



# NEWSLETTER - NOV 2



Dear Parents/Carers,

## Firework Display

First and foremost, I would like to say a huge congratulations to our fabulous PTA. The firework event that was organised last Friday was an absolutely amazing evening and I hope that everyone who attended also agrees! It was lovely to see so many members of our Boldmere Community enjoying themselves. The firework display was super and the stalls were busy throughout the night. We look forward to hearing how much the event raised for school funds. Thank you to all PTA members who worked so hard to ensure the event was a success. A big thanks also to staff, who played a supportive role as marshalls and stall holders!

## School Funding

As many parents may be aware, conversations about cuts in school funding are currently taking place in the media. All schools are facing difficult decisions around funding and Boldmere is no different. During meetings with our Parent class representatives last term, Mrs. Kenny and Mr. Sadler (Junior school) discussed the current funding situations in schools and how as a school, we are trying to ensure that curriculum enrichment activities continue to take place here at Boldmere. We advised the parent representatives that school will be seeking PTA funding as well as parents/carers financial support for certain activities such as cooking ingredients or visiting theatre groups. We thank you in advance of your continued support.

## Diary Dates

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November** - Wear odd socks to school day.  
**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November** - Children in need day, non-school uniform.  
**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** - PTA Christmas Fair  
**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December** - 9.30am, RI class Reception Christmas play.  
**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December** - 2.00pm, 1C class Year One Christmas play.  
**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December** - 9.30am, RB class Reception Christmas play.  
**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December** - 2.00pm, 1L class Year One Christmas play.  
**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December** - 9.30am, RW class Reception Christmas play.  
**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December** - 2.00pm, 1H class Year One Christmas play.  
**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December** - Nursery Christmas activities.  
**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December** - Children's Christmas dinner.  
**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December** - Flu Vaccination Team in school. Festive Jumper Day and PTA Elfridges.  
**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December** - 2.00pm, 2M class Year Two Christmas play.  
**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** - 2.00pm, 2P class Year Two Christmas play.  
**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December** - 2.00pm, 2B class Year Two Christmas play.  
**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December** - Break up for Christmas holidays.  
**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023** - School closed for professional development day.  
**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January** - School re-opens to all pupils.  
**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February** - Break up for half term holidays.

## Message From Carl Glasgow: School Funding Petition

You may have seen in the media recently that as with other areas of public spending, school budgets are currently under the microscope due to significant cuts that will impact drastically on children's learning. Even this morning, the headline report on the BBC news homepage was on this exact topic. We will shortly share information specific to Boldmere but ahead of then, we implore all parents, family members, concerned others to visit the following link <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/627130> and complete the online petition calling for immediate funding from the Government to fully meet the rising costs schools are facing.

## Baby News

Congratulations to Miss Driscoll who has welcomed her new baby boy Leo into the world. Welcome to the Boldmere family Leo.

## Nursery Admissions September 2023

Nursery registration forms to apply for a nursery place for September 2023 are available from the Infant school office.

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## Open Day For Reception 2023

Last week we held our Open day sessions for Reception 2023 intake. The sessions were well attended and parents were given a school tour as well as a presentation about our unique selling points! Although no further open sessions have been planned, all information is available on the school website "Latest News" on the landing page. The deadline for making applications to Birmingham admissions is January 15<sup>th</sup> 2023.



## Remembrance Day

On Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> 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/cbeebie/s/watch/poppies>

## Congratulations Board

**Reception**- Theo, Aryella & Rayan.  
**Year One** - Ayzah, Laila & Lyra.  
**Year Two** - Anita, Charlie & Eddie.

## Celebrating Attendance

Congratulations to Owl class 1L, for achieving 98.67% attendance last week. Well done!

## Nasal Flu Immunisation - Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022

NHS Birmingham Community Healthcare Immunisation team will be coming into school on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December to administer the Nasal Flu vaccination to Reception, Year One, Year Two and Giraffe class. Consent forms were sent home with your child last week. The form needs to be completed fully, whether you **Do** or **Do Not** wish your child to receive the vaccine, please make sure you include a daytime contact telephone number and return to school by **9am on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November**. Spare forms are available from the Infant school office.

		**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.		

## Anti-Bullying Week / Odd Socks Day And Children in Need 2022

Week beginning Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November marks the start of Anti Bullying week. We are using the theme 'Cool to be Kind' to link it with our value Kindness. We will focus on bullying, age appropriately, via assemblies and class discussions/ activities.

For more information and advice please visit [anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk](http://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk)

On **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November** we are inviting children to **wear odd socks** into school to celebrate and embrace that everyone is unique.

The week will end with the BBC's **Children in Need** appeal on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> 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:

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=7931>

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

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

**Allergies**- We ask that cakes don't 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 with the class teacher.

## Playground Reminder

Please can we ask parents waiting on the "yellow collection line" at the end of the school day, to leave clear access to the Reception playground. Parents who collect Reception children, do so from the Reception playground, and are struggling to access the walkway. Thank you for your help.



