

NEWSLETTER - NOVEMBER 4

Dear Parents

Mrs Perez

I am writing to inform you that sadly, Mrs. Perez will not be working in Frog class for the remainder of this academic year. Mrs. Perez is taking leave of absence to be with her family whilst one of her children is undergoing treatment at Birmingham Children's Hospital.

Mrs. Bryan, who usually works part-time in Frog class, will now be working full time from this week. We are grateful that Mrs. Bryan is able to support school in this way and I know that the children's education will not be adversely affected by the changes to staffing. Mrs. Bryan is an experienced teacher and we are looking forward to having her working full time in Frog class. Mrs. Hewitt, our full-time teaching assistant will continue to support and will provide further consistency for the children.

We all miss Mrs. Perez greatly at school, however I am sure that you join me in sending our love and prayers to her and her family at this very difficult time.

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.

Kindness Calendar

In the spirit of kindness, which is our core value this term, the children will be taking part in our 'Boldmere's Kindness Calendar December 2020'. At the Infants we will be using the calendar in school but we have included a copy in this week's newsletter so that you can use it at home yourself or create your own version (Mrs Mason would love to hear about this if you do create your own). It will start on Monday 30th November and run all the way up to the end of term.

Thank you too for all of the wonderful Random Acts of Kindness- kindness is free so let's continue to sprinkle it everywhere (especially at the moment!)

Diary Dates

Autumn Term 2020

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

11th December - Festive Jumper day.

16th December - Nursery Christmas party day.

16th December - Christmas lunch in school.

17th December - Christmas Party day for Reception, Year One and Year Two.

17th December - Nursery break up for Christmas holidays.

18th December - Reception, Year One and Year Two 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.

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 contact her in the office.

Main duties include sorting and delivering Christmas cards.

Application forms will be sent home today and the closing date is Friday 27th November.

Children's Christmas Lunch Wednesday 16th December

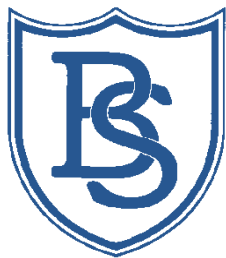
- Children who bring in a packed lunch from home are welcome to join the school packed lunch children for our Christmas lunch on 16th December.
- A vegetarian option will be available.

- An invitation will be sent out to children tomorrow, this needs to be returned to school by Friday 27th

- November at the latest as we need to place an order next week.

Celebrating Attendance

Congratulations to Hedgehog, Turtle, Lion and Parrot classes for achieving 100% attendance last week. Well done!



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Nursery And Reception Sponsored Walk.

Thank you so much for all the sponsorship money that has been paid via Parentpay. Nursery raised **£640.00** and Reception **£1556.56**. This is an amazing amount of money which will be used to enhance our outdoor areas.
Thank you!

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 us on 0121 464 2338.



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 will be displayed on the school website.

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**.

Milk Letters

Milk letters will be sent home for the spring term this week. Order forms and payment via Parentpay must be received by Wednesday 9th December at the very latest. If your child is in a Reception class, please do not assume they will continue to receive milk even though they are under five. A new order form must be completed and sent to school. Spare letters can be obtained from the school office.

Email Contact With School

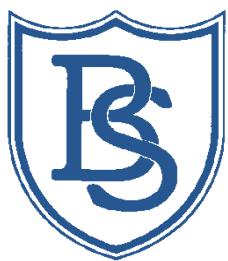
Thank you for reducing the amount of footfall into the school office. Any queries, notifications or information for your child can be emailed over to **enquiry@boldmere.bham.sch.uk** or you can call the school office on 0121 464 2338. Please always include your child's full name and class in any emails.

PTA

The PTA Christmas newsletter was emailed out to parents/carers via Parentmail yesterday.

Newsletter:

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



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Busy Bodies - Important Notices

December booking forms- Thank you to all our lovely parents who have returned their forms promptly. Last day to return forms for December will be Wednesday 25th November. Any forms returned after this will be subject to capacity and staffing. We will, however, get back to you if we cannot accommodate your requirements. Again, we apologise for this, but our numbers remain limited due to bubbles and staff. We have emailed parents today that have outstanding fees remaining from November. We did, however, debit your accounts later than normal due to class isolations etc., so please check your accounts and clear any outstanding fees. This ensures we can meet your requirements for December. We have now credited back into accounts any outstanding fees for isolation absences up to and including Monday 23rd November. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries.

Up to Date MAT information

Information can be found at:

<https://www.boldmere.bham.sch.uk/parents/mat-information>

Messages From Mr Glasgow Staff Absence

At the time of writing, I am delighted to inform you that we only have four members of staff that are absent from our schools. We, of course, wish these four members of staff all the very best during their absence from school.

Parking

We would like to express our sincere gratitude of your co-operation in relation to parking issues mentioned in the newsletter last week. We have seen a vast improvement and long may this continue. Many thanks for parking considerately when dropping off and collecting children, it is very much appreciated.

Covid-19 Related Pupil Absence

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

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!



Savantha Kenny

Mrs S Kenny
Head of
School
24/11/2020