



NEWSLETTER - NOV 3

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a lovely surprise to see white flakes of snow this morning! This serves as a little reminder that children must come to school wrapped up each day with winter woollies and coats as we continue to play outside during the winter weather. Please can we also stress the importance of naming all items -our lost property box is filling up daily! Notification of school closures due to inclement weather will be done via Parentmail and will be posted on the school website.

Last week we had a fabulous performance from the Cbeebies, Ridiculous Rhymes company. The laughter and participation on the day, reminded us of how important it is to offer these experiences to everyone and we will certainly be inviting the company back for a further visit. Thank you to all parents/carers who have contributed £3.50 payment for the performance. We have received half the funds to date but without full payments we will unfortunately be unable to arrange further visits. Please make all donations via Parentpay.

We are also requesting parent payment of £5 for our annual pantomime performance next Monday. Jack and the Beanstalk will be coming to school to provide morning entertainment for everyone. It is a fabulous way to start our Christmas activities! Performers spend time in classes, introducing themselves to classes and then put on a magical spectacle of singing, dancing and storytelling -with audience participation throughout. Again, these events cannot take place without parental contributions and we politely request that all payments are made by Friday 22nd November, in advance of the performance. Mrs Kenny

Christmas Performance Dates

Thursday 5th December - 10:30am or 2:30pm. This will be a Christmas Activity Workshop with your child rather than a performance.

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'

Diary Dates

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.

Illness in School

Unfortunately it is that time of year where there are many different illnesses circulating. Please follow the link below to NHS guidance which can support you in making a decision if your child is well enough for school.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>



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Jack and the Beanstalk Theatre Production

On Monday 25th November Jack and the Beanstalk will be performed by M&M Productions (Touring Company). This is an amazing opportunity for all children to experience the joys of watching a live pantomime performance! This is the fifth year of our involvement with the company and it is always great fun! The actors visit classrooms to talk to children prior to the performance and we have singing and dancing throughout! The total cost of the event is £1200 so we are requesting a contribution from parents of £5.00 via parentpay.

Children In Need 2024

Thank you for all of your donations for this years' Children in Need. We are currently counting the money and will announce the grand total in the newsletter next year. The children looked fantastic dressed up in their own clothes and superhero costumes! They enjoyed choosing their own cake at our Children in Need cafe but enjoyed eating them more!

Congratulations to the following children who Mrs Kenny chose as winners of the homemade cake competition:

Nursery: Cora in Nursery;

Reception: Arthur in Penguins

Year 1: Sloane and Lottie (joint bakers!)

Year 2: James G

Congratulations Board

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

Year 1: Darcy, Imogen, Gabriel

Year 2: Andreas, Louis, Naomika



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.

Scooters

A scooter has gone missing from the bike racks - and another identical one left there in its place. The one that was left is larger than the one that is missing. If your scooter is a blue and black 'maxi m-cro', please check that the one you have is yours. If it is not, please return the one you have to the school office and we will re-unite you with your scooter and return the other one to its rightful owner. Please be reminded that scooters and bikes are left at your own risk and school cannot be held responsible for any that 'go missing'. We would recommend that all scooters and bikes are locked when left in the shelter.



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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 via the online portal.

School Emails

The two separate email addresses for Infants/Juniors are:

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

Attendance - updated processes

Our amended Attendance Processes have been circulated via Parent Mail, 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.

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

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**.

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

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19/11/2024

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.

