

NEWSLETTER - SEPT 2

Dear Parents/Carers,

Yesterday saw an additional Bank holiday for the nation, as we marked the death of Queen Elizabeth II with her State funeral in London. I personally, felt that it was a truly incredible demonstration of ceremony by our military. It was a momentous occasion, and just like the Platinum Jubilee celebrations earlier this year, will be part of British history. I hope that you were able to watch poignant moments with your children during the day.

The subject of death is often a difficult one for children to comprehend, but last week we used our PSHE lessons to support children and then celebrated the life of The Queen on Friday with age-appropriate activities throughout the day, including watching The Queen and Paddington Bear sharing tea! A perfect way to remember Her Majesty and entirely appropriate for our little children. In the words of Paddington Bear, "Thank you Ma'am for everything".

Sponsored Walk

Our annual sponsored walk will take place on the 7th October. We are holding this for children across the whole school, in order to raise funds for the outdoor environment. As you can appreciate, our outdoor resources have a great amount of use and we are hoping to buy much needed equipment to re-stock it for this year! More details and sponsor forms will follow this week.

Welcome To Boldmere School and Nursery

We would like to welcome all of the new Reception and Nursery children and families who have now all started at school. All children seem to be settling in very well. Welcome to our Boldmere Family!

Reception Children

Today has been the first full day for our Reception children and they have been brilliant! All hands were on deck at lunch time and everything ran smoothly.

Apologies for any confusion with drop off this morning. To clarify drop off and collection points for Reception children please refer to the information below;

Rabbit class: Drop off by the green gates at the school entrance. Collect from the Reception playground at the back of the school (please walk-through playground).

Hedgehog class: Drop off from the main playground, behind the yellow line. Collect from the Reception playground.

Robin class: Drop off and collect from the main playground, behind the yellow line.

In the main playground we ask that parents remain behind the yellow line as much as possible to leave the area clear for children to enter the building safely.

Ordering Lunches Via School Grid

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

Diary Dates

Tuesday 20th September - Reception children start full time.

Friday 23rd September- Photographer in school to take individual photos.

Tuesday 4th October- Year 1 parent workshop 9.15-10.15am

Wednesday 5th October - Reception parent workshop 9.15-10.15am.

Thursday 6th October - Year 2 parent workshop 9.15-10.15am

Friday 7th October- Whole school sponsored walk.

Tuesday 18th & Wednesday 19th October - Parents Evening 4pm-6.30pm.

Friday 21st October- Break up for half term holidays.

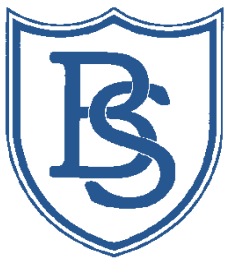
Monday 31st October- School re-opens to all pupils.

Tuesday 1st November - School Open Day for Reception 2023, 9.30am and 5.30pm

Friday 16th December- Break up for Christmas holidays.

Nursery September 2022

We still have a few Nursery places available. If you know of or have a child whose date of birth is between 01/09/18 and 31/08/19 who may be interested in a place, please contact the school office on 0121 464 2338 for further information.



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School Photographs

We have arranged for children to have school photographs taken on **Friday 23rd September 2022**. Children who have siblings within school will be able to have their photos taken together as well as individually. We are unable to facilitate photos with siblings who are not at the Infant School. Parents/carers will be provided with unique codes to view, order and pay for purchases. The photographs will then be delivered to school to distribute to parents. No orders will be taken through school.

Violin & Cello Lessons

Violin and Cello lessons have now started in school, it is lovely to hear music resonating from the hall! Payments for your Violin and Cello lessons should be made via Parentpay. Contracts for Cello lessons will be sent home in your child's book bag today.

Contact Details

It is essential that parents/carers inform us whenever home addresses, mobile telephone numbers or any other contact details change. We must be able to get in contact with a parent at all times.

Celebrating Attendance

Congratulations to Frog class-2P for achieving 98.71% attendance last week. Well done!

School Census - Please Help!

