

NEWSLETTER - NOVEMBER 3

Dear Parents

Anti-Bullying Week

It was lots of fun yesterday seeing all of the different pairs of odd socks in school and celebrating each other's differences and uniqueness. Children have learnt that bullying is *'hurting someone on purpose, over and over again. It can happen face to face with actions or with words, or it can happen online through a phone, tablet or computer'*.

We have seen lots of kindness being spread in our school bubbles and are enjoying reading about acts of kindness taking place outside of school. Don't forget that there are pink 'random acts of kindness' slips to record a witnessed act of kindness that can then be sent into school. Advice and support around the issue of bullying can be found on our school website under the section 'Safeguarding'.

Email Contact With School

Thank you for reducing the amount of footfall into the school office. Any queries, notifications or information for your child can be emailed over to enquiry@boldmere.bham.sch.uk or you can call the school office on 0121 464 2338. Please always include your child's full name and class in any emails.

Weekend Outdoor Challenge

As we are in 'Lockdown part 2' I am sure you are all looking for ideas of things to do during the weekend. Well, we have an outdoor task for you!

Mrs Long, along with the Y2 school council have begun to think about decorating school for the festive season and have decided on a natural theme. Therefore, we are setting you the challenge to get outdoors and to help us collect the following items; pine cones, twigs and pebbles suitable to make the decorations below. Class teachers are looking forward to collecting any items found- thank you in advance!



Free School Meal Vouchers

Free School Meal vouchers for the **October half term** have been provided by Birmingham City Council, via a company called 'Sodexo'. If your child is eligible for free school meals, you will be receiving FSM vouchers via Parentmail this week.

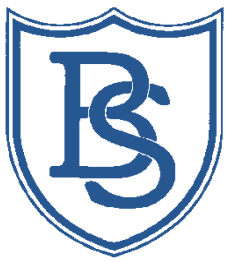
Attendance Expectations

This is a reminder that attendance continues to remain statutory, despite new national restrictions which came into force on 5th November. Below is the guidance from the Department of Education; It is vital for all children to attend school to minimise, as far as possible, the longer-term impact of the pandemic on children's education, wellbeing and wider development. Missing out on more time in the classroom risks pupils falling further behind. Those with higher overall absence tend to achieve less well in both primary and secondary school. School attendance has therefore been mandatory from the beginning of the autumn term. This means from that point, the usual rules on school attendance apply, including:

- parents' duty to secure their child's attendance regularly at school (where the child is a registered pupil at school and they are of compulsory school age)
- schools' responsibilities to record attendance and follow up absence
- the availability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices in line with local authorities' codes of conduct

Celebrating Attendance

Congratulations to RB, Hedgehog class and IT, Owl class for achieving 100% attendance last week. Well done!



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Registration for Nursery September 2021 Intake

Registration forms for children eligible to join the nursery in September 2021 (date of birth 01.09.2017 to 31.08.2018), are available from the school office or they can be downloaded from the school website under the Parents/Admissions tab. If you know of anyone that may be interested in a nursery place then please get them to call into the office or call us on 0121 464 2338.

Reception Admissions - September 2021

The online application process is now live to register your child for Reception 2021. Please visit the website at:

www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions for further information. The closing date for applications is **Friday 15th January 2021**. Further information, including a presentation and tour of our school is available on our website.

Year Two Parents Transfer from Year 2 to Year 3 September 2021

Letters will be sent home this 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 **Friday 15th January 2021**.

Nursery And Reception Sponsored Walk.

Thank you so much for all the sponsorship money that has been paid via Parentpay. We have raised an amazing amount of money which will be used to enhance our outdoor areas.

Thank you!

Please can all remaining money be paid via Parentpay by **Friday 20th November**.

We will let you know next week the total amount raised.



Heating Failure/ Severe Weather and School Closure

In the unlikely event of a Local Authority decision to close Birmingham schools, a message will be broadcast through Radio WM, Free Radio and will also be put on the City Council disruption website and social media. In the case of a specific problem such as a heating failure at our school, a decision will be taken in consultation with the Chair of Governors and announced on the aforementioned radio stations. We will also contact parents who are registered with Parentmail via text message and email and information

Christmas Newsletter

The Christmas newsletter with information regarding performances, Christmas dinner, parties and Christmas cards in school will be sent home next week.

Diary Dates

Autumn Term 2020

26th November - Nasal Flu Immunisation - Reception, Year One and Year Two.

18th December - Break up for Christmas holidays.

Spring Term 2021

4th January- Professional Development day - school closed to all pupils.

5th January- School re-opens to all pupils.

12th February- Break up for half term holidays.

22nd February- School re-opens to all pupils.

1st April- Break up for Easter holidays.

Nasal Flu Immunisation - Thursday 26th November 2020

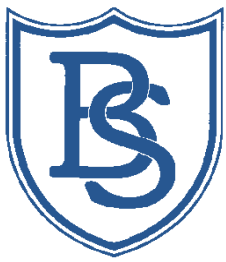
NHS Birmingham Community Healthcare Immunisation team will be coming into school on Thursday 26th November to administer the Nasal Flu vaccination to Reception, Year One and Year Two classes.

If you have not returned your completed Immunisation form to school then please do so as soon as possible. We have spare forms in school if needed.

Children In Need-13th November

Thank you everyone for taking part in our Children in Need fundraising day. We managed to raise a fantastic grand total of £491.50. Thank you for your kind donations.





