

NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 1

Dear Parents/Carers,

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. Consent forms will be sent home with your child this week. The form needs to be completed fully, whether you **Do** or **Do Not** wish your child to receive the vaccine, please make sure you include a daytime contact telephone number and return to school as soon as possible.

Hands, Face, Space

Please can we remind parents to observe socially distancing guidance during drop-off and collection times.

The wearing of masks on the school site has been suggested but it is not a legal requirement and remains parental choice. Please be advised however, that if staff cannot clearly identify a parent/carer collecting a child, you may be asked to lower or remove a mask to make identification easier. Staff will be extra vigilant during collection times to ensure that we continue to safeguard all children on site.

Celebrating Attendance

Congratulations to RB, Hedgehog class for achieving 100% attendance last week. Well done!

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**.

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**.

Parent Consultations

Unfortunately, due to the current Covid-19 situation, we are unable to hold face to face meetings with parents as we would usually do during this half term.

We will however be offering telephone appointments with your child's class teacher, during the week of 19th to 23rd October. Further details will be sent to parents later this week.

Diary Dates:

Autumn Term 2020

13th October - Nursery and Reception sponsored walk.

19th October to 23rd October - Parent consultations via telephone.

23rd October - Break up for half term holiday.

2nd November - School re-opens to all pupils.

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

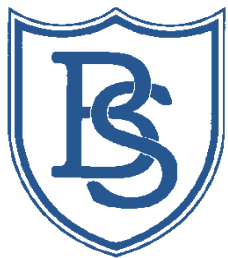
18th December - Break up for Christmas holidays.

Silly Squad Reading Challenge

A huge congratulations to those children who completed the library challenge. Your gift vouchers are on the way to you from the local library service. Well done!

Boldmere Infant Book Explorers

On Friday this week, your child will bring home the book explorer challenge for this year. Please read the instructions on the back carefully when you receive the sheet. Remember ... you have until July to complete this! Please, take your time and enjoy the books you read. We would love to see your choices recorded in your reading record books too. Happy reading!



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PTA News

Dear Parents,
You should all now have received your Christmas card design forms from school, either already completed or blank for you to design at home. The deadline for card designs to be handed in is this Friday - **Friday 9th October**. Please fill in the form on the back and hand designs into school on or before this date. Just a reminder that due to both schools now having a cashless policy, we will not be able to accept any cash or cheques attached to forms. A payment option has kindly been set up by both schools on Parent Pay where you can input your order total and pay for your Christmas card order there. If you have siblings then please pay for each child's order separately by their individual Parent Pay accounts. If for any reason you have not received a design sheet - then there are spare copies in both the infant and junior school office. We look forward to seeing lots of colourful and festive designs. Please do continue to follow us on Facebook, Instagram and twitter.
Many thanks
Boldmere PTA

Busy Bodies

Early collection charges w/c 14th & 21st September - These have all now been calculated and debited to your parentpay accounts taking into account the changes of collection times w/c 21st September.

October Booking forms - Fees have now been debited for Infants and Juniors will be debited today. Please pay promptly, thank you. If your debit seems higher than your calculation on your booking form, it may be that we have had to recalculate to include early collection times. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need clarification.

Busy Bodies Capacity - Due to the current situation that we are still in for the foreseeable future, Busy Bodies capacity has been substantially reduced due to year group bubbles and at times staff absence through isolation or illness. Unfortunately this leaves us with limited capacity to accommodate extra provision when required by parents at short notice. We apologise for this current situation we find ourselves in and will always endeavour to do our best and support you as much as we can.

Sponsored walk- Reception and Nursery children

We are holding a sponsored walk for all of Reception and Nursery children on Tuesday 13th October.

The walk will take place on the school field during the school day with the children's class teachers. Reception children will walk three laps and Nursery will complete two. All monies raised will go towards updating our outdoor resources so that we can continue to provide children with an engaging and stimulating environment.

A sponsor form will be sent out shortly and we ask that you pay all sponsor money via ParentPay.

When monies have been collected and spent we will share with you how much fun we are having with our new equipment!

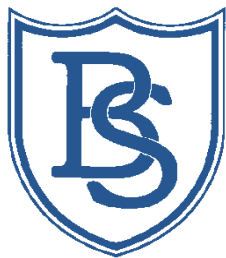
Thank you for your support,
Reception and Nursery teams.

Covid-19 Related Pupil Absence

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

Boldmere Family Displays

We consider our school to be a very large family, therefore we would love your child to bring in a family photograph. We want to make a whole school "Boldmere Family" display to celebrate how families and schools work together. Please note that photographs are being used for a display so they may fade or be pinned (a copy or spare photograph is ideal). This includes nursery and the BIB-Giraffe class.



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All About Me Sheet

Last week an 'All about me' sheet was sent home with your child.

Thank you to the families who have already returned them to school, if you have not already done so please return to school as soon as possible.

These sheets will be displayed on our Religious Education board in school.

For our younger children please feel free to act as a 'scribe' for your child writing down what they say.

For my beliefs, this could include family beliefs such as remembering to say please and thank you.

In the big red box you can either include a photo of your child or they can draw a self-portrait.

Thank you.

Boldmere Library

Boldmere Library is open for order and collect. Staff are in the library on Tuesday's and Thursday's from 10am-12pm and 2pm-4pm and are able to offer a service where people can come to the door and staff will then select books for them to take away to read.

Email addresses for correspondence specific to your child's class/year group, to support with teaching, learning and online/home learning support.

bib-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

nursery-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

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6th October 2020