

# NEWSLETTER - NOV 3

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Ofsted Thanks

A huge thank you to everyone in our school community for your support during our OFSTED Inspection last week. The children were amazing and we were overwhelmed with kind messages from parents. Thanks also goes to our Governing Body who took time out of their day to meet with the Inspectors. We are awaiting the final report, and will inform you when this is available

## M&M Theatre Production of Aladdin

Last Wednesday the children and staff enjoyed a fantastic performance of Aladdin. The children were truly enthralled. Thank you to M and M Productions who brought this story to life for us!  
Thank you to the families who gave financial contributions in order for the school to be able to go ahead with the production. The cost of the production was £899.00, we managed to raise £716.50 via donations.  
Further voluntary contributions can be made until the 4<sup>th</sup> December on Parentpay. The shortfall will be covered by our school budget on this occasion but this may mean that future events may be cancelled or postponed.

## Children In Need

We enjoyed a busy 'Children In Need' Day on Friday - the children looked fabulous in their spots! Thank you for those of you who donated cakes and supported the cake sale - we are still selling the fabulous cake donations! We will let you know in next week's newsletter how much money we have raised, which will be donated to Children In Need. Mrs Kenny enjoyed judging the home-made cakes and the winners were announced in assembly on Friday. They were  
Isabelle 1H  
Samuel RB  
Theo 1L  
Charlotte 2P  
Jessica 2U  
Hannah RW



## Golden Table:

This week the following children have been nominated for the Golden Table in the dinner hall:  
1L - Theo H & Buster  
2U - Bobby & Kyle  
2B - Olive & Bethan  
2P - Anna & Celina

## Congratulations Board

**Year 1** - Finlay, Zafreen & Sahaavi  
**Year 2** - Christopher, Jessica & Francis

## Football in the Community

Please see the attached flyer from Aston Villa Football Club.

## Diary Dates

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December** - Festive Jumper Day  
**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December** - 9.30am Penguin's Christmas Performance  
**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December** - 2.00pm Owl's Christmas Performance  
**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December** - 9.30am Hedgehog's Christmas Performance  
**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December** - 2.00pm Seal's Christmas Performance  
**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** - 9.30am Robin's Christmas Performance  
**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** - 2.00pm Lion's Christmas Performance  
**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December** - 10.30am & 2.30pm Nursery Christmas songs  
**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December** - 2.00pm Parrot's Christmas Performance  
**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** - 2.00pm Bear's Christmas Performance  
**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December** - 2.00pm Frog's Christmas Performance  
**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December** - Christmas Party day  
**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December** - Break up for Christmas holidays.  
**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024** - School closed for professional development day.  
**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January** - School re-opens to all pupils.  
**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February** - Break up for half term holidays.  
**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February** - School re-opens to all pupils.



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## Kindness Value

This half term our value is **kindness**. During our assemblies we are going to be thinking about what kindness means and how we can show kindness towards others. Acts of kindness do not need to cost anything, but they can benefit both the receivers as well as the givers. Last week we linked 'Anti Bullying Week' to our value and discussed how kindness makes others feel.

## Random Acts of Kindness

Please look out for the 'Random Act of Kindness' forms in your child's book bag (yellow slips). Please capture a random act of kindness shown by your child and return to school. Mrs Mason will be catching all of the acts on our school kindness tree.

## Severe weather arrangements

The decision to close a school due to severe weather lies with the Executive Headteacher (Mr. Glasgow) and Head of School (Mrs. Kenny), in consultation with the Chair of the Governing Board. This arrangement enables decisions to be taken quickly, in the light of local circumstances and or factors unique to the school, such as local transport or site related issues. On taking the decision to close the School due to severe weather, Mr. Glasgow/Mrs. Kenny will inform BCC. An immediately update for parents/carers will be made on the school's website with notification of the closure as well as using parentmail messaging and social media to keep parents informed.

