



NEWSLETTER - NOV 3

Dear Parents/Carers,

Covid Cases - Outbreak Management At School

During the course of this weekend, we have had a huge increase in the number of positive cases at school. Currently we have 10 staff members and 20 children as confirmed positive cases. We are waiting on results from a further 15 children and staff. We have also had to close our Nursery provision until Wednesday 24th November. Our Outbreak Management plan is also in effect.

Please can we ask that parents monitor their children for any covid-19 symptoms, no matter how mild you may think they are. Continue with lateral flow testing and seek a PCR test immediately if your child displays symptoms. Mask wearing is also recommended around school.

Please note that all children must be in school if they have not tested positive. Parents have a statutory duty to ensure children are at school. We completely understand that some parents may want to keep their children at home but please be reassured that medical advice states that most positive cases in children are very mild.

We are encouraging hand washing, keeping areas well ventilated, and limiting mixing within school.

Remote learning for all children with positive PCRs will be provided. We are doing our best to get these children signed up today but please bear with us, limited staffing is having an impact on how quickly we can facilitate this.

We anticipate that the situation at school may not improve in the short term, as transmission across school will probably continue. This may result in further restrictions, but at the moment, bubble closures are not being considered.

We are liaising with PHE and the DfE regarding the outbreak and will keep parents updated regularly with parentmails. The attached "Warn and Inform" letter is information provided for parents by the DfE.

Thank you for your patience.

Diary Dates.

Friday 19th November- Children in Need fundraising, non-uniform day with a yellow theme or spots.

Monday 6th December 9.30am - RB, Hedgehog class Christmas performance.

Tuesday 7th December 9.30am - RK, Kangaroo class Christmas performance.

Wednesday 8th December 9.30am - RH, Turtle class Christmas performance.

Monday 6th December 2pm - 1S, Lion class Christmas performance.

Tuesday 7th December 2pm - 1T, Owl class Christmas performance.

Wednesday 8th December 2pm - 1C, Penguin class Christmas performance.

Monday 13th December 2pm - 2S, Parrot class Christmas performance.

Tuesday 14th December 2pm - 2M, Meerkat class Christmas performance.

Wednesday 15th December 2pm - 2PB, Frog class Christmas performance.

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.

Anti-Bullying Week "One Kind Word"

We had lots of fun on Monday looking at everyone's Odd Socks! Mrs. Bryan led our assembly and talked about our differences and how we are all special and unique. There are lots of further activities planned during the week and on Friday we are joining Children in Need's "Together we can."

celebrations. Your child can wear spotty clothes or something yellow.

Any donations will be greatly appreciated.

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>



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Congratulation Miss Taylor

Congratulations to Miss. Taylor who had her wedding this weekend, we are now trying to remember to call her Mrs. Lloyd!

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.

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 **£1184.60** 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.

Newsletter:

The weekly newsletter can also be found on the school website:
<https://www.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

Lego

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

Ordering Lunches Via School Grid

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

Congratulations Board

Year One - Zara, Buddy and Ava.
Year Two - Oscar K, Riley and Reuben.



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Busy Bodies News

Welcome to our new members of staff.

We would like to say a huge welcome to Chrissie, Isabella and Chloe who joined our lovely Busy Bodies team yesterday. I am sure that all our families and children will enjoy having them within our setting. They will be a massive asset to our team, delivering play opportunities to our children and ensuring their safety and well-being at all times.

December/January booking form

We have uploaded the above forms to the school website for your information, you can download and return via email or collect one from a Busy Bodies member of staff upon collection or drop off and also from Junior reception. Please be aware that there is a covering letter attached detailing when your forms and fees are due in by.

Your December form must be returned by Wednesday 27th November and fees must be paid by Monday 29th November.

Your January booking form is due in by Wednesday 5th January 2022 (although this can be returned with your December form or any time prior to the 5th January if you know your requirements) fees must be paid by Friday 7th January.

Polite reminder-

We are still having a few families dropping children off to Busy Bodies earlier than stated on their booking form. With this in mind and following several reminders we must now state that any children booked in for 8:00 a.m. but are arriving prior to 7:55 a.m. will be charged at the earlier drop off session price.

This is not only unfair to our families who have to pay an earlier fee charge, but it also has a huge impact on our staffing levels. We must maintain the children's safety within our club and therefore need to have appropriate children to staff ratio. This will take effect from this week and any additional cost will be added to the children's ParentPay account at the end of each month and families will be informed.

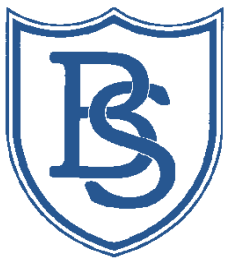
Community News

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 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.



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PTA News

It's beginning to feel a bit like Christmas...

We at the PTA appreciate that this time of year is very busy, but we're also keen to provide some fun events and activities for our children to enjoy that will also raise funds to benefit all children in our schools. The organisation and running of these events takes lots of time and effort, please see below for all the ways you can help the PTA in the coming weeks.

PTA Christmas Fair 2021 - Friday 26th November 5-7pm

Free entry! Fun and games for all the family. Please see attached PTA Christmas document for all the details including how to book a visit to Santa's Grotto. We look forward to seeing you there and helping everyone get into the festive spirit.

Elfridges Gift Shop - Friday 10th December

Our Elfridges Christmas Shop gives the children an opportunity to choose and buy their own Christmas gifts for loved ones. Orders will need to be made in advance by midday on Sunday 5th December and the children will be invited into the Elfridges Shop on Friday 10th December. Please visit www.pta-events.co.uk/boldmere to place your children's orders.

Request for Donations & Volunteers

The Christmas Fair raises funds to benefit the children at both schools. We need your help please with donations for Christmas stalls and also volunteers to help at the event. Items can be donated at morning drop off daily from Monday 22nd November. Please see the attached PTA Christmas document for details on donations required and how you can help out.

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>

Christmas Cards

The children have completed their beautiful Christmas card designs, which have now been sent off to the printing company. Their designs will be ready for you to order soon - please watch this space for details of how to order.

Black Friday

Black Friday is fast approaching, with some retailers having already started their sales. Please consider signing up to Amazon Smile and Easy Fundraising Boldmere PTA accounts. Both are free and easy to do, plus provide contributions to the PTA with every purchase made. Please see our Social Media for details on how to sign up

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Head of
School
16/11/2021