Dear Parents

Diwali

Wishing a Happy Diwali to those children and families who are going to be celebrating this weekend.

This week at school we are finding out all about Diwali, the Festival of Light. Children have heard about the story of Rama and Sita and have found out how the festival is celebrated.

If you do celebrate Diwali we would love to see photographs of children celebrating (photos from Diwali in the past or photos from this year can be sent in after half term). Also if the children would like to bring something that they use for decoration or some traditional clothing to share with their class, teachers would be extremely grateful.

Home Nations Rugby- Non Uniform Day - Friday 25th October 2019

To celebrate England v New Zealand and Wales v South Africa in the Rugby World Cup semi-finals, children may come into school wearing red, white and blue. This is a non-uniform day and we are asking for a voluntary donation of £1 to go towards 'school fund'.

Parents' Evening 23rd and 24th October - 4pm-6.30pm

Appointment times were sent home last week.

These appointments are for <u>parents</u> <u>only</u>. There is the opportunity for your child to come to our celebration evening in the summer term, so we ask that they do not attend the appointments.

Harvest Festival

On Friday Year 1 and Year 2 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 that is non-perishable and in-date as follows:

Nursery - Tinned Fruit
Reception - Tinned Vegetables

Year One - Tinned Rice Pudding Year Two - Toothpaste and

Toothbrushes

All donations will be gratefully received. If you could send your items into school by Thursday 24th October it would be much appreciated.

DIARY DATES

23rd & 24th October - 4:00-6:30pm Parents' Evening

25th October - Harvest Festival at St Michael's Church-children only

25th October - Break up for half term holidays

4th **November** – School re-opens to all pupils

6th November - 2020 Reception Open Day- 10.30am, 2.00pm & 6.00pm

11th & 13th November - 9.00-10.30 Y1 Maths Workshop

12th November - 9.00-10.30 Reception Maths Workshop

14th & 15th November - 9.00-10.30

Y2 Maths Workshop

10th December - 10:30 & 2:30

Nursery Christmas Songs

11th December - 1.45 Reception Dress Rehearsal

12th December - 9.30 & 1.45 Reception Performance

16th December - 1.45 Y1 Dress Rehearsal

17th December - 9.30 & 1.45 Y1 Performance

18th December - 9:30 Y2 Dress Rehearsal

18th December - 1:45 Y2 Performance

19th December - Christmas Parties

20th December- Nursery closed for current pupils

20th December - 9:45 Christmas Service at St Michael's Church 20th December - Break up for Christmas holidays

Aldi Get Set to Eat Fresh Vouchers

Thank you for all of the vouchers that have been sent in, we have managed to complete our second chart. Mrs Kenny will send off our collections and hopefully we will receive a new sports kit after the holidays!

Celebrating Attendance

Congratulations to Turtle class for achieving 98.33% attendance last week. Well done!



Club Letters for after Half Term

The Lunchtime club's for the next half term will be:

Monday: Yr 1 & Yr 2 Streetdance Tuesday: Yr 1 & Yr 2 Tennis Wednesday: Yr 2 Girls Football Thursday: Y1 & Yr2 Rugby

Friday: Yr & Yr 2 Speed Stacking Letters for the clubs were sent home last week. If you wish for your child to participate in any of the lunchtime clubs, please make sure the completed forms are returned to school and payment is made via Parentpay by 9am on Wednesday 23rd October.

Busy Bodies - Important Notices

May we take this opportunity to remind all parents and carers that November booking forms are available for collection at the Busy Bodies desk and junior school reception area. Forms can also be accessed on the Federation of Boldmere Schools website.

November booking forms are DUE IN BY WEDNESDAY 23RD

OCTOBER and fees are due in as normal by the last FRIDAY OF THE MONTH BEING FRIDAY

25TH OCTOBER.

Congratulations Board

Reception - Freddy, Abigail, Oliver, Grace, Mary and Alex. Year One - Luke, Chayce and Amaya.

Year Two - Isabelle D. Harry and

Reception Parents Stay and Play Sessions

Thank you to all of the parents who attended the reception Stay and Play sessions last week. We hope you enjoyed your time with your child and were able to see how the speech, language and play skills are put in to practise. We would be grateful if you could return the feedback forms as soon as possible.

PTA News

BOLDMERE PTA FIREWORK
EXTRAVAGANZA - Friday 8th
November - TICKETS NOW ON
SALE at www.ptaevents.co.uk/Boldmere

<u>WE NEED VOLUNTEERS</u> for the BBQ and stewards on the night, please do get in

touch boldmere.pta@gmail.com

DATE FOR THE DIARY - CHRISTMAS FAIR - Friday

29th November 2019. Do you have any unwonted, unopened items? Do you work for a company that are willing to donate a prize? We are looking for raffle prizes for the Christmas Fair. Please, please, please if you can find anything suitable or you or your company have anything you can donate, we would be extremely grateful for your generosity. Let us know on boldmere.pta@gmail.com

Year Two Parents

Transfer from Year 2 to Year 3 September 2020

The transfer from year 2 to year 3 online application form can be found by visiting:

www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmis sions

The deadline is 15th January 2020.

Reception Admissions - September 2020

The online application process is now live to register your child for Reception 2020. Please visit the website at:

www.birmingham.gov.uk/school admissions for further information. Our open day for prospective parents will be held on Wednesday 6th November at 10:30am, 2:00pm and 6:00pm. Please note that this is an information sharing meeting for parents only and is not intended for children.

Golden Table:

This week the following children have been nominated for the Golden Table in the dinner hall:
George, Rahim and Flynn from Hedgehog class, Paisley Bowe,
Jemima, Harry, William and Sa'rai from Bee class,
Thank you children.

Nursery and Reception Sponsored Walk

Thank you to everyone who has sent in sponsorship money for our annual sponsored walk. Sponsorship monies can be paid in via Parentpay or by cash sent in to school. All monies raised will be spent on updating our outdoor resources. Please help support our school. We will update you on all purchases very soon.



School Council

The last few school council representatives are going to be voted for today, look out for the list after half term. We will be holding our first school council meeting tomorrow.

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.

Poppy Appeal

Poppies will on sale during
morning break time this week
and the week after half term. If
your child would like to purchase
a poppy, we will be asking for a
minimum of 20p donation.

Newsletter:

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

Up to Date MAT information
Information can be found at:
https://www.boldmere.bham.sch.uk/parents/mat-information

Community News - Disclaimer - The following community events are for your information. Should you wish to obtain further information or attend, it is at parents' own discretion.

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Boldmere Harvester - Halloween Party with DJ for 11 years and under on the 31st October 2019 from 6-8 pm Fancy Dress Competition. Tickets are available from the Harvester at a cost of £3.00 per ticket.



We would like to wish all our families a lovely, restful half term break.

Savantha Kerry

Mrs S Kenny Head of School 22/10/2019