In extreme circumstances such as very heavy snowfall, the Director, Children and Families, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families, may decide to close all schools and centres that are maintained by BCC. The timing of the decision will be informed by an assessment of the conditions and forecast. It will also seek to prevent people making unnecessary journeys. Headteachers will be notified of the decision via their school email. It will also be announced on the BCC website and through social media channels.

## 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 8<sup>th</sup> December, and Rudolph Run week of 11-15<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> December this year so there is plenty of fun going on in the meantime!

## 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.

## Absences & Lateness

Please can we remind all parents/carers that you need to call (01214642338) or email ([enquiry@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto: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.

## 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](https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)

## Ordering Lunches Via School Grid

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



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**BIB Newsletter Week beginning November 20<sup>th</sup> 2023**

## Celebrations

**Zak James** in **Giraffe Class** for fantastic Maths work and being an all-round super star this week.

**Jeevika** in **LK** for an amazing effort during her music lessons.

**Cole** in **ED** for having a great sense of humour and look out for his friends.

## PE Champions

**Alim** in Giraffes

**Jeevika** in LK

**Musab** in ED



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- **Thank you** to all of you who came to the coffee morning last week. It was lovely to see you all. We were joined by the school's SEND Governor, Nicola Arkinstall. She is happy for you to contact her regarding any feedback you have to share about the BIB. [narkinsall@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:narkinsall@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)
- A reminder that our next parent event will be our '**Christmas Craft** ' afternoon on **December 12<sup>th</sup>** .Please save the date as it would be fantastic for all of the children to have an adult join them for that afternoon.
- I also want to take the opportunity to thank you all for sending in money and cake donations for Children in Need day last week. The children all looked fabulous in their bright colours and spots and the cakes were delicious.
- As you will be aware the Infants school had an Ofsted inspection last week. I want to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support and to celebrate the hard work of the BIB team always but specifically last week during the inspection.
- Those of you with children in the junior classes of the BIB, will have read in the junior newsletter that there is a vacancy for a parent representative. This is a very effective parent representative group who meet with school leaders on a half-termly basis, the next meeting for which is to be held on Thursday 30th November. Please do come and see me if you are interested to find out what this involves.

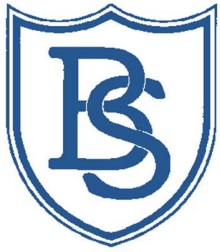
## Newsletter:

The weekly newsletter can also be found on the school website:

<https://www.boldmere.bham.sch.uk>

**Our Vision:** The Federation of Boldmere Schools empowers all children to embrace learning; achieve their personal best; and build their social, emotional and physical wellbeing.





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## Busy Bodies News

### December/January booking form

The December and January booking form will be available to collect or download from Wednesday 22nd, please send your forms back by Wednesday 29th November and fees are to be paid by 1st December. We understand that parents might be unsure of January work schedules so please do not worry but if you do then please return this with your December form.

Another busy week ahead for us at Busy Bodies with the start of our Christmas crafts, lovely keepsakes, or gift ideas for loved ones.

### Toy donation

If you have any unwanted toys that are in good condition, please can you donate them to us at the Busy Bodies door.

Thank you for your continued support.

## 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](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions)  
The closing date for applications is **Monday 15th January 2024**.

## 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](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions) for further information.  
The closing date for applications is **Monday 15th January 2024**.

## Nursery Admissions September 2024

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

## 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 [customer@dolce.co.uk](mailto:customer@dolce.co.uk)

## Email addresses for correspondence specific to your child's class/year group.

[bib-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:bib-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)  
[nursery-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:nursery-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)  
[reception-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:reception-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)  
[yr1-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:yr1-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)  
[yr2-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:yr2-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)

Mrs S Kenny  
Head of  
School  
21/11/2023

## Parent Representatives Vacancies

We still have vacancies in Classes 2U, 1S, 1L & the BIB. If anyone is interested please see Mrs Kenny.

*Susan Kenny*