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Busy Bodies - Important Notices

October late collection fees

Unfortunately due to Staff absence at Busies, we have been unable to check the signing out sheets or debit accounts for October's late collections these will be done over the next two days and ParentPay accounts debited.

November Fees

All November fees have now been debited to your ParentPay accounts. Please check and make your payments. All childcare vouchers received up until 16th November have been credited to your accounts. We have made all the necessary debit adjustments/amendments to fees for children/classes that were isolating, or whose parents resumed working from home due to the second lockdown. We now know that class 1B will not be returning until Tuesday 24th November, so any children booked into BB on Monday 23rd November will be re-credited for those hours.

December Booking forms

December booking forms are now available to download from the school website, or from Busies staff. Please ask us when dropping off or collecting your children. **All forms to be returned by Wednesday 25th of November** to ensure your child/ren can be accommodated for days and times requested. Capacity still remains limited within our setting due to staffing and bubbles. We have accounted for the first week back in school after the Christmas holidays on your December form, please ensure your ParentPay account is clear before submitting your December booking requirements thank you. We have not attached January's form to December's this year, this we feel will better support our parents into the New Year with the current uncertain situation. As in all our Newsletters, please contact us if we can help or support you further.

Helen & Jayne and the Busies Team

Reminder email address for any correspondence and attachments of booking forms:- khyatt@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

PTA

Can you please help us try and win £1000 for the schools. All you have to do is click on (or copy and paste) this link https://www.movementforgood.com/12days/index.php?cn=1053697&ct=education_and_skills#nominateACharity '12 Days of Giving' are rewarding the most nominated charities with £1000. Once you click on this link the Boldmere PTA details are already inserted for you to nominate. Please can you take 20 seconds to fill in your details and press submit. The more nominations, the better chance we have of winning so please send to friends and family and get them to nominate us. Thanks for your help.

Please see the attached poster for bag2school. In January we are going to have a collection. We are looking for good quality men's, ladies and children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts and accessories. Please see the attached poster for the items they **will not** accept. If you are having a Christmas clear out can you please consider keeping anything until the new year for us? Anything you can donate will mean money for the kids. We wanted to let you all know about this early so we can try and get as many donations as possible. Our collection is on January 19th 2021.

Please DO NOT send any bags into school before this date. There will be a drop off area on the school site. We will remind you nearer to the date of where to leave the bags.

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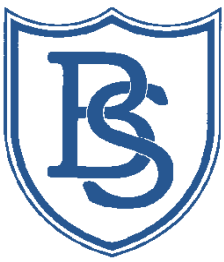
The weekly newsletter can also be found on the school website:
<https://www.boldmere.bham.sch.uk>

Poppies for Sale - Remembrance Day

Thank you for your support. All money donated for poppies will be forwarded to the Royal British Legion.

Up to Date MAT information

Information can be found at:
<https://www.boldmere.bham.sch.uk/parents/mat-information>



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Fund Raising Message from Boldmere Inclusion Base

We would like to thank Mr Pete Donovan for his fantastic efforts on Sunday cycling virtually up Everest. It took 12 hours and Pete climbed 8848m all on his turbo trainer in his garage at home. We are delighted to announce that by doing this we have raised over £1800 - we are so grateful! What an amazing achievement. Thank you to everyone who donated! If you didn't get a chance to donate, don't worry the just giving page is still open...

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/b-i-b>

Covid-19 Related Pupil Absence

Attached to this newsletter is a quick reference guide for parents and carers regarding Covid-19 related pupil absence.

Message From Aston And Nechells Foodbank

On behalf of Aston & Nechells Foodbank I would like to thank all of your pupils, their parents and your staff for the donations received on 16th November. They weighed 102.06kg. In due course all the donations will be given out to families and individuals experiencing food and financial crises.

With the continuing covid pandemic and the economic depression the numbers seeking help are continuing to rise, so this will assist us in supporting some of the poorest in our city throughout the coming winter.

Mrs S Kenny
Head of
School
17/11/2020

Message From Mrs Glasgow Staff Absence

At the time of writing, we have 11 staff across both the schools absent. Once again, having so many staff absent poses additional problems and issues in school that we work incredibly hard to mitigate. We are grateful for your co-operation and support during the continued challenges.

The staff are working relentlessly to ensure that the children's needs are being met and we are absolutely delighted with the wonderful way that the children continue to conduct themselves in school. They really are a credit to their families and should certainly be praised for their efforts too. Thank you Boldmere

Polite Reminder

Under no circumstances whatsoever, should anyone be parking, pulling up or stopping on the yellow zig-zag lines directly outside the school. These yellow zig-zag markings along with all the signage, clearly state that this area is a no stopping zone.

It is very disappointing to see a small minority of parents/carers stopping on these markings to drop children off. Please do not stop on these markings, they are there to ensure children and pedestrians are safe.

Parking Issues

Once again, despite the introduction of staggered start and end of day times, we find ourselves with the familiar problems of parking when dropping off and picking children up from school. This is incredibly disappointing to see and we hope that there is an improvement soon.

It takes no time at all to park considerately and to think of others. Parents/carers should not be double parking. This leads to obstruction and the following traffic has to drive around the offending vehicle, which inevitably means they are then closer to children and pedestrians. This, of course, is dangerous.

We also find it staggering to observe that a small number of parents suddenly stop in the middle of the road and then their children proceed to get out of their car in the road, which we find difficult to comprehend.

Please be considerate of the safety and needs of others when driving to and from school.