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Dear Parents/Carers,

Anti-Bullying Week

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

As part of anti-bullying week, we are using the theme 'Cool to be Kind' to link it with our value Kindness. We will talk about bullying, in age appropriate ways, via assemblies and class discussions/ activities. We defined bullying as

Bullying is the repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power. It can happen face to face or online.

The Anti-bullying alliance have worked with Kidscape to develop a tool for parent and carers to help them support their children and bring Anti-Bullying Week 2022: Reach Out to life. Here is the link:

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/parents-and-carers>

If you are worried about bullying and need some advice or support you can contact the Kidscape Parent Advice Line. You can find out more about it at: www.kidscape.org.uk.

Children In Need 2022

We are joining in with the BBC's **Children in Need** appeal on **Friday 18th 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 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.

Diary Dates

Friday 18th November - Children in need day, non-school uniform. Cake sale.

Friday 2nd December - PTA Christmas Fair

Monday 5th December - 9.30am, RI class Reception Christmas play.

Monday 5th December - 2.00pm, 1C class Year One Christmas play.

Tuesday 6th December -9.30am, RB class Reception Christmas play.

Tuesday 6th December -2.00pm, 1L class Year One Christmas play.

Wednesday 7th December-9.30am, RW class Reception Christmas play.

Wednesday 7th December-2.00pm, 1H class Year One Christmas play.

Thursday 8th December- Nursery Christmas activities.

Thursday 8th December - Children's Christmas dinner.

Friday 9th December - Flu Vaccination Team in school. Festive Jumper Day and PTA Elfridges.

Monday 12th December - 2.00pm, 2M class Year Two Christmas play.

Tuesday 13th December - 2.00pm, 2P class Year Two Christmas play.

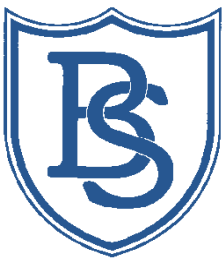
Wednesday 14th December-2.00pm, 2B class Year Two Christmas play.

Friday 16th December- Break up for Christmas holidays.

Tuesday 3rd January 2023- School closed for professional development day.

Wednesday 4th January- School re-opens to all pupils.

Friday 17th February- Break up for half term holidays.



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School Self-Evaluation

Last week saw Mrs. Kenny, Mrs. Mason and Mrs. Beesley visiting classes throughout school, to observe the teaching and learning of phonics and reading. Phonics and reading are focus areas on our school improvement plan for this academic year, and the importance of providing effective lessons in these early skills is something that the senior leadership team monitor regularly. Last week's lesson observations saw consistent use of our newly implemented Sound Start phonic scheme and good progress within lessons. We saw children reading with confidence and enjoyment and excellent phonic progress since our previous monitoring visit last half term. In addition, last week, Mrs. Jones (our SENDco) and an external SEN advisor also visited lessons to monitor our SEN provision. Although we have yet to receive a written feedback report, we were pleased to hear that our provision is meeting the needs of most children very effectively. We have a few actions to take to ensure that appropriate support and scaffolding during lessons is used consistently across school but school systems and practices are well embedded and this was seen in all classrooms. I would like to thank staff and Mrs. Jones for working so hard to ensure our SEN children receive appropriate, timely and structured curriculum support that helps them to achieve.

Parent And Pupil Feedback

Continuing on our school self-evaluation theme, we have set up two short feedback surveys (one for parents/carers and one for pupils). Feedback helps to support our school improvement priorities and ensures that, through working in partnership with parents/carers, we achieve the best outcomes for our young children. Each survey will take just a few minutes so please can we encourage you to complete these by Monday 21st November. Information collected will be discussed by the senior leadership team and outcomes posted in a future newsletter.

Pupil survey:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=o1qZIB4jj0KY5rkBJrERNyyzJWZL3bpCkLm8b6UtDrIUNVdUTzdKMIFSM0VKM0tJWFewUFIUVUJORi4u>

Parent survey:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=o1qZIB4jj0KY5rkBJrERNyyzJWZL3bpCkLm8b6UtDrIUM1hHMFBLR1BMWFZKtKVDMEM1QIVOMIpGVy4u>

M&M Theatre Production In Infant School On Friday 18th November

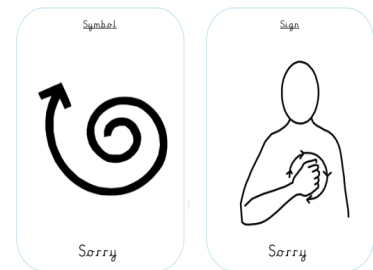
A Parentmail was sent out to all parents and carers on Thursday 10th November requesting a voluntary contribution towards the cost of the theatre visit to school on Friday. Thank you to all of the parents/carers who have donated, we have managed to raise half of the money needed. Further voluntary contributions can be made via Parentpay. The Parentpay option will close down at 4pm on Wednesday.

