

NEWSLETTER - NOV 5

Dear Parents/Carers,

Heating And Electrical Failure At School Today.

We have experienced partial electrical and heating failure today. Some areas of school, in corridors and cloakrooms have been lit by emergency lighting only. However, staff have escorted children around school when necessary to ensure everyone's safety. We are hoping that engineers attending this morning and this afternoon, can repair the issues to both the heating and electrics. There may be some disruption to emails and telephone systems this afternoon but we are hoping that this will be minimal, and that the Infants and Juniors we will be fully functioning as soon as possible.

Should you experience difficulties with the telephone lines please email school on enquiry@boldmere.bham.sch.uk.

Google Classroom

All children have all been set up on Google Classroom should home learning be required. A reminder of your login will be sent to you if you need to access work - for example if your child has a positive PCR test. Please note that Google Classroom is used only for setting class work/activities and submitting work done at home and should not be used for contacting staff. If you need to contact school with a query, please do so using the year group emails.

Thank you.

Christmas Performances.

We are very pleased to inform you that our Christmas performances will be going ahead as planned during the next two weeks. In consultation with the Public Health Protect team yesterday, we have confirmed safety measures that will be required to allow parents/carers to attend the performances.

All visitors must take a lateral flow test on the day of the performance, just before the morning/afternoon performance.

All visitors must wear masks.

Strict numbers will be adhered to -only one named adult may attend and this will be checked on the door.

If you are displaying any Covid 19 symptoms, or indeed do not feel well in any way, you must not attend.

We are working hard to protect all children and staff during this difficult time and we hope that the performances will remain safe environments. Please help us by following the above safety measures. Positive cases of Covid-19 remain in school and in our community so caution is still needed at these indoor events.

Christmas Postal Workers

Thank you for all the application that have been received. Mrs Kenny has enjoyed reading all of the references - thank you parents and carers for your involvement.

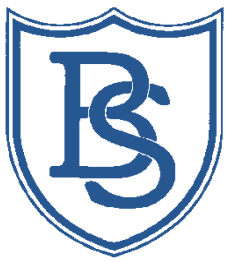
Training will take place later this week. Mrs Kenny will come to the classrooms to inform you of your duties.

Jolly Jumper Day - Do Your Bit In A Festive Knit - Friday 10th December

It's no secret our frontline heroes at Birmingham Children's Hospital work their magic every single day.

This year we will, again, be supporting them by taking part in Jolly Jumper Day and helping to add the sparkle by raising money for the hospital and patients. On Friday 10th December, we are inviting children to wear a Christmas jumper (if they have one) or alternatively a brightly coloured jumper instead of their normal school jumper or cardigan. We ask that they wear the rest of their school uniform as usual. If you wish to make a donation we will ensure this is forwarded to the hospital charity on your behalf.

Let's join in the festive fun!



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Diary Dates.

Monday 6th December 9.30am - RB, Hedgehog class Christmas performance.

Monday 6th December 2pm - 1S, Lion class Christmas performance.

Tuesday 7th December 9.30am - RK, Kangaroo class Christmas performance.

Tuesday 7th December 2pm - 1T, Owl class Christmas performance.

Wednesday 8th December 9.30am - RH, Turtle class Christmas performance.

Wednesday 8th December 2pm - 1C, Penguin class Christmas performance.

Thursday 9th December- Christmas lunch in school.

Thursday 9th December- Butterfly nursery children Christmas Workshop - 9.10am and 1.10pm.

Friday 10th December - Ladybird nursery children Christmas Workshop - 9.10am and 1.10pm.

Friday 10th December-Jolly Jumper Day

Friday 10th December - Virtual Father Christmas visit.

Monday 13th December 2pm - 2S, Parrot class Christmas performance.

Tuesday 14th December 2pm - 2M, Meerkat class Christmas performance.

Tuesday 14th December- Nursery Christmas parties.

Wednesday 15th December 2pm - 2PB, Frog class Christmas performance.

Thursday 16th December - Reception, Year One and Year Two Christmas parties.

Friday 17th December - Resource Base classes Christmas parties.

Friday 17th December- Break up for Christmas holidays.

Tuesday 4th January 2022- Professional Development Day-school closed to all pupils.

Wednesday 5th January- School re-opens to pupils.

Friday 18th February- Break up for half term holidays.

Monday 28th February- School re-opens to all pupils.

Friday 8th April- Break up for Easter holidays.

Christmas Lunch

We will be enjoying our Christmas lunch in school on Thursday 9th December. A vegetarian option will be available. If you would like your child to have a Christmas lunch in school on this day please order their choice via the Schoolgrid app. Contact the school office if you need help to do this.

Milk Letters

Milk letters will be sent home for the spring term this week. Order forms and payment via Parentpay must be received by Friday 10th 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.

Lunchtime Club Letters For Spring Term 2022

Letters will be sent home this week for the lunchtime clubs next term. Please check your child's book bags for further information.

New Arrivals!

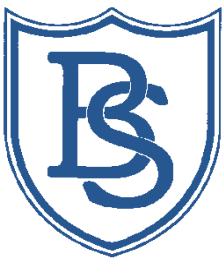
Congratulations to Huey and family on the birth of Daisy. Welcome to our school family.

