

NEWSLETTER - SEPTEMBER 2

Dear Parents

Getting Back in the School Routine

A small number of children are a bit tearful when separating from parents/carers in the morning. This happens every year as it takes some children a little longer than others to get back into the school routine after a seven week break. We want to reassure parents that in all cases the children settle as soon as they are in school. If a child ever continues to be distressed, we always contact parents/carers. Can we thank parents for helping us by handing children over as swiftly as possible so that we can take them into school and help settle them. Could we please remind parents to stand behind the yellow line when dropping off or collecting children so we can see them clearly during handover.

We also know that transition between the play-based curriculum of Reception and the National Curriculum of Year One is a big step for children. In this first half term of Year One we continue to give the Year One children some extra play activities to make the transition a little easier for them.

Sponsored Walk

We will be holding our Annual Sponsored Walk on Friday 5th October. A Sponsorship Form will be sent home this week. All monies raised will be spent on extra fun activities for children in school this year.

Celebrating Attendance

We want to continue celebrating excellent attendance in school each week so will continue to publish details of the best class (or classes) in our weekly newsletter. The importance of attending school every day cannot be stressed enough and we are sure that parents/ carers would agree with us.

Congratulations Board

Each week for our Celebration Assembly, teachers choose one child from their class whom they are particularly proud of. We celebrate their academic achievements, behaviour, attitude to learning or their perseverance. Parents are welcome to take a look at our congratulations board in the hall on Friday after school. If parents are unable to pop into school, the congratulations photos are always sent home the following week.

Parents' Meetings

Reception - Speech & Language/ Reading & Play

9:15am on 15th October

Year One - English/Reading

9:15am on 25th September

Year Two - English/Reading

9:15 on 26th September

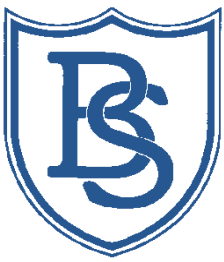
Please come along for a cup of tea and a biscuit and find out more information about how you can help your child at home.

Behaviour in School

The children have all settled really well into their new classes and we are pleased with behaviour in school. We are seeing lots of kind and caring acts by children which is lovely. Routines are now established and Year Two are doing a great job at being 'role models' to show all younger children what we expect of children at Boldmere.

Year Two Trees Project

We are pleased (and excited) to have the opportunity to work with Sutton Park Ranger, Matthew Osland-Barker and John Heywood from EcoSutton on a special 'Acorn to Trees Project'. Year Two will be walking to Sutton Park on Friday 21st September to collect acorns with Matthew. On returning to school they will plant them and throughout their years at the Infants and Juniors will watch them mature. Our aim is to plant the saplings around school and the local area - parents may even be receiving them for their own gardens! Please return consent slips as soon as possible - we are unable to take your child without signed consent.



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Home and School Agreement

Your child will be bringing home a 'Home and School Agreement' booklet this week. Inside it will contain the class rules that your children have written with their teacher and also includes a brief outline of the strategy. Please read the agreement with your children, then both sign it and send it back into school as soon as possible. Thank you for your continued support. Mrs Mason

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. We want to celebrate how families and schools work together and make a whole school display. Please note that photographs are being used for a display so they may fade or be pinned (a copy or spare photograph is ideal).

Jeans for Genes Day - Friday 21st September 2018

This Friday children are able to wear their jeans instead of their trousers/skirt with the remainder of their school uniform to help raise awareness for the above charity event. We are asking for a donation of £1.00 per family. Jeans for Genes (UK) is a national children's charity, which raises money for the care of children and families who are affected by genetic disorders. Jeans for Genes Day is run by the UK charity Genetic Disorders UK.

School Census - Please Help!

We have to complete a detailed School Census on behalf of the Department for Education three times every year. The first date this year is Thursday 4th October. This is the mechanism by which the school receives funding for pupils. It is absolutely essential that we claim all of the money that the school is entitled to receive to maintain our standards at Boldmere. One of the areas that we are asked to complete, is the number of children with a parent or parents who are Service Personnel serving in regular HM Forces military units or in the Armed Forces of another nation and stationed in England. Members of the Territorial Army are not classed as the regular armed forces for the purpose of the Census. The other specific group that we are required to complete is the number of children adopted from care. The DfE asks parents to provide supporting evidence, such as a photocopy of the adoption order. We realise that this is sensitive information and need to assure parents that this information is confidential and will only be used for completion of the Census. The funding for school dinners is also based on the number of dinners provided on that day and we ask for as much support as possible on this census day. We will be sending invitations out to those who usually have a packed lunch so please make sure you check book bags regularly.

Lunchtime Clubs

New lunchtime clubs start next week for Year One and Year Two as follows:

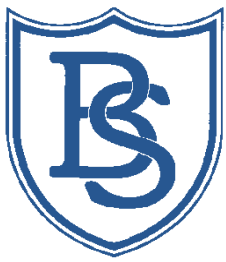
Year One - Multi Skills - Monday 24th September to Monday 22nd October

Year Two - Multi Sports - Friday 28th September to Friday 26th October

PTA News

SAVE THE DATE - Thursday 27th September is the Boldmere PTA Annual General Meeting. Location to be confirmed. The AGM is a fabulous way to hear what has been raised and what last year's funding has been spent on. Please save the date because it would be wonderful to see you there and get more people involved in what we do.

Friday 9th November - Boldmere school 'Firework Extravaganza'. Get the date in your diary and more information will follow.



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Curriculum Information

A message from Mrs Rawson:

Please look in your child's book bag tomorrow for a letter about how we teach Religious Education in school and what is included in your child's lessons. We are looking for visitors of different faiths to come into our classrooms to talk to our children. **In particular we are looking for Christian, Sikh, Muslim and Hindu visitors to talk to our Reception children, just for 20 minutes, about their faith.** The first visits will be the week beginning Monday 1st October. Also in your child's book bag will be a sheet entitled 'All about me'. Those of you with children in Year One and Year Two will be familiar with this! Please can you help your children complete the sheet and return it to their teacher by next Tuesday to go on our RE display, 'We all value each other'. For our younger children please feel free to write their answer for them (please do this word for word with what your child has said). If your family does not follow a faith, or beliefs this could be the values you follow as a family such as 'remembering to say please and thank you'. If you have any photographs of your child/family taking part in a religious celebration or act of worship that you would like to share, please send them into school to add to the board (with a little description). This could include going to a Christingle service, celebrating Diwali, Eid or Baisakhi to name just a few! It would be lovely to see as many of our children represented on the board as possible!

Mrs S Kenny
Head of School
18th September 2018