Congratulations Board

Reception- Millie, Charlie & Lucy.
Year One - Caleb, Jack & Charlotte.
Year Two - Winnie, Jasmine & Toby.

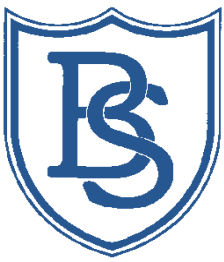
Makaton Sign Of The Week

The new Makaton sign for this week is 'sorry'. Look out for the video on twitter of Mrs Boylan demonstrating the sign.



Celebrating Attendance

Congratulations to Owl class 1L, for achieving 99.33% attendance last week. Well done!



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Christmas is coming! Situations Vacant - Christmas Post Delivery Staff Required at Boldmere Infant And Nursery School

Mrs. Kenny would like any Year Two children interested in the above post to apply. Main duties include sorting and delivering Christmas cards! Application forms can be collected from your teachers this week and the closing date is **Wednesday 23rd November**. Our Christmas special newsletter will be sent out next week, detailing all Christmas activities taking place between now and December 16th.

Nasal Flu Immunisation - Friday 9th December 2022

NHS Birmingham Community Healthcare Immunisation team will be coming into school on Friday 9th December to administer the Nasal Flu vaccination to Reception, Year One, Year Two and Giraffe class. Consent forms were sent home with your child recently. 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 **ASAP**. Spare forms are available from the Infant school office.

Newsletter:

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

Children's Data Checking Sheets

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.

Nursery, Reception, Year One, Year Two and Resource Base Sponsored Walk

Thank you to everyone who has raised sponsorship money for our annual sponsored walk. Nursery have raised **£266.00**, Reception have raised **£1440.00**, Year One have raised **£636.40**, Year Two have raised **£709.50** and the Resource Base have raised **£84.00**. All monies raised will be spent on updating our outdoor resources.

Nursery Admissions September 2023

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

Ordering Lunches Via School Grid

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

PTA News

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

Reception Admissions - September 2023

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

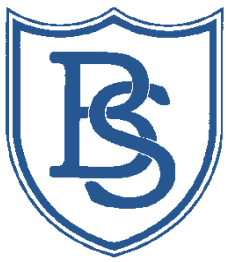
www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions for further information.

The closing date for applications is **Sunday 15th January 2023**.

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
- The closing date for applications is **Sunday 15th January 2023**.



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Boldmere Inclusion Base News From Mrs Preece:

Congratulations

Giraffes- **Ekata** for trying hard to following instructions.

LK-**Theo** for Settling back into school after being poorly.

KM/ED- **Enya** for working incredibly hard in Maths.

Notices

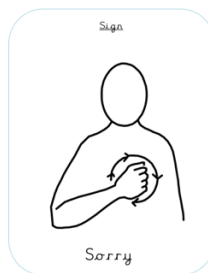
Train to Birmingham for ED/KM- on Thursday 17th a reminder that the children are taking a train to Grand Central and back in preparation for a future event. Details to follow.

Friday 18th November '**Children in Need, 'Spotacular'** Day. Children can come into school in their own clothes and wear something spotty.

BIB Coffee Afternoon -CANCELLED. Due to unforeseen circumstances, we have to cancel this event.

Junior BIB children LK and ED/KM, will now be automatically sent information about any up and coming Junior school trips or visits. The children are invited to attend any events that their mainstream peers are included in. Any questions please do come and speak to your child's class teacher or me.

New Makaton Sign - The next Makaton sign is Sorry. Please practice at home with your children.



This week is also '**National Nursery Rhyme**' week. Please follow on Twitter where you will see some Nursery Rhymes you might know using Makaton.

Busy Bodies News

Showcase your talent- Our wonderful Busy Bodies children have been sharing with us the amazing access they have to various clubs, activities and other opportunities they access outside school, such as Razzmatazz, singing, dancing, gymnastics, karate and kickboxing clubs to mention but a few.

I am delighted to inform you that we have planned a talent show night at Busies for week commencing 28th November. Some of our children would like to bring in their costumes, equipment or other clothing to help with their performance. For this, we will require our parents help and support. If your child has requested to bring in their equipment such as guitars, violins etc. We will kindly write a note to send home in the coming weeks, so that parents/carers can assist to ensure that these items are safe brought to Busies and can be stored safely for the performance day and then returned home.

Wish our super star some luck and help them to practice, practice at home. We will also be doing practice whilst at Busies over the next two weeks ready for their final performance. Luckily, we have Teigan who recently joined our team; she is absolute brilliant and can help to guide those children who will be doing their dance and gymnastic routines.

Safety notice- Please can we politely remind parents/carers regarding sending items with nuts into school. We have a nuts free zone policy as many of our children and staff have an allergy to these items. Kindly ensure that you do not include any food items in your children's lunch boxes that may put others at risk. Thank you in advance for your kind attention to this matter.

Savantha Kenny

Mrs S Kenny
Head of School
15/11/2022