.co.uk/info-for-parents>.

To facilitate this show, we are requesting a parental contribution of **£3.00** per child, payable on **ParentPay**.

PTA Firework Event

Volunteers needed **Friday 8th November 2024** - Could You Volunteer?
Every Boldmere PTA Event relies on volunteers to organise and run them. The Annual Boldmere PTA Fireworks show, on **Friday 8th November**, is a professional fireworks display and is well attended by the school and the wider local community.

The event needs a lot of volunteers in order to run safely and maximise the funds raised that will benefit your children attending Boldmere Infant and Junior School.

There are many opportunities to Volunteer, such as:- Marshalls, set up and clear up the event, prepare food, sell food and drink, sell treats and flashing toys, we also need help to organise, hire goods, purchase stock and coordinate volunteers for the event.

All the roles and details of what is involved and the times you're required are on our website.

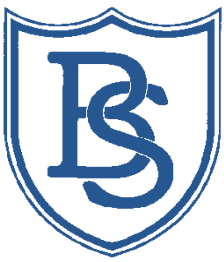
All volunteers receive free entry to the event and those helping at the event will get refreshments, all as a gesture of thanks for your time and resource volunteered to the PTA.

Please see the "Can you help?" section of our website <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/boldmere> and sign up the PTA raise funds that will benefit your children.



Diwali Celebrations

We hope that all of our families who celebrated Diwali enjoyed their celebrations. Savasha (Year 4) and Sachee (Year 1) created a super information poster at home which is at the end of this Newsletter. Thank you!



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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.

Harvest Thanks

Thank you for all of the donations for our Harvest Festival. These have now been collected by the Aston and Nechells Food Bank.

Safety on the grounds

Reminder that scooters and bicycles should not be used on the school paths/playgrounds at the start/end of the day. We have a number of children (and even some parents) who are riding bikes and scooters along the paths and it is becoming quite dangerous for our young children when entering/leaving the building.

Allergies/food intolerances

If your child has any allergies, please ensure that this information is added to School Grid (Dolce) when you register your child for school meals. This must be completed in addition to notifying the school office. Dolce manage our lunch provision and it is parent's responsibility to provide food allergy information directly to Dolce via the online portal.

Reception Admissions - September 2025

The online application process is now live to register your child for Reception 2025. Please visit the website at:

www.birmingham.gov.uk/school-admissions for further information.

The closing date for applications is **Wednesday 15th January 2025**.

Year Two Parents Transfer from Year 2 to Year 3 September 2025

The transfer from Year 2 to Year 3 online application form can be found by visiting:

www.birmingham.gov.uk/school-admissions

The closing date for applications is

Wednesday 15th January 2025.

Congratulations Board

Congratulations to these children who are on the Congratulations Board this week:

Year 1: Parker, Noah, Viktor

Year 2: Leo, Zion and Isla-Rose



Ordering Lunches-School Grid

Please can we remind parents that you need to order lunches for your child via School Grid. If your child is absent from school, please remember to cancel any ordered lunches as soon as possible to help reduce any wasted meals.

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

Attendance - updated policy

Our amended Attendance Policy will be circulated on parentmail at the end of this week.

Please can we remind all parents/carers that you need to call (01214642338) or email enquiry-

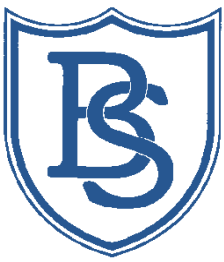
inf@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

before 9am in the morning if your child is going to be absent from school (illness or Religious Observance) or if they are going to be late for any reason.

If we have not heard from you then a call will be made to you

Medical Appointments

A reminder that if your child will be absent from school, arrive late or have to leave early due to a medical appointment we do need to see some evidence in the school office. We will need to keep a copy of this to support your child's medical attendance mark on the registers.



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Busy Bodies Information

November booking form

The November booking form is available to download from Federation of Boldmere School Website from the 16th October and should have been returned by the 23rd October. Any forms received after this date will now incur a late fee of £6.

BIB Newsletter for week beginning 21st October 2024

BIB classes are all busy and enjoying their Bonfire activities this week. Giraffe class and ED are making edible fireworks, and chalk drawings of bonfires, whilst LK are creating wax resistant pictures of fireworks!

Giraffe class are also reading Whatever Next and have had fun building cardboard rockets to take them to the moon. ED have shown good listening skills whilst engaging with The Gruffalo - their favourite story and are also becoming more confident with the morning routines each day -well done everyone.

LK are sharing their ideas about adventures and have begun their new class novel, Brave and the fox. In maths this week they are learning the 6 timetables. A big welcome back to Aleen, who has returned to school this week - your friends have all missed you but we are glad to have you back!

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

School Emails

The two separate email addresses for Infants/Juniors are:

enquiry-inf@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

enquiry-jun@boldmere.bham.sch.uk



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

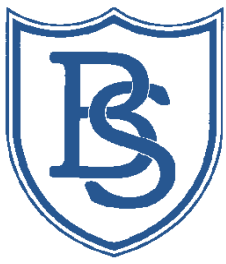
<https://www.boldmere.bham.sch.uk>

Sarahanna Kenny

Mrs S Kenny
Head of School
5/11/2024

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.





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Happy Bandi Chhor Divas!!!



Bandi Chhor Divas means 'Liberation Day' and is a Sikh festival, it celebrates the release of Guru Hargobind Ji and 52 Hindu Princes who were held captive by the Moghuls at Gwalior Fort Prison, in 1619.

[Video](#)

Bandi Chorr Divas and Diwali fall on the same day each year, this year, it is on 1st November 2024.

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