



NEWSLETTER - OCT 4



Dear Parents/Carers,

Our final week of half term is yet again quite a busy one! We have parents' evening on Tuesday and Wednesday, so please ensure that you have all booked in to see your child's teacher.

On Thursday we welcome Rev Chris to lead our Harvest assemblies at school. All food donations will be collected this week and as usual, we are supporting Aston and Nechells food bank. Any items of non-perishable foods will be gratefully received.

We also attach to today's newsletter, an overview for school trips/activities that will require parental contributions. This overview is for the whole year and may be subject to changes, however, it was agreed that parents could plan for the financial contributions if given the whole year overview.

Our first exciting extra-curricular activities begin straight after half term with Reception and Y1 children participating in Balance Bike lessons with Aspire sports. Through accessing Government funding, there will be no charge required from parents for these sessions but we look forward to seeing everyone enjoying themselves outside on the bikes!

In addition, our annual Pantomime performance is all booked for **Monday 25th November**.

Jack and the Beanstalk will be performed by M&M Productions (Touring Company). This is an amazing opportunity for all children to experience the joys of watching a live pantomime performance! This is the fifth year of our involvement with the company it is always and amazing day. The actors visit classrooms to talk to children prior to the performance and we have singing and dancing throughout!

The total cost of the event is £1200 so we are requesting a contribution from parents of **£5.00** per child. Payment is made via **ParentPay**.

We would also like to wish everyone a happy half term holiday and look forward to seeing you on **Monday 4th November!**

Reception Open Day

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

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

Thursday 7th November - Year 1 Eye tests

Friday 8th November - PTA Firework Event

Wednesday 13th November - CBeebies Ridiculous Rhyme Rocket Show

Friday 15th November - Children in Need

Monday 25th November - Pantomime Performance

Monday 2nd December - INSET Day - school closed to pupils

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 - PTA Elfridges

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.



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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!

Staffing update

We would like to wish Mr Rollason, our site supervisor a very fond farewell as he retires from his position this week. Mr Rollason has been a member of staff at Boldmere for almost 20 years and is a face that many of you will know. Our heartfelt thanks and appreciation are sent to Mr Rollason, for all of his service here. The jangle of his keys will be missed!



The Ridiculous Rhyme Show

By Joe Chambers and Andrew Crawford



The presenters of hit BBC children's show 'The Rhyme Rocket' are visiting to perform their live production 'The Ridiculous Rhyme Show'.

The aim of the show is to encourage children to have fun and engage with creative wordplay through music, comedy and interactive performance.

This exciting and high energy theatre production will take place at school and offers a great opportunity for children to further explore the English language.



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CBeebies

We are very excited to have arranged a visit to school by Joe Chambers, who presents the CBeebies TV show '[The Rhyme Rocket](#)' on **Wednesday 13th November**. Joe and his team are coming to Boldmere to present...

The Ridiculous Rhyme Show

The aim of the show is to promote English and encourage children to engage and have fun with creative wordplay through interactive performance. It's an upbeat show full of songs and comedy and has been received immensely well by schools across the UK as a unique learning tool to supplement the English curriculum. Lots of laughter, lots of creative learning.

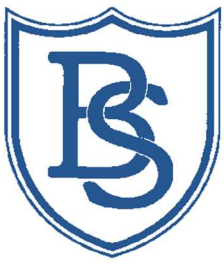
Info for parents can be found here

<https://www.laughnlearn.co.uk/info-for-parents>.

To facilitate this show, we are requesting a parental contribution of **£3.00** per child, payable on **ParentPay**.

Safety on the grounds

Reminder that scooters and bicycles should not be used on the school paths/playgrounds at the start/end of the day. We have a number of children (and even some parents) who are riding bikes and scooters along the paths and it is becoming quite dangerous for our young children when entering/leaving the building.



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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 25th October**. There will be boxes for you to put your completed forms in at parents' evening.
Thank you for your support.

School photographs

As parents are aware, we had school photographs taken last Friday, but were unable to facilitate sibling photographs during the day. We are in discussion with Junior school and the photographer to facilitate an opportunity for families to arrange a further session where sibling photographs can be taken. Once a date and time has been confirmed, we will let parents/carers know.

