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Dear Parents/Carers,

Ofsted visit

As you may be aware, Ofsted are visiting the Infants today and tomorrow. We had notification yesterday, and are currently working with three Inspectors. They will be at school for a two day Graded Inspection. Inspectors will be outside school tomorrow morning should any parents/carers wish to speak with them. Thank you to all parents who have completed the Ofsted parent view responses and thank you to all of those individuals who have taken the time to email into school with good wishes - it just confirms to me that we are part of a wonderful school and community and staff are very proud of being part of our Boldmere team! The findings of the Inspection will not be known or shared for a few weeks but I do know that children are working hard and behaving impeccably as always.

M&M Theatre Production On Wednesday 15th November

A Parentmail was sent out to all parents and carers on Tuesday 24th October requesting a voluntary contribution of £5 towards the cost of the theatre visit to school tomorrow. Thank you to all of the parents/carers who have donated, however we have only managed to raise a third of the money needed. Further voluntary contributions can be made via Parentpay. The Parentpay option will close down at 4pm tomorrow.

Reception Open day

Thank you to everyone who attended our Open Day last week. We had approximately 90 parents attend over the course of the sessions. Thank you to our school council members who provided our tour guides and sold poppies - what a great job you did! The presentation slides are available on the school website under the news

Anti-Bullying Week- 13th - 17th November

We have begun this week by wearing odd socks and celebrating our differences and uniqueness! 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.

Diary Dates

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

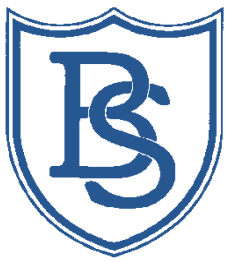
Friday 22nd December - Break up for Christmas holidays.

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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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.

Christmas Concerts & Plays

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!

Firework Display

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!

Golden Table:

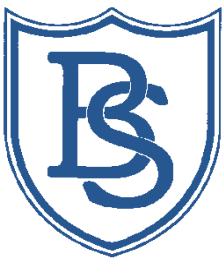
This week the following children have been nominated for the Golden Table in the dinner hall:

Jack, Lyra, Honey, George, Isabella, Jessica, Ellison and Apollonia - all from 2U.

Thank you children.

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.



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Busy Bodies News

Another creative week ahead at Busy Bodies. The children will enjoy a variety of craft activities to include Pudsey bear masks in ready for Children in need day on Friday and Christmas wreaths.

Last week the children decorated Poppies for the Co-op Funeral home on Boldmere High St, the children worked very hard and the display looks wonderful.

Early drop off

Please make sure that children that are booked in at 8am do not ring the door bell before 8am as this is not fair to parents that are paying for the earlier session that starts at 7:45am

Toy donation

If you have any unwanted toys that are in good condition like Barbie dolls or doll house toys please can we have them.

Thank you for your continued support.

Absences & Lateness

Please can we remind all parents/carers that you need to call (01214642338) or email (enquiry@boldmere.bham.sch.uk) before 9am in the morning if your child is going to be absent from school 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 as part of our responsibility to safeguard children.

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.

Nursery Admissions September 2024

Nursery registration forms to apply for a nursery place for September 2024 are available from the Infant school office.

Congratulations Board

Year 1- Naomika, Isabella & Gracie

Year 2 - Rupert, Harrison & Ramona



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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

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

Ordering Lunches Via School Grid

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

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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Head of
School
14/11/2023

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