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Dear Parents/Carers,

Parents Evening

We are looking forward to meeting with parents/carers next week for our Autumn Parent's Evening. We will be having face to face meetings within school, however, bookings are taken online. To book an appointment, please log in to your School Cloud account, details are attached to today's newsletter. Bookings will open at 4pm tomorrow. Please note that these meetings are for parents/carers and we request that children do not attend on this occasion.

Parent's Evening meetings are Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th October (1H is Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th October).

Parents' Information Meetings.

A big thank you to those parents who attended the parent information sessions last week. Information shared at the meetings is available on the school website under the Curriculum tab.

Forgotten Items

Please ensure that your child has all the items that they need when they arrive for school including book bags, lunches, water bottles, coats and hats to minimise disruption to children and staff during the school day.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We have concluded the vote for the new parent governor and we are delighted to appoint Natalie Justice-Dearn as our new parent governor. We have also been able to appoint Tonita Whittier as an associate governor too. Thank you everyone for your votes and I'm sure you'll join us in congratulating both on their new appointments.

Sponsored Walk

Congratulations to all the children who completed the sponsored walk last Friday. What a great effort! Remaining sponsorship monies can be paid in via Parentpay. All monies raised will be spent on updating our outdoor resources. Thank you to everyone for their support.

Reception 2023 Open Day

Our Reception Open Day will be taking place on Tuesday 1st November at 9.30am and 5.00pm. There will be a short presentation, followed by a tour of school.

Please note that these sessions are for parent/carers only and we would ask that children do not attend on this occasion.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 18th & Wednesday 19th October - Parents Evening 4pm-6.30pm. Friday 21st October- Break up for half term holidays. Monday 31st October - School re-opens to all pupils. **Tuesday 1st November** – School Open Day for Reception 2023, 9.30am and 5.00pm Monday 5th December - 9.30am, RI class Reception Christmas play. Monday 5th December - 2.00pm, 1C class Year One Christmas play. Tuesday 6th December -9.30am, RB class Reception Christmas play. Tuesday 6th December - 2.00pm, 1L class Year One Christmas play. Wednesday 7th December-9.30am, RW class Reception Christmas play. Wednesday 7th December-2.00pm, 1H class Year One Christmas play. Thursday 8th December- Nursery Christmas activities. Monday 12th December - 2.00pm, 2M class Year Two Christmas play. Tuesday 13th December - 2.00pm, 2P class Year Two Christmas play. Wednesday 14th December-2.00pm, 2B class Year Two Christmas play. Friday 16th December- Break up for Christmas holidays. Tuesday 3rd January 2023 - School closed for professional development day. Wednesday 4th January- School reopens to all pupils. Friday 17th February- Break up for half term holidays.

Monday 27th February- School reopens to all pupils.



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Harvest Festival

On Friday 21st October we will be joining the Juniors at St Michael's Church for a Harvest Celebration for children only; we are not able to invite parents due to lack of space. As part of our Harvest festival we are supporting the church in their collection for the Aston and Nechells' Foodbank which provides emergency food for local people in crisis. We are asking for donations of non-perishable and in-date items. For example, squash, tinned and packet items, long life juice, UHT milk and toiletry items.

All donations will be gratefully received. If you could send your items into school by Thursday 22nd October it would be much appreciated.

Lunchtime Clubs

Autumn term two lunchtime club letters will be sent home tomorrow, please check your child's book bags. These clubs can be oversubscribed and we use the process of a lucky dip to ensure a fair policy. It is therefore important to ensure that reply slips are returned to school and payment is made via ParentPay before the deadline which is **9am Tuesday 18th October 2022**.

Congratulations Board

Reception-Bertie, Ben & Isabelle. Year One – Ramona, Ruth & Roop. Year Two –Niamh, Reevan & Abdullah.

Celebrating Attendance

Congratulations to Penguin class 1C, for achieving 99.33% attendance last week. Well done!

Boldmere Inclusion Base News From Mrs Preece: Celebrations

Giraffes- Jayden, for retelling the story of 'Red Hen' using words and Makaton.

LK- Aleen, for being brave when she hurt her knee.

KM- Taylor, for trying incredibly hard with his Maths work.

Polite requests -More of our children are bringing packed lunches from home and it is lovely to see them enjoying their meals together with their friends. Please ensure lunch boxes contain healthy choices and no sweets.

