

NEWSLETTER - SEPT 2

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome To Boldmere School and Nursery

We would like to welcome all of the new Reception and Nursery children and families who have started at school this week. The Reception children started part time this week and nursery have started a staggered intake, all children seem to be settling in very well.

Welcome to our Boldmere Family!

Violin Lessons

Violin lessons have started today, it was lovely to hear music resonating from the hall! Payments for your Violin lessons should be made via Parentpay.

Reminder About Covid Tests

If your child develops any Covid symptoms- high temperature, cough or loss of taste or smell then you need to get a PCR test as soon as possible and isolate at home until you receive the results. The attendance code that will be used by school is X which is the Covid code whilst awaiting results. If your child is confirmed as positive the absence will be recorded as I for illness. Under new guidance isolating without any Covid symptoms is now unauthorised. The government guidance states that attendance is statutory and isolation is not required if you do not have any symptoms.

School Council- Year One and Two

We are looking to elect new school councillors for 2021-2022!

The Department of Education reinforce the need *"to create and enforce a clear and rigorous expectation on all schools to promote the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs."*

One of the many ways we promote British values within school is our school council which consists of representatives from each class in years one and two. They meet every half term with an adult, who this year will be Mrs Beesley. It is an ideal opportunity for pupils to get more involved in the way a school is run. It is the responsibility of each councillor to ensure that they express both their own views and the views of all the other pupils they represent from their class. The councillors have to be voted in by the children in their class. To help the voting system if your child would like to run for a place on the council then we ask that they write a couple of sentences explaining why they would be good for the job. If we could ask that these be sent in to school for the class teacher by Monday 20th September, then teachers will carry out the vote during the week.

The new school council will be introduced in the newsletter on Tuesday 28th September.

Good luck candidates!

Diary Dates

Monday 20th September - Reception children start full time.

Monday 4th October- Reception, Year One and Year Two Flu immunisations (nasal spray).

Friday 8th October- Nursery, Reception and Resource Base Sponsored walk.

Monday 18th October- Reading and Maths presentations for each year group (available on school website).

Wednesday 20th/ Thursday 21st October - Parents Evening via school cloud.

Friday 22nd October- Break up for half term holidays.

Monday 1st November- School re-opens to all pupils.

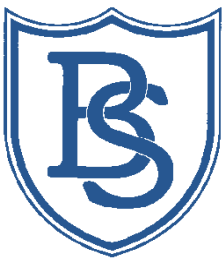
Friday 19th November- Children in Need fundraising

Friday 17th December- Break up for Christmas holidays.

Nasal Flu Immunisation - Monday 4th October 2021

NHS Birmingham Community Healthcare Immunisation team will be coming into school on Monday 4th October to administer the Nasal Flu vaccination to Reception, Year One and Year Two classes.

Consent forms will be sent home with your child this week. The form needs to be completed fully, whether you **Do** or **Do Not** wish your child to receive the vaccine, please make sure you include a daytime contact telephone number and return to school by **Wednesday 22nd September**.



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Our Value This Half Term Is 'Respect'

We have used the following definition with the children:

When we act in a way that shows we care about others.

- Respect is feeling good about myself.
- Respect is knowing I am unique and valuable.
- Respect is knowing I am lovable and capable.
- Respect is listening to others.
- Respect is knowing others are valuable too.
- Respect is treating others nicely.

Ways to help at home:

- Discuss what it means to be respectful and to be respected.
- Discuss every day events.
- Use the language of respect at home.

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 7th 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.

Message From Mr Glasgow

It is wonderful to return to school and get back to 'normal' practice at our schools. The children have been a credit to their families and they are working hard. All children have made a great start to the new academic year in their new classes, settling really well in school, including our Reception classes this week, which is a delight for us to see at Boldmere.

It is great that we are resuming what is perceived to be 'normal' in our school. However, it is absolutely vital that we remain vigilant and proceed with care when continuing to manage the risks of Covid-19 at our schools and within our community. Since returning to school, we have been informed of some positive cases of Covid and, of course, we hope the individuals affected are all well and taking care. These cases have fortunately not impacted upon anyone else at our schools and no further actions need to be taken at present. Our updated **Covid-19 Risk Assessment and Educational Outbreak Management Plan** can be found on our school website under the Covid-19 section, if you would like to access this information.

Nursery September 2021

We still have a few Nursery places available. If you know of or have a child whose date of birth is between 01/09/17 and 31/08/18 who may be interested in a place, please contact the school office on 0121 464 2338 for further information.

Ordering Lunches Via School Grid

Please can we remind parents that you need to order lunches for your child via School Grid.

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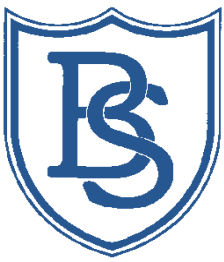
The weekly newsletter can also be found on the school website:

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

Congratulations Board

Year One - Eddie, Jasmine and India-Mai.

Year Two - Oliver S, Denver and Che.



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Busy Bodies

New Receptions

Welcome to our new Reception children, the Busy Bodies team hope that you will have a wonderful time joining in with our morning and afternoon sessions. I would like to reassure all new parents/guardians that you will be receiving your ParentPay log in shortly via the infant school, please do not worry in the meantime. Once you have been given your log in details you will have the option of paying for your children's registration and monthly fees.

October Booking Forms

Forms will be available for collection at the Busy Bodies desk, the junior school office entrance and on the school's website from **Wednesday 15th September**. Forms will be required by next week Wednesday 22nd September so that we can enter your requirements and **payment by 30th September**. Should you have any queries with regards to the above information, please do not hesitate in contacting the Busy Bodies Manager on 0121 464 1343 or via email khyatt@boldmere.bham.sch.uk.

Year 6 Leavers And Year Three Children

The Busy Bodies Manager has made all necessary adjustments/ transfers on the ParentPay system for year 6 leavers and year three children. Please can parents/guardians check their children's accounts and advise us if there are any changes that need to be amended.

Recruitment For Play Worker/ Play Coordinator Positions At Busy Bodies

We are looking to appoint three positions at Busy Bodies for Play Workers or Play Coordinators. Should you be aware of anyone who may be interested in the positions please contact the Busy Bodies Manager on 0121 464 1343 or call the junior school office for further details.

You can download the advert and other relevant information from the Federation of Boldmere schools website. Visits to the club by applicants are encouraged, so that you can get a feel of the club and the play environment we have within the setting.

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).

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

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