



NEWSLETTER - OCT 3



Dear Parents/Carers,

Staff and the senior leadership team are currently preparing for our autumn parents' evenings next week. Just in case anyone has missed the information, we are holding face to face meetings on **Tuesday and Wednesday 22nd and 23rd October**. Appointments are booked via SchoolCloud and guidance was sent out last week. Please let your child's class teacher know if you are having any difficulties booking an appointment. The evening will be an opportunity to look at your child's work and discuss with staff how they have settled into their new class. There will also be an opportunity to look at the amazing work on the classroom walls. Please note that in fairness to all parents/carers attending, the appointments are for 10 minutes only. We look forward to welcoming you all next week.

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 assemblies will be taking place in school on **Thursday 24th October**. We will be having an Early Years assembly as well as a Key Stage 1 assembly, led by Rev. Chris Dowd from Wylde Green United Reform 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, long life fruit juice and cordial, tinned fish, tinned fruit, tinned meat, tinned rice pudding, coffee, tea bags, vegetarian tins, pasta sauce, baked beans, deodorants, shampoos. **All donations must be sent in by Wednesday 23rd October at the latest.** We thank you in advance for your generosity.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 22nd & Wednesday 23rd October - Parents Evening 4pm-6.30pm.
Friday 25th October- Break up for half term holidays.
Monday 4th November- School re-opens to all pupils.
Wednesday 6th November - School Open Day for Reception 2024, 9.30am and 5.00pm
Monday 9th December - 9.30am (RT) Penguin's Christmas Performance
Monday 9th December - 2pm (1L) Owl's Christmas Performance
Tuesday 10th December - 2pm (1H) Seal's Christmas Performance
Wednesday 11th December - 9.30am (RM) Hedgehog's Christmas Performance
Thursday 12th December - 9.30am (RI) Robin's Christmas Performance
Thursday 12th December - 2pm (1M) Meerkat's Christmas Performance
Friday 13th December - Rudolph Run for Birmingham Hospice
Monday 16th December - 2pm (2B) Bear's Christmas Performance
Tuesday 17th December - 2pm (2P) Frog's Christmas Performance
Wednesday 18th December - 2pm (2S) Lion's Christmas Performance
Thursday 19th December - Christmas Party Day
Friday 20th December - Church Service tbc
Friday 20th December- Break up for Christmas holidays.

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

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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 have been 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>

PTA

The AGM of was held last night and thank you to everyone who attended. We are always looking for new members to help support the PTA team, and this year we would like to encourage new positions of Vice-Chair, Vice Treasurer and Vice Secretary, to work alongside our current Trustees. If you are interested in finding out more information about the roles, or indeed can offer support in any way, please contact Mrs. Kenny or the PTA directly. The PTA raises much needed funds for school but we do need to think about succession planning to ensure that our PTA events continue. Now is the time to ask yourself... "Could you help?"

PTA Firework Event

Volunteers needed **Friday 8th November 2024** - Could You Volunteer?
Every Boldmere PTA Event relies on volunteers to organise and run them.
The Annual Boldmere PTA Fireworks show, on **Friday 8th November**, is a professional fireworks display and is well attended by the school and the wider local community.

The event needs a lot of volunteers in order to run safely and maximise the funds raised that will benefit your children attending Boldmere Infant and Junior School.

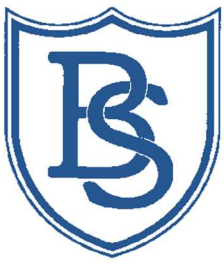
There are many opportunities to Volunteer, such as:- Marshalls, set up and clear up the event, prepare food, sell food and drink, sell treats and flashing toys, we also need help to organise, hire goods, purchase stock and coordinate volunteers for the event.

All the roles and details of what is involved and the times you're required are on our website.

All volunteers receive free entry to the event and those helping at the event will get refreshments, all as a gesture of thanks for your time and resource volunteered to the PTA.

Please see the "Can you help?" section of our website <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/boldmere> and sign up to help the PTA raise funds that will benefit your children.





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Reception Open Day

Will be held on
Wednesday
6th November at
9.30am and 5.00pm.
No booking is required, but we very much look forward to meeting prospective parents at the sessions.