Save the dates- November 25th 1.30. Further information on our Internet Safety Coffee afternoon will follow after half term.

December 8th 1.45 BIB Christmas Crafty Afternoon. Further details to follow but please save this afternoon as we would like you to come and join in Christmas crafts in the BIB.

BIB Family photos- We would like to have a small display of our children's families in each classroom. Could you send in a photograph of your child with their family for us to use. Thank you to Giraffe class who have already sent some in. Please note that photos will be used in class displays so may fade or be pinned, so if precious please provide a copy or spare.

Reception Admissions -September 2023

The online application process is now live to register your child for Reception 2023. Please visit the website at:

www.birmingham.gov.uk/school admissions for further information

The closing date for applications is **Sunday 15th January 2023**.

Year Two Parents

Transfer from Year 2 to Year 3 September 2023

- Letters were sent home
- yesterday 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/schoolad missions
- The closing date for applications
- is Sunday 15th January 2023.



Our Vision: The Federation of Boldmere Schools empowers all children to embrace learning; achieve their personal best; and build their social, emotional and physical wellbeing.



Busy Bodies

A huge thank you to all our families for handing in your October forms on time, should your fees remain outstanding we will be sending out reminders by the end of this week.

<u>**Diwali-**</u> Next week at Busy Bodies we will be celebrating Diwali throughout the week (Diwali will take place on Monday 24th October). Our children will participate in various activities and taster sessions, on Wednesday 19th October the children will be making Chapptis with our staff members and on Thursday 20th our children will be choosing their own Henna designs.

For any parents/carers who do not wish for their child/ren to participate in the above activities or know of any children with allergies toward henna use, please inform the Busy Bodies manager via email at khyatt@boldmere.bham.sch.uk, so that we can ensure that all children need are met on these dates.

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

SEND Webinars in October/November

Please see the attached poster with details about webinars that are available for Parents/Carers to book.

Contact Details

It is essential that parents/carers inform us whenever home addresses, mobile telephone numbers or any other contact details change. We must be able to get in contact with a parent at all times.

Newsletter:

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

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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PTA News

The PTA held our AGM last week, many thanks to everyone who attended. The Minutes of the AGM will be shared soon, in summary we were delighted to share with new and familiar faces how we donated over £23k to the school last year. We elected the three Officers who act as the Trustees of the Charity.

- \cdot Chairperson Simon Clifford
- \cdot Treasurer Alex Housden
- · Secretary Kate Pierart

Simon and Alex welcome Kate to the team of trustees and together we look forward to working with all volunteers who make the PTA the success that it is.

The PTA is an independent charity, our focus is to raise funds that enrich our children's learning and school experience. As a parent, carer, or teacher of children at our school, you are a member of the PTA and can volunteer to further the PTA's fundraising in whatever way you can. We have several exciting events planned for the year ahead and plenty of opportunity to be involved.

PTA Winter Coat Exchange

Tomorrow (Wednesday 12th) is the last day for bringing in good-quality outgrown winter coats. PTA reps will be accepting your kind donations at morning drop-off and afternoon collection, at the middle gates between the two schools. Please join us in the same location on Friday 14th October from 3pm for our coat sale. Thank You.

PTA Fireworks Tickets - on sale now

The 2022 PTA Fireworks Show will take place on Friday 4th November - doors open at 5:30pm and the firework display will begin at 7pm. There will be plenty of hot food, drinks, sweets, popcorn and flashing goods available for purchase on the night. Tickets are £5 for ages 4 and over and children under 4 are free of charge. Please visit our website for more information and to secure your tickets <u>www.pta-events.co.uk/boldmere</u>

PTA Pre-Loved Uniform Shop

We still have lots of good condition pre-loved and some new uniform items available for purchase. Please visit www.pta-events.co.uk/boldmere then click on Shop, Uniform & Merchandise. If you have more items to donate, please either send us an email or contact us via your PTA class rep, Thank you.

Diary Dates

· Thursday 20th October - PTA Committee Meeting (location TBC)

· Friday 4th November - 2022 Fireworks Show (tickets now available)

· Friday 2nd December - 2022 Christmas Fair (after school)

If you have any queries, particularly about how you can get involved in the PTA, please email us boldmere.pta@gmail.com .

Javantha Kenny

Mrs S Kenny Head of School 11/10/2022

