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Dear Parents/Carers,

Barnaby and Beattie Bear

Barnaby and Beattie Bear are two siblings who love attending Boldmere Infants and Nursery. They spend much of their time in the school office though, working hard with Mrs. Kenny! They have both asked Mrs. Kenny, (remembering their manners of course!) to see a little more of the World. So, if anyone would like Barnaby or Beattie Bear to spend a weekend at their house, enjoying family time with them during mealtimes, stories at bedtime, swimming lessons, trips out or just helping with a few household chores, then please let Mrs. Kenny know. You must write a short letter to Mrs. Kenny explaining why you would like Barnaby or Beattie to visit though! Barnaby and Beattie currently have no plans for the half term holidays either, so would also welcome a little holiday I'm sure!

Harvest Festival

Our harvest festival will be taking place on Thursday 26th October at St Michael's Church. We will be collecting food to donate to the Aston and Nechells food bank. They have provided us with a shopping list of items that are needed and would appreciate any donation, however small, from this list: long life milk, fruit juice and cordial, tinned fish tinned fruit, tinned rice pudding, coffee, meat soup, pasta sauce, baked beans, deodorants, shampoos. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

Parents Evening

Our parents' evening sessions for Autumn term are running next week, on Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th October. We are pleased to offer face to face meetings for these meetings and look forward to welcoming you all to school next week. Please note that **these meetings are for parents/carers only** and we ask that you **do not to bring children** on this occasion. Bookings are made through School Cloud and the booking system will open at 9:00am on Thursday 19th October. Parents/carers will be sent an automated email to log into their School Cloud accounts. Please speak to your child's class teacher should you have difficulties making an appointment.

School improvement - Monitoring of phonics and reading

All of our children have been working really hard at their phonics and reading and it has been a pleasure reading with some of them over the last couple of weeks as part of our ongoing monitoring. We have been particularly impressed with how Reception have started learning their first sounds and are preparing for their first reading book after half term! Well done!

New Nursery Signs

Thank you so much to Ozzy's Dad at **brandedclothinguk.com** for making us some new signs for Nursery. Check out our welcome sign on the Nursery gate!

Diary Dates

Tuesday 24th & Wednesday 25th October - Parents Evening 4pm-6.30pm.

Thursday 26th October - Harvest Festival Celebration

Friday 27th October- Break up for half term holidays.

Monday 6th November- School re-opens to all pupils.

Wednesday 8th November - School Open Day for Reception 2024, 9.30am and 5.00pm

Friday 22nd December- Break up for Christmas holidays.

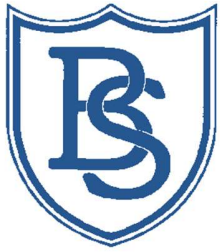
Monday 8th January 2024- School closed for professional development day.

Tuesday 9th January- School re-opens to all pupils.

Friday 9th February- Break up for half term holidays.

Parents' information meeting responses.

Thank you to everyone who has returned their evaluation sheets from these meetings. Some parents have asked for a video link to support in pronouncing the sounds. Please click on the following link if you would find this helpful: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UCI2mu7URBc>
A reminder that the slides that were used in the meetings are available on the school website under the curriculum tab - year group pages.



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Lunchtime Playleader Vacancies

We are looking to recruit two lunchtime playleaders to join our lunchtime staff in Boldmere Infant and Nursery School. The post is for five days per week, 1 hour 10 minutes per day with an approximate start of 12.10pm. If you enjoy working (and playing!) with children, and would like to support our fantastic lunchtime team, please contact school for details or click on the link where further information can be found including job description and application form. Paper copies, can also be collected from the Infant school office.

<https://www.boldmere.bham.sch.uk/job-vacancies>

Closing date for applications is 9am on Friday 27th October.

Please feel free to share this with anyone who may be interested in this position at our school.

We look forward to receiving applications.

Sponsored Walk

Remaining sponsorship monies can be paid in via Parentpay. All monies raised will be spent on classroom resources. Thank you to everyone for their support.

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

Letters will be sent home later this week to all Year 2 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 **Monday 15th January 2024.**

Lunchtime Clubs - Autumn Second Half Term for Y1 & Y2

Please check your child's bag today for the lunchtime club letters. The closing date for the clubs is **9am on Friday 20th October.**

Reception will be offered lunchtime clubs later in the academic school year.

Congratulations Board

Year 1 - Eliza, Cairo and Mickey.
Year 2 - Celina, Honey and Elsie

School Photographs

We have unfortunately had to postpone the individual school photographs for children and siblings in Boldmere Infant and Nursery School that were due to take place on Wednesday 11th October.