Random Acts Of Kindness

Well done to those children who have brought in your 'Caught in the Act of Kindness' slips - we have lots of very kind children in school.

Toscana Strings

A big thank you to Toscana Strings who came into school and performed Peter and the Wolf on Friday. The children were spellbound by the performance!



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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 for further information. The closing date for applications is **Saturday 15th 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

The closing date for applications is **Saturday 15th January 2022**.



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.

Book Bags

We now have book bags in stock in school. If you would like to purchase one for your child, please make the payment via Parentpay and your child will receive their new bag.

Lego

If anybody has any Lego that they no longer require, please would you consider donating it to school. Thank you.

Christmas Trees

A huge thank you to Boldmere Hardware store who donated 2 lovely trees to school last week. Thank you very much for the donation, the trees look lovely!

Nursery Admissions September 2022

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

Newsletter:

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

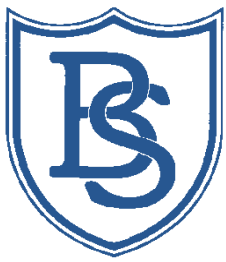
School Crossing Patrol Warden Vacancy

A Parentmail was sent out last week advertising the School Crossing Patrol Warden Vacancy on Boldmere Road. For more information, please email schoolcrossings@birmingham.gov.uk or phone **0121 303 7777**

A copy of the advertisement is also available on the school website.

Ordering Lunches Via School Grid

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



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Busy Bodies News

Monthly booking forms and fees

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our parents who have handed in their December booking forms on time.

December's booking form was due in on Wednesday 24th November, it is unfortunate that we must now inform you that as of Friday afternoon last week, we still had 37 booking forms outstanding. On Monday 29th November there were still 27 forms due in, this was the case even with a follow up email remainder to parents/guardians on Friday, this is simply not acceptable as we must safeguard the needs of our children attending our club.

We must remind you of your parent contract, which states that you should provide a monthly booking form when prompted. We will not be able to provide care for those without a booking form as we will not have accounted for them being at the club.

I cannot stress enough the importance of receiving your monthly booking forms and fees on time. It not only saves administration time but more importantly it helps us to have an accurate prediction of pupil attendance, allowing us to staff appropriately. Equally, this safeguards our children by ensuring that we know where all children are at all times, please support us by returning your forms promptly when requested.

Parents are given notice of two weeks in advance, and forms are also accessible from the school reception area, on the school's website and via the Busy Bodies staff. Forms can also be returned via email, should you prefer to do so.

If you have not yet completed your form, please contact the Busy Bodies Manager in the first instance to ensure that we are able to accommodate your needs for the remainder of the month.

There will be a follow up email for any outstanding fees reminding by this Friday 3rd December, we advise parents to continually check their ParentPay account to ensure that their children's balance are accurate and up to date.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter, and should you have any queries, please contact the Busy Bodies Manager in the first instance as we are happy to help.

Congratulations Board.

Many congratulations from all the staff at Busy Bodies to Huey's family (Reception) with the safe arrival on the 13th November of a beautiful daughter Daisy. Huey is a very happy, proud big brother and has been over the moon since Daisy's arrival.

Garden Monitors

Thomas (Year 3)

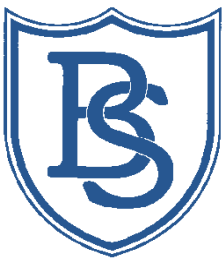
Lucy (year 5)

Busy Bodies Ambassadors

Thomas (Year 3)

Many other children have expressed interest in the above mentioned roles but have not yet returned their letter of application. Should you still wish to join the above pupils, we now encourage you to write a letter of interest to tell Busy Bodies why you would make a brilliant ambassador and/or garden monitor.

It could be because you take pride in your environment and can envisage different and sustainable ways in which we can care for our surroundings. You may have a vibrant personality with great values which makes you an amazing ambassador of our school. Any of our Busy Bodies children can take part in these roles, so we look forward to hearing from you.



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PTA News

We're Feeling Festive Now!

Last Friday 26th November we hosted our Christmas Fair

A **BIG Thank You** to all of the children and their parents & carers for their support on the night and for their donations. We loved seeing the beautifully designed lucky dip bags and boxes and Santa's Grotto was magical! We hope everyone enjoyed the Fair as much as we did.

We'd also like to take this opportunity to **thank all the volunteers** including PTA, staff and children who helped plan, organise, collect, set up, run, cook, serve and pack away the event. Events like this are only possible due to the many volunteers involved. If you'd like to be involved in future events, please do contact us at boldmere.pta@gmail.com

The BIG Christmas Raffle - Buy your tickets online now

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>

Elfridges Gift Shop - Last orders Sunday 5th 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 5th December and the children will be invited into the Elfridges Shop in school on Friday 10th December. Please visit www.pta-events.co.uk/boldmere to place your children's orders.

Christmas Cards - order by 8th December

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.

MyChildsArt have advised to place orders by 8th December to guarantee pre-Christmas delivery.

Christmas Shopping

Please consider using www.smile.amazon.co.uk or 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.

School Christmas Trees

We'd like to say a massive **THANK YOU** to **Boldmere Hardware** who have kindly donated 2 Christmas Trees to the school! Please consider them for any DIY or Hardware requirements, or even your own Christmas tree!

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

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30/11/2021