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## Boldmere Inclusion Base News From Mrs Preece:

### Congratulations

Axel, in Giraffe class, for joining in with all aspects of BIB, school life this week.

Musab, in LK, for being kind to his peers and managing his emotions in the classroom.

Alfie, in KM/ED for his strong work ethic and positive attitude.

I would also like to express BIB congratulations to Mrs Kinsella. She has been a member of the Boldmere School family for 20 years!! What an achievement! Congratulations!! I hope that there will be many more great years of service with us in the BIB to come.

### Notices

Thank you for those of you who have returned your Coffee Afternoon slips. Any remaining ones please do send in to me this week. I need to confirm the speaker and currently I do not have enough 'yes' responses to run the session.

**Home reading books** - Thank you for continuing to read with your children at home. I have had the pleasure of listening to some of them read and can see that they are receiving support at home. Please ensure that reading books come into school in the plastic wallet that we provided. Some of the books are being sent in water damaged.

**Nut allergies** - We have been asked to kindly remind you that children should not bring into school foods containing nuts for snack/lunch, such as Nutella sandwiches, Kinder Bueno bars, Happy Hippos etc. There are children and staff in school with severe allergies and children who send in nutty snacks do potentially put these individuals at risk.

### New Arrivals!

Congratulations to Archer (Reception) and family on the birth of twins Annabelle and Freddie. Welcome to our school family.

### Ordering Lunches Via School Grid

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

### Reception Admissions - September 2023

The online application process is now live to register your child for Reception 2023. Please visit the website at:

[www.birmingham.gov.uk/school-admissions](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/school-admissions) for further information.

The closing date for applications is **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023**.

### Children's Data Checking Sheets

Data checking sheets were given to parents during parents' evening. If you did not attend parents' evening then your data sheet will be sent home with your child. Please could all forms be checked, amended if necessary, signed and returned to the school office as soon as possible.

### Year Two Parents

#### Transfer from Year 2 to Year 3 September 2023

Letters were sent home before half term 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](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

The closing date for applications is **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023**.

### Sponsored Walk

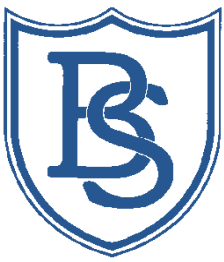
Remaining sponsorship monies can be paid in via Parentpay. All monies raised will be spent on updating our outdoor resources. Thank you to everyone for their support.

### Newsletter:

The weekly newsletter can also be found on the school website:  
<https://www.boldmere.bham.sch.uk>

### PTA News

The PTA newsletter will be sent out separately on Thursday to all parents/carers.



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## Busy Bodies News

A huge thank you to all our families who have handed in their booking forms on time. This makes it much more manageable to keep our registers up to date and ensure that our children remain safe and looked after within our setting.

If you have not already completed your payments for November, please do so by the end of this week being Friday 11th November. We will be sending out payment reminders throughout this week, please do not hesitate in contacting the Busy Bodies Manager should you require further information about your children's fees.

Support with childcare cost - With the recent raises in the cost of living, there is no doubt that childcare costs may also one of your higher outgoings. Did you know that you might be entitled to extra funding to help with your childcare cost?

The Government Tax-Free Childcare scheme could help working parents or carers get up to £500 every three months (up to £2,000 a year per child) or if their child has a disability, they can get up to £1,000 every three months (up to £4,000 a year per child) to help with the costs of childcare.

Parents can use the money to pay for before and after school clubs, holiday clubs and play schemes as well as Nursery, Childminder or Nanny fees.

If you get Tax-Free Childcare, you will set up an online childcare account for your child. For every £8 you pay into this account, the government will pay in £2 (that a massive 20% towards your childcare outgoings) to use to pay your provider.

To find out more please see the below links:-

[www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk) - to help parents decide what is the best childcare offer for them

[www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator](http://www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator) - to help parents understand which offer works best for them financially

[www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare](http://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare) - to help parents with up-to-date information on eligibility criteria and how to apply.

For further information about your childcare entitlement, advice or support, please do not hesitate in contacting the Busy Bodies Manager who may be able to direct you to free and impartial advice services.

## 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.*

### **The Mayor of The Royal Town of Sutton Coldfield's Christmas Card Competition**

Every Christmas, the Mayor of Sutton Coldfield sends Christmas Cards to those they have worked with closely and have contributed to Sutton Coldfield, as well as churches, schools, care homes, charities and organisations.

This year, the Mayor of Sutton Coldfield, Cllr Jan Cairns, wants to give children and young people the opportunity to design this year's card and is holding a competition to choose a winning Christmas Card design.

The competition is open to anyone under the age of 16, with prizes for first, second and third place. The overall winner will have their design used as the Mayor's 2022 Christmas Card.

The theme for this year's competition is 'A Christmas Scene' and the design must include an element of Sutton Coldfield.

Please see the click on the link for more details:

<https://suttoncoldfieldtowncouncil.gov.uk/the-mayor-of-the-royal-town-of-sutton-coldfields-christmas-card-competition/>

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Head of School  
08/11/2022