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Dear Parents/Carers,

Exciting news from Cure Leukaemia

School received notification last week that we had been nominated for an award and were a finalist in the Young Fundraiser of the Year category at Cure Leukaemia's Christmas 2023 Awards. Mrs. Kenny, Mrs. Long and Mrs. Mahon attended the presentation ceremony on Friday afternoon, where seven awards were handed out in recognition of outstanding dedication, generosity and creativity in their fundraising for Cure Leukaemia. Although we did not win the category, it was an honour to have been nominated and to attend the award ceremony. Our annual "Camp-out for a Cure" will take place again in the summer and we look forward to raising further funds to support this well deserving charity.



Children In Need

Thank you to everyone who joined in the fun and supported us with the fabulous cake donations! I am delighted to share that we raised £469.74 which will be donated to the Children In Need



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 **Monday 4th December.**

Welcome to our Boldmere family!

Congratulations

To Kerema Hyatt and Bruce on the safe arrival of a beautiful baby girl Camille, born on Tuesday 21st November. We look forward to seeing you at school soon!



Congratulations Board

Year 1 - Heath, Mila & Quinn
Year 2 - Alice, Sophie & Elsie

Diary Dates

Friday 8th December - Festive Jumper Day
Monday 11th December - 9.30am Penguin's Christmas Performance
Monday 11th December - 2.00pm Owl's Christmas Performance
Tuesday 12th December - 9.30am Hedgehog's Christmas Performance
Tuesday 12th December - 2.00pm Seal's Christmas Performance
Wednesday 13th December - 9.30am Robin's Christmas Performance
Wednesday 13th December - 2.00pm Lion's Christmas Performance
Thursday 14th December - 10.30am & 2.30pm Nursery Christmas songs
Monday 18th December - 2.00pm Parrot's Christmas Performance
Tuesday 19th December - 2.00pm Bear's Christmas Performance
Wednesday 20th December - 2.00pm Frog's Christmas Performance
Thursday 21st December - Christmas Party day
Friday 22nd December - Break up for Christmas holidays.
Monday 8th January 2024 - School closed for professional development day.
Tuesday 9th January - School re-opens to all pupils.
Friday 9th February - Break up for half term holidays.
Monday 19th 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 8th December, and Rudolph Run week of 11-15th December. Further details were sent in a Parentmail yesterday 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 for the Christmas holidays on 22nd December this year.

Milk Letters For Spring term 2024

Milk letters will be sent home for the spring term this week. Order forms and payment via Parentpay must be received by **Monday 4th 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.

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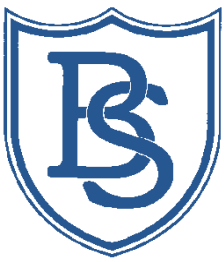
The weekly newsletter can also be found on the school website:
<https://www.boldmere.bham.sch.uk>

Lunchtime Club Letters For Spring Term 2024

Letters will be sent home today for Year 1 & Year 2 lunchtime clubs for next term. Please check your child's book bags. These clubs can be oversubscribed and we use the process of a lucky dip to ensure fair policy. It is therefore important to ensure that reply slips are returned to school and payment made via Parentpay before the deadline which is **9am on Wednesday 6th December**.

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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M&M Theatre Production of Aladdin

Thank you to the families who gave financial contributions in order for the school to be able to go ahead with the production of Aladdin earlier this month. The cost of the production was £899.00, we managed to raise £740.50 via donations.

Further voluntary contributions can be made on Parentpay until the 4th December. Once the payment is closed we will be able to make a decision about booking another production for next year. The shortfall will be covered by our school budget on this occasion but this may mean that future events may be cancelled or postponed.

Parent Representatives

A reminder that our next Parent rep meeting is on Thursday 30th November at 9:00am. We still have vacancies for a few classes so if you would like to become a rep for your child's class please let Mrs. Kenny know. Current vacancies are for classes 2U, 1S, 1L and BIB.

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) 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

Illnesses at school

We have received confirmation of Scarlett fever in one of the Reception classes (RW) so would like parents to be aware of the current NHS advice regarding the illness. Please follow the guidance as detailed on the link below and seek medical attention should your child display symptoms.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/scalet-fever/>

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

Expectations when using toilets at school.

We are pleased to say that most children at Boldmere show respect and behave appropriately throughout the day, including when they use the toilets at school. However, it has become clear this term that some children are not using the toilets properly, despite many reminders from staff regarding our expectations. We would like to work with parents and ask that you take some time at home, to discuss and reiterate our expectations at school. Staff are spending precious teaching time throughout the day, monitoring behaviour in the toilets and it is important that the children help to keep these areas clean and tidy. Our expectations are as follows:

- *Use the toilet, put down the lid, flush the toilet and then wash and dry your hands properly with paper towels.

- *Use the bins for the paper towels, do not put them in the toilet.

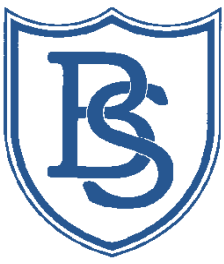
- *Nothing should be placed into the toilet except toilet paper.

- *The toilet is not a playground or area to socialise so use the toilet sensibly then return to your class quickly and quietly.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Nursery Admissions Sept 2024

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



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BIB Newsletter Week beginning November 28th 2023

Newsletter BIB November 28th 2023

Celebrations

Axel in **Giraffe** class for super engagement with speech and language sessions.

Shane in **LK** for communicating more in class.

Theo in **ED** for being more independent in class.

PE champions

Zak in Giraffes

Jayden in LK

Enya in ED

As weather is becoming colder, please make sure your child comes to school appropriately dressed. Please ensure all items of clothes are named.

Christmas jumper day is Friday December 8th 2023. Children can come to school in their Christmas Jumpers. Letters will be sent home soon with details of the Christmas Craft afternoon. Please indicate on the slip attached who will be attending to work with your child and return to your child's teacher.

The All Aged Autism Service Directory might be of interest to you all.

It is a website for autistic people, their families and carers in the Birmingham and Solihull area. The Service Directory has been co-produced with Experts by Experience, with the aim of providing you with an easy, single point of access to current support services in Birmingham and Solihull, and a search function to help you find services more easily. <https://www.aadirectory.co.uk>

**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 for further information.

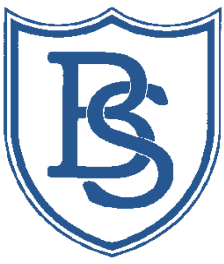
The closing date for applications is **Monday 15th January 2024**.

**Year Two Parents
Transfer from Year 2 to Year 3
September 2024**

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 **Monday 15th January 2024**.



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Busy Bodies News

Baby news

We are pleased to announce that our Manager Karema had a beautiful baby girl last week, mother and baby are doing well, Congratulations to Karema and the family.

In Karema's absence, please use busies@boldmere.bham.sch.uk for all correspondence. Emails will be picked up by deputy managers Luan and Harminder.

Booking forms

Booking forms are now available and are due back by Wednesday 29th with fees due by Friday 1st December.

Craft activities

This week sees the start of our Christmas crafts activities, including: Christmas trees, wreaths, paper chains and snowmen.

Toy donation

If you have any spare toys that are in good condition, please donate them to us at the Busy Bodies door, 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-](mailto:reception-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)

contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

yr1-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

yr2-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

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Head of
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28/11/2023