Attendance

Our attendance policy will be updated in the next few days, in the light of changes to the BCC policy and guidance. Further information will be sent via ParentMail on the first day back after half term. This will include changes to the process for requesting Leave in term time, as well as procedures for following up persistent absences from school.

Parent Class Representatives

Thank you to Our Parent representatives group who met with Mrs Kenny last week for the first time this academic year. As ever, we had a useful meeting and our agenda items included items such as diary dates, correspondence with school, school trips and Nursery costs. In response, we will ensure that diary dates are given out as much in advance as possible, and will be included each week in the newsletter. We have an additional two Reception class reps who will be joining us for the next meeting, so our current parents are as follows:
2B -Sarah Sleigh; 1M -Celine Benoit; 1H - Amy Holland; RT- Debra Proud/Lyndsey Bloxham; Nursery- Sarah Say; RI- Charlotte Barry; RM - Becki Juetting.
If your child's class is not represented and you would like to volunteer, please contact Mrs Kenny.

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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School Council 2024

Votes have been made and children will be finding out in assembly today! Please look out for the announcement in next terms first newsletter.

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.

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.

Reception

In reception we have been learning to retell the story 'The Little Red Hen'. We followed instructions to make bread, working as a team and then enjoyed eating it! A super time was had by all!



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.

Congratulations Board

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

Year 1: Kiu Kiu, Kesari & Billy

Year 2: Samraj, Sahaavi & Ayaan



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

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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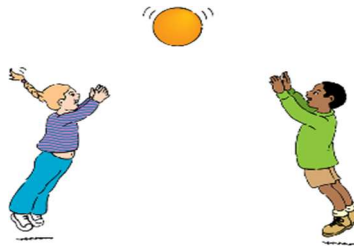
BIB Newsletter for week beginning 21st October 2024

Congratulations to the Stars of the Week

Elijah James in Giraffe class for a fabulous speech and language session.
Zak James in ED for following instructions and active listening all week.
Theo in LK for working hard in all areas this week.

Mrs Dale and Mr Jordan's PE champions

Elijah James in Giraffe class
Jayden in ED
James in LK



For your information:

In Giraffe class this week, the children are reading the Little Red Hen. They are exploring the environment and will be going on Autumn walks to find leaves of all different colours.

LK will be visiting Boldmere Library for the last time this half term. They are also visiting the Communita café to develop their independence and maths skills. The class have also been learning about Black History as part of 'Black history month.'

ED are also walking down to Boldmere high-street this week. They will be visiting the local shop to develop their independence and community awareness. With Halloween fast approaching, ED will be exploring lots of activities to do with this time of the year.

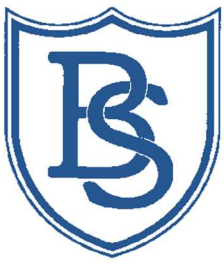
A reminder:

We break up for half term **Friday 25th October**.

Save the date- Christmas Craft afternoon will be **Tuesday December 10th**

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





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SAVE THE DATE

Sutton Coldfield Family Hub Launch Event.

Tuesday 29th October 2024 12pm-2.30pm

Holland House Children's Centre
Holland Road, Sutton Coldfield Birmingham, B72 1RE
and
Our Place Community Hub
Farthing Lane
Sutton Coldfield B72 1RN

Meet Bluey and Bingo

Youth Activities

Gruffalo Story Time

Face Painting
Join us to find out more information about the Family Hub and what support is available for your family in the local area.

There will also be a range of family friendly interactive activities for everyone to join in!!
Tel: 0121 752 1860 Email: rshaheen@spurgeons.org

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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

Happy Diwali

Wishing all of our family and friends that will be celebrating in the half term holidays a Happy Diwali.



Newsletter: The weekly newsletter can also be found on the school website:

<https://www.boldmere.bham.sch.uk>

Mrs S Kenny
Head of School
22/10/2024

Sarah Kenny



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.

