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Dear Parents/Carers,

My first paragraph today is to say a big Thank you to everyone involved in our PTA Firework event last Friday! The event was a huge success and we are certainly getting a reputation in the local community for hosting the best Firework display each year! The evening could not have taken place without the efforts of Mr Clifford and the PTA who worked tirelessly setting up on Thursday and Friday, worked throughout the day and gave up their Saturday to tidy up. My appreciation also goes to the many staff who were involved - after a long day at work, they still entered into the spirit of the evening!

We have started this week with a lovely assembly, led by Mrs. Mason, all about Anti-bullying week. We have talked to the children about what the definition of bullying is, whilst reminding them of what to do if they are ever upset at school, or feel that someone is behaving unkind to them. Throughout the course of the week, children will be engaging in a variety of classroom activities around this theme. In addition, today, we are celebrating our differences for Odd Socks day and on Friday are joining with Children in Need fundraising activities. Don't forget our cake sale on Friday too - Mrs. Kenny is looking forward to judging the home-made cake entries! As mentioned in previous newsletters, children may bring a donation to school to purchase a cake during the day. All remaining cakes will then be sold at the end of the day in the dining hall. Children may dress as super heroes or wear something yellow/spotty for the day on Friday. We are always grateful for the support that parents give during these very busy weeks - these experiences provide part of the personal development for our children and support our school values so are an important part of school life.

On Wednesday we have our CBeebies visitors performing their Ridiculous Rhymes workshop in the afternoon. We are all very excited for the event! Please ensure that you have made a £3.00 contribution towards the event. This will cover the charge made to school per child.

Last week we welcomed new families to school for our Reception Open Day sessions. We were amazed to see the numbers that attended and as ever, were proud to show off our school and all that we offer our young children. The presentation is available on the website (News section) today. The closing date for applications for September 2025 is January 15th 2025.

A final message this week is again a Thank you to school council representatives who were so helpful during our Open Day last week and who have been selling Poppies during the past few days. You have represented school beautifully and shown good manners and kindness to all of our visitors, well done. Mrs Kenny

Diary Dates

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

Friday 13th December - PTA Elfridges

Friday 13th December - Rudolph Run for Birmingham Hospice

Thursday 19th December - Christmas Party Day

Friday 20th December - Church Service tbc

Friday 20th December - Break up for Christmas holidays.

Christmas Performance Dates

Monday 9th December - 9.30am (RT) Penguins

Monday 9th December - 2pm Owls (1L)

Tuesday 10th December - 2pm (1H) Seals

Wednesday 11th December - 9.30am (RM) Hedgehogs

Thursday 12th December - 9.30am (RI) Robins

Thursday 12th December - 2pm MeerKats' (1M)

Monday 16th December - 2pm (2B) Bears

Tuesday 17th December - 2pm (2P) Frogs

Wednesday 18th December - 2pm (2S) Lions'

Nursery ... save the date ... **Thursday 5th December** -

10:30am or 2:30pm. This will be a Christmas Activity Workshop with your child rather than a performance.



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Anti-Bullying Week: 11th-15th November

This year the theme is 'Choose Respect' What a lot of odd socks we have had in school today! 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.

This 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.

Fireworks - LOST PROPERTY

A number of items of lost property have been handed in to the school office from the Fireworks Display (hats, gloves etc). This includes a female's wallet containing personal items. If this is yours, please come to the office with proof of identity so that it can be handed back to you.

School Book Bags

Please could we ask that children use school book bags for their reading books rather than rucksacks. Storage space in school is limited and the book bags fit perfectly into the children's drawers. Book bags can be purchased from the school office for £3.80 via ParentPay.

We have also noticed that some children are accessorising their book bags with key rings and badges. Please can you refrain from doing this as they prevent the school drawers from closing properly and easily get knocked off. School cannot be held responsible for any lost accessories.

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.

Makaton sign

Our Makaton signs this half term are on the themes of Bonfires, Diwali, cold and Christmas. Click on the links for a demonstration of the signs that we will be learning in school.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9sRIZZe3XAI>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=VkRRXMY9CVY>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bKZKcfPEtKO>

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/S7xoX9KtOhk>



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The Ridiculous Rhyme Show
By Joe Chambers and Andrew Crawford

As soon on **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**.

Congratulations Board

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

Year 1: Teddy, Eliza, Rohan

Year 2: Wren, Buster, Theo H



Attendance - updated processes

Our amended Attendance Processes were circulated via Parent Mail at the end of last week, including request for absence forms.

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 as part of our responsibility to safeguard children. Thank you.

Year Two Parents Transfer from Year 2 to Year 3 September 2025 and Reception Admissions September 2025

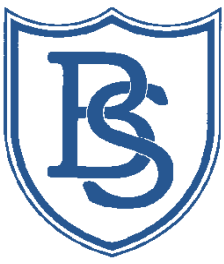
The transfer from Year 2 to Year 3 online application form and the application process for Reception 2025 are both live and can be found by visiting:

www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions

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

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.



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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.

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.

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

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

School Emails

The two separate email addresses for Infants/Juniors are:

enquiry-inf@boldmere.bham.sch.uk
enquiry-jun@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

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>

Mrs S Kenny
Head of School
12/11/2024