

NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 2

Dear Parents

End of the School Day - Infant & Juniors

We would like to remind all parents/guardians that other than those who have been authorised, no adults or children should be on the infant school playground/field after 3.40 pm. We must ensure that we are meeting our safeguarding requirement and it has come to our attention that a number of parents/guardians and children are staying on the infant school playground/field until 4.00pm/4.15pm. For many reasons this cannot continue and we would ask you to leave at the appropriate time as the school day finishes. The main gates leading to and from the infant playground will be closed at 3.40pm so that our site is appropriately safeguarded. Many thanks for your advanced co-operation in this matter.

Reminders!

Book bags are needed in school everyday and should be checked regularly. Please do not attach keyrings to bookbags as accidents can occur. Toys should not be brought into school as they are often lost. Please do not send flasks or bottles into school as water is freely available throughout the day. **Simple studs** for pierced ears are the **only** jewellery acceptable to be worn in school but should be removed for PE. If you are uncertain what day your child has PE, please speak with their class teacher. Thank you for your continued support.

Harvest Festival

On Friday 20th 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. In order to collect a variety of food items, each year group has been allocated a type of food from the foodbank's donation list. We would ask that children bring in one item of food that is non-perishable and in-date as follows:
Nursery - Tinned Fruit
Reception - Tinned Vegetables
Year One - Coffee
Year Two - Fruit Juice/Squash
Year Three - Pasta Sauce
Year Four - Tinned Tomatoes
Year Five - Toothpaste/Brushes
Year Six - Chocolate/Snacks
All donations will be gratefully received. If you could send your items into school on Wednesday 18th or Thursday 19th October it would be much appreciated.

Congratulations Board

Ruby Davies (1C), Jason Adobor (1E), Phoebe-Rose Elton (1H), Myles Sherman (2B), Gethin Myers (2T), Isabella Drayton (2W).

Celebrating Attendance

Contratulations to 1H, Turtle Class for achieving 99.67% attendance last week. Well done Turtles!

A Plea for Early Years

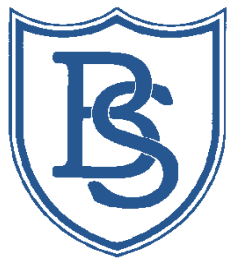
Does anyone have any of the following items that they no longer need or that they could source and donate to our Reception and Nursery to enhance the outdoor areas?

- Cordless home telephones
- Steering wheels
- Number plates
- Hub caps
- Baby car seat (real)
- Metal saucepans, tins, pots and utensils (for our mud kitchens)
- Draining racks
- Front door numerals
- Matching padlocks and keys

Anybody know a professional builder? We are looking for flexible tubing approx. 1 m long.

Individual Children's Photographs

The school photographer will be visiting Infant School on Friday 13th October to take children's individual photographs. He will be available between 08:15-08:45am should you wish to bring pre-school children or older children for a family portrait.



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Boldmere Infant's and Nursery Recycling Centre

We have opened a recycling centre to encourage children to recycle, re-use and reduce waste. In Early Years we are always looking for recyclables to replenish our creative areas so that children can apply their imagination by creating and constructing.

Children may bring in any items listed below and sort into the different recycling bins.

Plastic: plastic bottle lids, clean yoghurt pots

Cardboard: kitchen towel rolls, birthday cards (with numbers on ideally!) wrapping paper tubes, small boxes (smaller than cereal or shoe boxes)

Paper: old stamps (cut from envelopes), spare envelopes, odd bits of wrapping paper.



Barnaby Bear

Barnaby Bear is looking forward to our half term break and would love spending some time with families during the holiday. If you would like Barnaby to come home with you, please write Mrs Kenny a letter telling her about all the fantastic adventures you might have.

Flu Vaccinations

A reminder that the school nurse team will be in school on Wednesday 18th October to administer the nasal vaccination to Reception, Year One and Year Two children; parents are not required to attend. Please ensure you have returned the signed consent form to the school office. Thank you.

Sponsored Walk

We have raised £1,280 so far. Could we ask for any further sponsor money to be sent in as soon as possible. The money raised will help us to provide lots of fun activities for the children.

Lunchtime Clubs

Letters for new lunchtime clubs starting after half term will be sent home this week. Please check your child's book bag. The deadline for all applications will be Thursday 19th October 2017.

One of our parent helpers, Niccola Jones, is running the Birmingham Marathan this Sunday in support of Macmillan. If you would like to support this charity please visit the Just Giving website and search for Niccola Jones. Good luck!

PTA News

Thank you so much to everyone who has returned their Christmas card order! We hope you liked the beautiful designs that came home. These have now been sent off and will be delivered to you as soon as the orders are returned.

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 17th October - we are having our next PTA meeting at 8pm. Further details to come next week.

Friday 3rd November - Bonfire Night. Look out for ticket details coming soon.

Busy Bodies Parents & Carers - Important Financial Reminder

All fees **MUST NOW** be paid through the Parentpay system with the exception of families using the childcare voucher schemes. It is vitally important to ensure that your booking forms and fees are received by Busy Bodies as usual **THE LAST FRIDAY** in each month and by the date specified on your booking form. Furthermore, please ensure that you complete your booking form thoroughly stating clearly the time and total of your session so that we can input it onto the system accurately. Thank you for your assistance.

Shanika Kenny

Mrs S Kenny
Head of School
10th October 2017

