

NEWSLETTER - NOVEMBER 1

Dear Parents

Goundforce Day - Saturday 11th November, 9:00-12:00

Teachers and members of the PTA will be joining us for a community event like no other. **WE NEED YOU TO SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL!** Please come and help us for a few hours on Saturday 11th November 9.00am-12.00pm at school. Please see separate letter sent home for more information.

Anti-Bullying Week 13th-17th November 2017

This year we are taking part in Anti Bullying week. The theme is "all different, all equal" and we are encouraging children to wear odd socks all week. The children will be participating in lots of activities which will encourage them to think about how to be a good friend and how to support one another. Look out for a review of what we have been up to on our website. For more information and advice on bullying please visit www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk.

E-safety reminder

As part of our anti bullying week we will be recapping e-safety with the children.

Congratulations Board

Lydia Close (1C), Laura Sheridon (1E), Abigail Bolton (1H), Tiah Smith (2B), Cameron Woollaston (2T), Finlay Sharples (2W).

Celebrating Attendance

Contratulations to 2W, Lion Class for achieving 98.67% attendance last week. Well done Lions!

Our Values

Our value this half term is 'kindness'. Adults in school are on the lookout for acts of kindness and any children who have been 'caught in the act of kindness' will be rewarded with a sticker and a certificate explaining their kind act. We are also encouraging children to carry out random acts of kindness when they are outside of school. Forms will be sent home in book bags which can be completed and sent back into school explaining your child's act of kindness. We will be displaying these on our 'Kindness' washing line in the school hall. If you haven't received a form, please ask your child's class teacher for another.

Maths Workshops

Year One - 8th November

Year Two - 9th & 10th November

Thank you to all Year One parents who attended today's workshop.

We look forward to welcoming the rest of Year One and Year Two parents for the remaining sessions. Please note that babies and pre-school children cannot be accommodated, the focus of these sessions are the children.



Twitter

Exciting news! Boldmere Infants (Reception to Year Two) twitter account is up and running. This will allow you to see regular updates of what we are all up to at school. When your child started school a consent form was distributed regarding your child being photographed for the internet. Most parents gave their permission for their children to be photographed for this purpose, however if you object to your child being photographed for the school Twitter account, please put it in writing for the attention of Mrs Kenny, the schools designated safeguard lead, by Friday 20th November.

New Arrival!

Congratulations to Cameron Jones (1C) on the birth of Arthur, his new baby brother. Welcome to our school family!

Deadline for Applications for Reception 2018 and Transfer from Year Two to Three

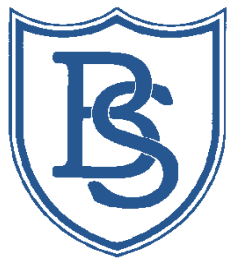
- Please visit www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions to submit your application by 4th December 2017. The final closing date is 15th January 2018.



Poppy Appeal

Poppies are now available to buy in school for 50p each.





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Travelling to School by Car

I am finding it incredibly difficult to understand why some of our parents/carers who bring their children to school by car, choose to park in such an inconsiderate manner.

It saddens me deeply that we have a small minority of persistent offenders who make the wrong choices about parking appropriately. It is very frustrating that some parents/carers do not think about the repercussions of choices of where to park.

I cannot believe that people would choose to stop on double yellow lines or indeed park on them. The double yellow lines on the top bend by the infant school are there for a reason. We are all aware of the law and how important it is to set our children the right examples, so please do not park on these double yellow lines.

There is also a clearly marked NO STOPPING ZONE outside the front of the school and choosing to stop or park on the zig-zag markings puts the children and other pedestrians at risk. Why you would choose to do this is not something that can be explained.

The school has also received lots of complaints from our neighbouring community about people who park outside their drop down kerb. Again this is totally inconsiderate, even if you are only going to be there for dropping off or picking up.

I would like to urge you to think carefully about where to park or indeed make every effort to walk to school. This issue is not something that can be resolved by school but by the sensible choices that are made by parents/carers in relation to this matter. It is imperative that we keep our children safe!

If you are one of the persistent parking offenders, please do your utmost to park with greater consideration for others. I would like to thank you in advance for your co-operation on this matter.

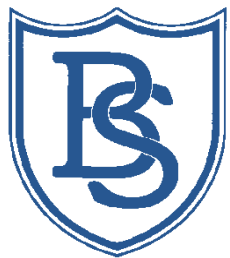
Mr Carl Glasgow
Executive Headteacher

Busy Bodies Parents & Carers

Please note that we have a number of November bookings still outstanding which makes it very difficult for us to have accurate registers. We are also still experiencing a lot of problems with ParentPay, despite the hard work of both Wendy and Kerema. Please bear with us. Having your booking forms in on time would really help this difficult transition to work effectively. Thank you for your understanding.

PTA News

Thank you to everyone who came to bonfire night. We hope you had a lovely time and enjoyed it as much as we did. If you have any feedback we would love to hear it. The next PTA meeting is at the Harvester in Boldmere on Wednesday 8th November at 8pm. It would be lovely to see you all. We have to start planning the Christmas fair so if you want to get involved please do come along. We are starting to collect now for the Christmas fair. Are you having a clear out? We are looking for any cuddly toys. Please don't throw them away, we'll take them off your hands. Watch this space for more Christmas news!



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Children in Need

Friday 17th November

This year we will be raising money for Children In Need by following the 'Do your thing' theme. Children will be able to wear their own clothes (pyjamas, hobby/sports, dress-up) for a £1 donation. We will also be having a cupcake/ biscuit sale during school hours. Cupcakes/ biscuits will be sold for 50p each and we ask that children only buy one cupcake/ biscuit each. If we have lots left we will be selling them after school in the dining room. We are asking if children could provide the cupcakes or biscuits for the sale. It would be fantastic if we could stick with the 'Do your thing' theme and have your own designs and decorations. We ask that any cupcakes/ biscuits are sent into school on Friday 17th. If they are sent in containers which you would like to be returned, please label with your child's name and class. If your child has an allergy and you wish to send some cupcakes/ biscuits specifically for them please label this on the container and we will ensure they receive them.

DIARY DATES

8th November - 9:15-10:15 Y1 Maths Workshop
9th & 10th November - 9:15-10:15 Y2 Maths Workshop
11th November - Ground Force Day
17th November - Children in Need
20th & 21st November - 9:15-10:15 Reception Maths Workshop
11th December - 9:30 Reception Dress Rehearsal
12th & 13th December - 1:45 Reception Performance
13th December - Y2 Singing at New Oscott Village
14th December - 9:30 Y1 Dress Rehearsal
14th & 15th December - 1:45 Y1 Performance
18th December - 9:30 Y2 Dress Rehearsal
18th & 19th December - 1:45 Y2 Performance
20th December - 10:30/2:30 Nursery Christmas Songs
21st December - Christmas Parties
22nd December - 9:45 Christmas Service at St Michael's Church
22nd December - Break up for Christmas holidays
8th January 18 - PD Day, closed to pupils
9th January 18 - School re-opens to all pupils
14th/15th February 18 - Parents Evening
16th February 18 - Break up for half term
Please visit the Birmingham City Council website for next year's term dates.

Lost Jewellery

We have had an item of jewellery handed into the office. Please contact us on 0121 464 2338 if you feel it may belong to you.

Samantha Kenny

Mrs S Kenny
Head of School
7th November 2017