We are still awaiting confirmation of a new date.

Road safety at drop-off time

A number of parents are making the road outside school unsafe in the morning by dropping off and parking on the zig-zag yellow lines. Not only is this illegal but it is dangerous for others who are using the road and pavements outside school. **PLEASE DO NOT DROP OFF OR PARK ON THE ZIG-ZAG LINES.** When dropping off in the morning, please ensure that a member of staff sees you as you drop your child off so that we are confident that you know that your child has arrived safely at school. Thank you for your co-operation.

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.



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Busy Bodies

November booking forms

The November booking forms are available to collect from the school office or from the Boldmere website under Parents, then Busy Bodies. Booking forms are due back Wednesday 25th October and fees are to be paid by Friday 27th, please note that if booking forms are late, an admin charge of £5 will be applied.

We have noticed that some children are being dropped off earlier than their stated time, drop off times are 7:45am and 8am.

Thank you to our parents whose fees have been paid on time, if you have any outstanding fees on your child's account, you will have received an email through ParentPay. Please be reminded that fees need to be paid on time a month in advance. If for some reason you are having difficulties clearing your balance, please speak to the management team.

Competition

At Busy Bodies we have an exciting drawing competition called Perfect Pets, children can draw an animal from their imagination and the club that sends in the best drawings will win an amazing £1,000 towards new toys. The best Perfect Pet drawing will become the book's title and front cover and will be distributed nationwide, so children, Get Drawing!

Closing date for the competition is 31st October, we would like all entries in by next Monday 23rd October.

Thank you for your kind attention to the above matters.

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.

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

Ordering Lunches Via School Grid

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

October Half Term Soccer Schools with Aston Villa – see attachment. Pre book now via this link – [October Soccer Schools 2023](#)



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Black History Month and our History Curriculum

During October it is Black History Month, an opportunity to celebrate black history heroes. At school children will be learning about significant people through History lessons, story and poetry.

At Boldmere we believe that it is important that we interweave the discussion about these influential people and those from a variety of multi-cultural backgrounds into the school curriculum delivered across the year, not just the month of October.

If your child has a black history hero that they would like to share with their class please send a prompt to help them, perhaps a photo, book or poem. We look forward to learning more about heroes both past and present!

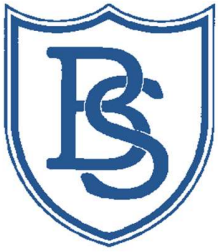
The BBC have put together a list of articles and videos to help parents discuss Black History Month with their little ones, please see the link below.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/curations/black-history-month>

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[Celebrating Black History Month 2023 on CBeebies - CBeebies - BBC](#)

Celebrate Black History Month throughout October 2023 with your little ones. Discover more about the CBeebies House presenters black history heroes, explore history with JoJo & Gran Gran and read articles from around the BBC.
www.bbc.co.uk



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Boldmere Inclusion Base News from Mrs Preece

Celebrations

Alim in Giraffes - for joining in with phonics activities.

Parker in LK - for coming to school with a positive attitude.

James in ED - for his consistent kindness and being a great friend to all his peer

All the BIB children - for managing well with the fire alarm this week.

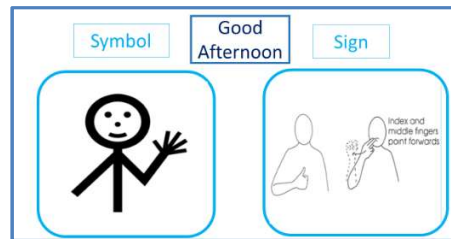


PE Champions

Giraffes- Zak James

LK-Aleen

ED-Hayden



The Makaton Sign we are focusing on for the next couple of weeks is:

Please look out on X (Twitter) where you will see one of the team demonstrating how to sign, Good Afternoon.

Thank you for those of you who have already returned your coffee morning slips. It would be lovely to see you all. Please ensure they are returned to your child's class teacher even if you are not able to attend.

We need your help We are so very fortunate to have three lovely play areas in the BIB. Over the last 18 months we have been able to begin to slowly resource and develop these but we would like to do more. We will be looking at how we can fundraise to help us to do this over the coming months. In the meantime, if any of you have at home, skipping ropes, old skittle sets, yoyos, or any outdoor games that your children no longer play with, we would be grateful of your donations.

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

Newsletter:

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

Mrs S Kenny
Head of
School
17/10/2023

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.

