

NEWSLETTER - OCT 4

Dear Parents/Carers,

Message from Mrs Kenny

Well first of all we would like to say well done to all children for working so hard during this very long half term! I am sure, like staff, you are all looking forward to breaking up on Friday and spending some time with your families.

Our Nursery and Reception children have coped remarkably well and I know that staff are impressed by how well children are already following school routines and rules. It is lovely to see new friendship groups developing and children enjoying our outdoor school environments too.

Activities to round off this half term include parents' evening this evening and tomorrow, Harvest festival at St. Michael's Church on Thursday and School photograph on Friday, so a busy few days!

I would also like to express my gratitude to staff for their resilience this half term. They continue to work with passion and commitment and are a truly amazing team despite facing current educational challenges within Birmingham.

Parents' Evening

A reminder that parents' evening is tonight and tomorrow and we are looking forward to welcoming parents/carers to school between 4.00 and 6.30pm. Please note that the appointments for parents/carers are for 10 minutes. Please do not bring children on this occasion. We are also raising funds for Macmillan Cancer Research by selling tea, coffee and cakes in the dining hall during the evening. We look forward to seeing you all during the next two days to celebrate your child's achievements and to eat cake!

School improvement Plan

Our updated school improvement plan for the academic year 2023-24 is attached to this week's newsletter and will be available on the school website by the end of the week. Our school improvement priorities are based on self-evaluation by the senior leadership team and our work with external school improvement partners. The priorities also form the backbone of the monitoring undertaken at school.

M&M Theatre Productions

It's that time of year when we have a special visit from M & M Theatre Productions! Oh no we haven't!! We are excited again to be welcoming them into school on Wednesday 15th November for a performance of Aladdin. The cost to school for the performance is £1200. We welcome voluntary contributions for the performance, and are suggesting a payment of up to £5 per child. ParentPay will be set up accordingly today for parental contributions. Thank you in advance.

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.

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.



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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/school-admissions 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**.

School Attendance

Please see the link below for advice from the DfE on promoting strong attendance throughout the autumn term.

https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

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.

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.

School Photographs

The photographer will be in school on Friday 27th October to take the children's photos. Children who have siblings within the school will be able to have their photographs taken together as well as individually. We are unable to facilitate photos with siblings who are not in the Infant School.

Co-opted Governor Vacancy

A vacancy exists for a co-opted member of the Governing Board. A letter containing further information regarding this role and the nomination process is attached this newsletter.

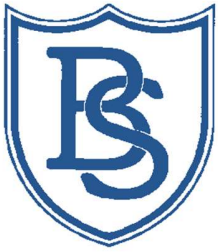
Lunchtime Clubs - Autumn Second Half Term for Year 2

There is still some availability for the AVFC Girls Football Club for Year 2 at lunchtimes.

Children's Data Checking Sheets
Data checking sheets will be given to parents during parents' evening. Please could all forms be checked, amended if necessary, signed and returned to the school office by Friday 27th October. There will be boxes for you to put your completed forms in at parents' evening. Thank you for your support.

Boldmere Family Displays

We consider our school to be a very large family, therefore we would love your child to bring in a family photograph next week. We want to make a whole school "Boldmere Family" display to celebrate how families and schools work together. Please note that photographs are being used for a display so they may fade or be pinned (a copy or spare photograph is ideal).



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Boldmere Inclusion Base News from Mrs Preece

Celebrations

Giraffes- Calvin, for listening and attending well during Attention Autism sessions.
LK- Thierry, for creating a lovely poster in English.
ED-Habiba for working hard and participating well during her transition sessions.

Congratulations!

PE Champion

Giraffes- Axel
LK- Thierry
ED- Habiba



Parent representative

Due to our BIB parent representative securing a supporting role in school, she is stepping down from her post as our parent representative. If anyone is interested in putting themselves forward for the position, please let me know.

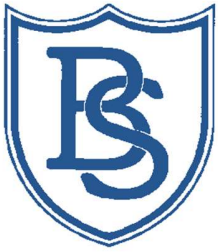
Church visits

On Wednesday and Thursday this week, both LK and ED classes will be visiting the church. Wednesday will be a pre visit in preparation to attending the Harvest festival on Thursday 26th October.

Harvest festival food contributions

As you will be aware, we are supporting the Aston and Nicholls foodbank this year. This foodbank provides emergency food for local people in crisis. If you able to, please do send in a contribution with your child, so that we can add to the items being collected across the Federation. Any contribution will be gratefully received.





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Contact Details

Data Checking Sheets will be handed out at your child's parents evening. Please check and sign and ensure they are returned to the class teacher by Friday 27th October. We must be able to get in contact with a parent at all

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.

Newsletter:

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

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

Congratulations Board

Year 1 - Archer, Buster and Ruel
Year 2 - Freddie, Adam and Laila

Mrs S Kenny
Head of
School
24/10/2023