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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.



Remembrance Day

On Thursday 11th November the children will be respecting the two-minute silence for Remembrance.

They will be discussing the meaning behind Remembrance day in an age-appropriate way with their class teacher. CBeebies have a powerful video that we will be sharing with children. The video is an animation following a rabbit through a field of poppies and can be found at this link <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/poppies>

Christmas Arrangements

We are extremely pleased to be making arrangements for Christmas celebrations at school, including performances and concerts. At this current time, we are planning to invite parents into school to attend all events. Our provisional dates are as follows...

Reception performances 9.30am-

Monday 6th December-RB, Tuesday 7th -RK, Wednesday 8th -RH

Year 1 performances 2.00pm-

Monday 6th December-1S, Tuesday 7th -1T, Wednesday 8th -1C

Year 2 performances 2.00pm-

Monday 15th December-2S, Tuesday 16th -2M, Wednesday 17th - 2PB

However, we must advise all parents/carers that should school need to implement the Covid-19 management plan, then arrangements may change as we approach the Christmas period. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Governor Visits

This week we are welcoming members of our Governing Board into school for their termly monitoring visit. The focus of the visit is our Boldmere curriculum, and the Governors will be visiting classrooms, speaking to teachers and children and looking at progression from Nursery to Year 2, as well as spending time at Junior school. We will feedback their thoughts and findings in the newsletter next week. Thank you in advance, to all Governors who are giving up their time to attend.

Diary Dates.

Monday 15th November - Odd socks day

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'.

Congratulation Miss Taylor

Congratulations to Miss Taylor who gets married on Saturday. We hope you have a lovely day and wish you all the best for the future. Miss Taylor's new name will be Mrs Lloyd.



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PTA Firework Display

A huge thank you to everyone who supported this event last Friday. It was a delight to see so many families in attendance and Mrs. Kenny was just as excited as all the children were! Thank you to our brilliant staff and PTA for volunteering to help on the stalls, setting up, marshalling and putting away. It is a huge responsibility to undertake any event, even more so recently, and it is only made possible with many hands and an army of helpers. A fantastic time was had by all and we look forward to further events later this year.

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>

Send Briefing Parent Webinars

Please find attached details of parent webinars in November and December regarding Early Help Process and to learn what support you can access through Early Help.

Poppy Appeal

Poppies are on sale in school. 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 **£716.50**, Reception have raised **£1149.60** and the Resource Base have raised **£112.00**. Please can all remaining sponsorship monies be paid in via Parentpay as soon as possible. All monies raised will be spent on updating our outdoor resources.

Book Bags

We now have school book bags back in stock for you to purchase. If you wish to purchase a new book bag for your child please make the payment via Parentpay and the book bag will be given to your child during the school day. The cost of a book bag is £3.80.

Create A Snowman Competition

Please see the attached poster from our catering company Dolce with information about a competition that your child might like to take part in. All completed entries must be returned to school by 9am on Friday 12th November at the latest. Please write your child's name, age and name of school of the back of the entry.

Lego

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

New Arrivals!

Congratulations to Teddy (Nursery) and family on the birth of Otto. Congratulations to Abigail (Nursery) and family on the birth of twins Hazel and Willow.

Harvest Festival

Thank you!
We have received a certificate from Aston and Nechells Food bank thanking us for the 392.35kg of donations that we donated at our harvest. Well done everyone!

Congratulations Board

Year One - Jacob R, Yusha and Rudy.
Year Two - Georgia, Lily and Maisie.

BIB Trip To Hippodrome Theatre To See Dear Santa

Reminder to all BIB parents to return the consent letters and make their payment online as soon as possible. The trip to the theatre will soon be here! Parentpay closes on Friday 12th November.

Ordering Lunches Via School Grid

Please can we remind parents that you need to order lunches for your child each week via School Grid.





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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**.

- **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**.

Nursery Admissions September 2022

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

PTA News

PTA back with a Bang!

The Fireworks event on Friday 5th 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.

New PTA Chair Elected

Following this year's AGM on 21st 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 and keep your eye out for an announcement of the next PTA meeting.

Christmas Cards & Gifts

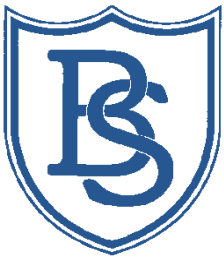
This week all children will be creating their own Christmas design in class which will be available for purchase on Christmas cards, mugs, gift wrap etc. As soon as the designs have been completed and received by the printing company, all children will receive details on how to order items. These will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



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Community News

Disclaimer - The following community events are for your information. Should you wish to obtain further information or attend, it is at parents' own discretion.

Boldmere St Michaels FC Girls are looking for new players, please see the attached flyer for more details.

BOLDMERE FESTIVAL ROAD CLOSURE - Sunday 21st November 2021

Please be advised that Boldmere Road will be CLOSED to all traffic between Jockey Road and Antrobus Road on the afternoon of **Sunday 21st November 2021**.

The planned start time of the road closure on **Sunday 21st November** is **11:00am to 9:00pm**. During this time, there will be **no vehicular access**, except for emergency vehicles, along this section of Boldmere Road. The closure is regulated by Birmingham City Council and barriers will be in place.

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

Newsletter:

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

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

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School
09/11/2021