Reception Admissions - September 2025

A ParentMail was sent out to all Nursery children yesterday.
The online application process is now live to register your child for Reception 2025. Please visit the website at: www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions for further information.
The closing date for applications is **Wednesday 15th January 2025.**

Year Two Parents

Transfer from Year 2 to Year 3 September 2025

A ParentMail was sent out to all Year 2 children yesterday.
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 **Wednesday 15th January 2025.**

Allergies/food intolerances

If your child has any allergies, please ensure that this information is added to School Grid (Dolce) when you register your child for school meals. This must be completed in addition to notifying the school office. Dolce manage our lunch provision and it is parent's responsibility to provide food allergy information directly to Dolce via the online portal.

Lunchtime Clubs

Autumn Term Two lunchtime club letters were sent home last week. 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 Friday 18th October 2024.**

Busy Bodies

The **November** booking form will be available to collect and download from **Wednesday 16th October** and will need to be returned by the following **Wednesday 23rd October** with fees to be paid by **Friday 25th October.**
School clubs
If your child is attending a school club, please state this on your booking form. If your child is returning to Busy Bodies after the club, the whole session will need to be paid for.

Ordering Lunches-School Grid

Please can we remind parents that you need to order lunches for your child via School Grid. If your child is absent from school, please remember to cancel any ordered lunches as soon as possible to help reduce any wasted meals.

School Council 2024

Mrs Mason would like to thank the Year One and Year Two children for their school council applications. This week classes will be casting their votes, and our new class representatives will be introduced next week in time for their first school council meeting.

PTA and School Council Thank You

Our new bikes have arrived! A big thank you to last year's School Council for their fundraising efforts and our PTA for their generous top up contribution. We have four new trikes and six balance bikes which we have never had before. School council revealed the bikes to the children during congratulations assembly yesterday and we are all looking forward to testing them out on the bike track!

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.



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Parent Meetings

Thank you to all of the parents who attended our parents' information meetings last week. We are pleased that you found them useful. The presentations are now available on the year group pages of the school website. A reminder that our curriculum overviews are also available on the website and are added at the beginning of each half term. Our next parents' sessions take place in the spring term when you will get the opportunity to work with your children in school. Dates will be available soon.

Individual School Photographs

We have arranged for children to have school photographs taken on **Friday 18th October**.

On this occasion, we will not be taking sibling photographs with Junior school children.

Parents/carers will be provided with unique codes to view, order and pay for purchases. The photographs will then be delivered to school to distribute to parents.

No orders will be taken through school.

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

Target Tracker Online

Parents of children in Reception and Nursery should receive a letter in your child's book bag tonight explaining how to access our Target Tracker link online. For children who are new to Boldmere, you should receive an email on Friday which will contain a link to enable you to access your account. Account details for children who have older siblings will not have changed. Please let your child's class teacher know if you would like to receive the link again. Thank you.

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.

Welcome to our Boldmere Family!

Congratulations to Delilah, Isaac and their family on the safe arrival of a beautiful baby boy, Frankie!

We look forward to seeing Frankie in school!



Congratulations Board

Congratulations to these children who are on the Congratulations Board this week:

Year 1: Sloane, Theo & Eva

Year 2: Jenitta, James & Heath



Absences & Lateness

Please can we remind all parents/carers that you need to call (01214642338) or email enquiry-inf@boldmere.bham.sch.uk before **9am** in the morning if your child is going to be absent from school (illness or Religious Observance) or if they are going to be late for any reason. If we have not heard from you then a call will be made to you as part of our responsibility to safeguard children. Thank you.

Medical Appointments

A reminder that if your child will be absent from school, arrive late or have to leave early due to a medical appointment we do need to see some evidence in the school office. We will need to keep a copy of this to support your child's medical attendance mark on the registers.



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BIB Newsletter for week beginning 14th October 2024

Congratulations to the Stars of the Week

Idris for being helpful and a responsible member of the class.
Zak- James for demonstrating good listening skills all week.
James for super Maths work this week.



Mrs Dale and Mr Jordan's PE Champions

Kaleel
Harper Rose
Habiba



In the BIB this week:

Giraffe class this week are sorting in categories of shape, colour and size. They have enjoyed experimenting with paint as part of Mental Health awareness day.

ED are reading the *Gruffalo* as part of their Literacy this week.

They are continuing to explore autumn and will be taking walks in nature.



Spare Clothes

We are in desperate need of any spare uniform, socks and underwear for the BIB children.
Any donations gratefully received.

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



School Emails

The two new separate Email addresses for Infants/Juniors are:

enquiry-inf@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

enquiry-jun@boldmere.bham.sch.uk



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