

# NEWSLETTER - NOV 4

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Covid-19 Update

As many parents/carers are aware, we have been impacted greatly by Covid-19 during the last two weeks. Staff and pupil absences have reached very high numbers. We currently have **9 staff and 53 children** that are isolating as a result of testing positive for covid-19. As of today, Year 1 have 33 cases, and numbers are creeping up in other year groups.

Transmission between our young children seems to be taking place at quite a rate, despite our covid prevention strategies however, we are in daily contact with Public Health to ensure we are taking every precaution available to prevent the spread.

- Year 1 classes received a deep clean yesterday and all toys, books, pencils scissors, drawers, coat pegs etc. have been disinfected by staff.
- All lunchtime clubs are taking place outside, violin lessons have been postponed, and whole school assemblies have been cancelled.
- Staff are continuing to take lateral flow tests and visitors are required to wear masks around school.

Thank you to all year 1 parents for ensuring that PCR testing was undertaken prior to children returning to school today. Please continue to take daily **lateral flow tests for the next 7 days**, as advised in our parentmail on 20.11.21.

Please can we ask **parents/carers across school** to continue to monitor their children for covid-19 symptoms and book a PCR immediately. Please speak to the school office if you require further guidance or advice.

## Nursery Return

Thank you for your support whilst Nursery staff have all been isolating and recovering from Covid-19. We are pleased to say that Nursery will re-open on Wednesday 24th November (tomorrow).

## Children In Need-19th November

Thank you everyone for taking part in our Children in Need fundraising day. We managed to raise a fantastic total of £171.51. Thank you for your kind donations.



## Christmas Arrangements

At this current time, we are still hoping to allow parents/carers into school to watch Christmas performances. However, the arrangements may change in light of the rising case numbers throughout school. Any decisions to change arrangements will be communicated via parentmail.

## Diary Dates.

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December** 9.30am - RB, Hedgehog class Christmas performance.

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December** 9.30am - RK, Kangaroo class Christmas performance.

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December** 9.30am - RH, Turtle class Christmas performance.

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December** 2pm - 1S, Lion class Christmas performance.

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December** 2pm - 1T, Owl class Christmas performance.

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December** 2pm - 1C, Penguin class Christmas performance.

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December** 2pm - 2S, Parrot class Christmas performance.

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December** 2pm - 2M, Meerkat class Christmas performance.

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December** 2pm - 2PB, Frog class Christmas performance.

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December**- Break up for Christmas holidays.

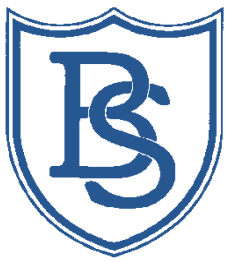
**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022**- Professional Development Day-school closed to all pupils.

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January**- School re-opens to pupils.

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February**- Break up for half term holidays.

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February**- School re-opens to all pupils.

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April**- Break up for Easter holidays.



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## Random Acts of Kindness

This half term our value is kindness. Today your child will bring home a blank 'Random Act of Kindness' certificate. This is for you or another family member to complete if you see your child doing something kind at home. Please fill them in and send them into school so we can add them to our values display. Thank you!

## Beauty and the Beast

Yesterday, the children and staff enjoyed a fantastic performance of Beauty and the Beast. We had year group performances and the play was streamed so that we could enjoy it in our year groups and adhere to covid guidance. Thank you to M and M Productions who brought this story to life for us!



## 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 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](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions) for further information. The closing date for applications is **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

The closing date for applications is **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022.**

## 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** - Tori, Reevean and Rayyan.

**Year Two** - Vienne, George and Maisie.

## Nursery Admissions September 2022

Nursery registrations forms to apply for a nursery place for September 2022 are available from the Infant school office.

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)

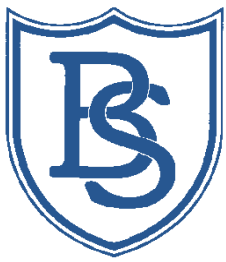
[yr1-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:yr1-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)

[yr2-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:yr2-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)

## Newsletter:

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

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



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## **Busy Bodies News**

**Monthly booking forms-** May we kindly remind parents that December booking forms are due in by tomorrow Wednesday 24th November. Thank you to all our families who have so far handed in their December and January booking forms.

**PTA donations-** we are happy for families to send in their PTA donations with their children and we will kindly hand these over to the PTA team during the remainder of the week.

**Covid-19-** A huge thank you to all our families who have kept us up to date with regards to their children self-isolation. This has been really helpful in ensuring that we are able to alter your children's booking form and staff accordingly, thus ensuring the safety and well-being of everyone within our setting.

**Refunds-** We have made the appropriate adjustments to your children's booking form and will in due course credit their ParentPay accounts, which parents will be able to use towards their next month's payments. If you choose to keep a sibling off who has not been tested positive, unfortunately these accounts will not be credited as they are still able to attend school and our club as per government guidelines and your parent contract with us -updated in September. Please continue to keep us informed and we wish all our lovely children and families who are currently self-isolating, a very speedy recovery and safe return to school.

## **PTA News - Christmas is upon us!**

**PTA Christmas Fair 2021 - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November 5-7pm**

Free entry! Fun and games for all the family to enjoy.

If you wish to book a ticket to visit Santa's Grotto, please do so via our website [www.pta-events.co.uk/boldmere](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/boldmere)

The Fair will be held outside on the Infants' Playground this year, so please wrap up warm. Hot & cold refreshments will be available to purchase. Please do not attend if you are displaying Covid symptoms or have been told to self-isolate.

### **Donations for the Christmas Fair**

Every morning this week, there will be volunteers with a trolley at both the Infants and Juniors entrances collecting the following items for the Christmas Fair:

- Unwanted good quality cuddly toys
- Auction items (unused toys, toiletries, gifts, alcohol)
- Christmas jumpers
- Anything chocolatey for the tombola
- Empty 2L plastic bottles with tops

Thank you so much for these - without your donations the Fair would not be possible.

### **Non-uniform day - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November**

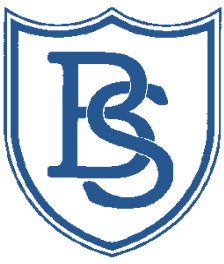
Children should have received a white paper bag in their book bags. Please could children decorate these bags and fill with a unisex gift item (worth at least £1). Please can children bring these to school on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> on non-uniform day.

### **Christmas Cards**

The children have completed their beautiful Christmas card designs in class. Please visit

<https://mychildsart.co.uk/order/parent-portal/login/> to place your orders using the Username - Boldmere and the Password - MhJRX6cZ

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## PTA News - Continued

### Elfridges Gift Shop - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> December and the children will be invited into the Elfridges Shop in school on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December. Please visit [www.pta-events.co.uk/boldmere](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/boldmere) to place your children's orders.

### 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>

### Black Friday

Black Friday is fast approaching, with some retailers having already started their sales. If you're shopping for bargains in the Black Friday sales, please consider using

[www.smile.amazon.co.uk](http://www.smile.amazon.co.uk) or [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/boldmereschoolspta](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/boldmereschoolspta) Both are free and easy to sign up to.

Once you've signed up the PTA will receive a small but essential percentage of every purchase made that will benefit our school and all our children.

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School  
23/11/2021