

# NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 4

Dear Parents

## Groundforce Day - Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November, 9:00-12:00

Teachers and members of the PTA will be joining us for a community event like no other.

**WE NEED YOU TO SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL!** Please come and help us for a few hours on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November 9.00am-12.00pm at school. We are planning to tidy front flower beds, plant flowers by new bike track on the field, paint playground fences, build tyre planters and construct a new compost area.. Adults and children are welcome to help with the weeding, sweeping, painting and planting - just wear wellies and a warm coat and bring a few gardening tools plus brooms, dust pans and brushes with you. We have approached local businesses for supplies but any donations of plants would be welcome. Please let Mrs Kenny know if you can help by completing the tear off slip at the end of the newsletter. Cakes and biscuits will be provided but please bring drinks. Unfortunately school facilities such as toilets will not be available as the school building will be locked.

## Congratulations Board

Rahima Aziz (1C), Sophie Hammond (1E), Elijah Owens (1H), Zaki Yousaf (2B), Mary Stroud (2T), Mia Richards-Simonds

## Celebrating Attendance

Contratulations to 1H, Turtle Class for achieving 100% attendance last week. Well done Turtles!

## Federation of Boldmere Schools - Chair of Governors

We are delighted to inform you that Mr Greg Bloom was unanimously elected as the new Chair of Governors and has accepted this position for this academic year. We would also like to thank Mr Chris Hindle, our previous Chair of Governors, for all he has done in this role. As part of our succession planning, he will remain on our Governing board and he will support our newly elected Chair to ensure that the Governing Board meets all of its statutory requirements. We thank them both for their support.

## Our Values

Our value this half term is 'kindness'. Adults in school are on the lookout for acts of kindness and any children who have been 'caught in the act of kindness' will be rewarded with a sticker and a certificate explaining their kind act. We are also encouraging children to carry out random acts of kindness when they are outside of school. Forms will be sent home in book bags which can be completed and sent back into school explaining your child's act of kindness. We will be displaying these on our 'Kindness' washing line in the school hall. If you haven't received a form, please ask your child's class teacher for another.

## Deadline for Applications for Reception 2018 and Transfer from Year Two to Three

Please visit

[www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions) to submit your application by 4<sup>th</sup> December 2017. The final closing date is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

Our open day for prospective parents will be held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

## Maths Workshops

Year One - 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> November

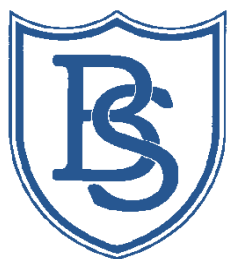
Year Two - 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> November

Letters have been sent home giving parents the option to attend the workshop of their choice. Activities will be the same on both days. Please note that babies and pre-school children cannot be accommodated, the focus of these sessions are the children.

## New Arrival!

Congratulations to Heidi, Arthur and Annabel Cartwright on the birth of Flora Beatrice, their new baby sister. Welcome to our school family!





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## Poppy Appeal

Poppies are available to buy in school from Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November for 50p each.

## Busy Bodies Parents & Carers

Please be reminded that this is the last week (by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November) to ensure your payment is made for November. Booking forms are available at the Busy Bodies reception. All payments MUST be made through Parentpay with the exception of parents paying through their childcare voucher schemes.

## PTA News

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE if anyone has any wooden pallets lying around that you want to get rid of... can we have them? If you can drop them at school by infants bike shed that would be fantastic. Please don't forget to save your Halloween pumpkins and bring them to school on Friday morning for the pumpkin patch on bonfire night. Please leave your pumpkin at the bottom of the steps to the field in the infants playground.

## PTA News Continued.....

If you are a keen baker we would really appreciate any cake donations to sell on the evening. Cake donations can also be left with us on Friday morning. Thank you to everyone who has already bought tickets. Tickets will only be available on the door if there are any left after this weeks sales. Tickets are selling fast so please buy your tickets early to avoid disappointment. When they have gone we can not allow any more people in. Finally, if there is anyone out there that would like to lend a hand we are looking for volunteers to marshal on the evening, sell on stalls and also anyone that might want to stay behind at the end just to help put things away. Please do get in touch if you would like to help. Thanks in advance.

Finally, please could we ask that you walk if possible rather than drive, be courteous to our neighbours and do not park on driveways etc. For those who have to drive the Harvester back car park would be available for anybody who wishes to park there and walk.

## DIARY DATES

- 1<sup>st</sup> November - 2018 Reception Entry Open Day
- 3<sup>rd</sup> November - PTA Bonfire Night
- 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> November - 9-10:15 Y1 Maths Workshop
- 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> November - 9-10:15 Y2 Maths Workshop
- 11<sup>th</sup> November - Ground Force Day
- 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> November - 9-10:15 Reception Maths Workshop
- 11<sup>th</sup> December - 9:30 Reception Dress Rehearsal
- 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> December - 1:45 Reception Performance
- 13<sup>th</sup> December - Y2 Singing at New Oscott Village
- 14<sup>th</sup> December - 9:30 Y1 Dress Rehearsal
- 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> December - 1:45 Y1 Performance
- 18<sup>th</sup> December - 9:30 Y2 Dress Rehearsal
- 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> December - 1:45 Y2 Performance
- 20<sup>th</sup> December - 10:30/2:30 Nursery Christmas Songs
- 21<sup>st</sup> December - Christmas Parties
- 22<sup>nd</sup> December - 9:45 Christmas Service at St Michael's Church
- 22<sup>nd</sup> December - Break up for Christmas holidays

*Samantha Kenny*

Mrs S Kenny  
Head of School  
31<sup>st</sup> October 2017

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I \_\_\_\_\_ (child's name) of \_\_\_\_\_ (class)  
would like to come and help out at **Ground Force Day**.

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact No: \_\_\_\_\_