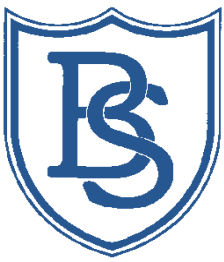
We have to complete a detailed School Census on behalf of the Department for Education three times every year. The first date this year is Thursday 6th October. This is the mechanism by which the school receives funding for pupils. It is absolutely essential that we claim all of the money that the school 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.

Newsletter:

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

School Council- Year One and Two

We are looking to elect new school councillors for 2022-2023! 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 3rd October, then teachers will carry out the vote during the week. The new school council will be introduced in the newsletter on Tuesday 11th October. Good luck candidates!



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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).

Commonwealth Games Display

We are planning on making a display in school of photo's that people have taken whilst attending all of the wonderful Commonwealth Games events during the summer. If you have any photos that you would like to share with us to be displayed then please send them into school. Please note that they will be used on a display so they may fade or be pinned (a copy or spare photograph is ideal).

Boldmere Inclusion Base News From Mrs Preece:

Our first full week back at the BIB and lots to celebrate.

We have begun to concentrate on further developing independence skills in the BIB. ED went on a walk to the local train station in preparation for a train journey and city centre visit in the future.

Our indoor PE session is now held in the Junior Hall and all the children adapted well to the different setting and changing into their kits before the session.

Giraffes welcomed two new children to their class and they have both settled well in the new routine.

'Queen Day' on Friday was an opportunity to reflect on Queen Elizabeth's time as Queen. We celebrated her reign by making a variety of craft items and cakes, sandwiches and biscuits for a picnic.

Stars of the week

Giraffes Zak James for joining in with all activities he has been asked to.

LK Sam for some fantastic number formation during Maths.

ED Kara for writing an incredible character description.

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.

Donations Of Plants, Veg Or Herbs Needed

We are developing a new wellbeing garden and were wondering if anyone had any plants, herbs or vegetables that they could donate for us to plant in this area. Thank you in advance.

Email addresses for correspondence specific to your child's class/year group.

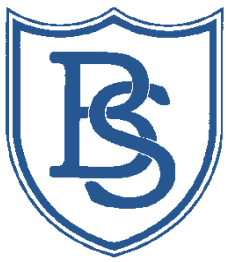
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Busy Bodies

This week our new Reception children will start full time, it will be a pleasure to show them all around our club and guide them around all the new exciting areas they will have access to. This morning they all seemed very content, having their breakfast together and settled in well. We hope for this to continue throughout the remainder of the year.

October booking forms are available for collection from a Busy Bodies member of staff, the junior school area or from our school website. Please return your form by next week Wednesday 28th September and fees are due in by Friday 30th September.

We have not charged for any sessions that were booked for Monday 19th September- Please be aware that if you have already paid for this session, you will be able to use this payment towards your October fees.

Clubs- Our children have now started up other school related/ outside sports club and activities. Please notify us should your child be booked in and will no longer be attending their session, or if they will be coming to us at a later start time due to commencing their new clubs.

PTA News

This week we have PTA volunteers busy planning the upcoming Fireworks event and the Christmas Fair (date TBC very soon). We are proud of the work the PTA do and the support of the school family and community. If you would like to find out more about how you can contribute to the PTA, please come along to our Meet & Greet evening on **Tuesday 4th October** at 8pm in the Training Room.

PTA Fireworks Event - Can you Help?

One of our biggest events of the year is the annual Fireworks display which this year will happen on Friday 4th November. These events are only possible due to our parents, carers and teachers volunteering their time. If you would like to volunteer to help set up, help run a stall, be a marshal or help clear up, please visit www.pta-events.co.uk/boldmere and register with the activities shown. In return for your help, all volunteers will receive free entry to the event and vouchers for free refreshments. Thank you in advance.

PTA Pre-Loved Uniform Shop

Thank you to the many people who sent in uniform donations last week and to the invaluable help we had sorting through the donations. We are pleased to say the online shop has now re-opened and can be accessed through the following link www.pta-events.co.uk/boldmere then by clicking on Shop, Uniform & Merchandise. If you have more items to donate, please either send us an email or contact us via your PTA class rep, Thank you.

Diary Dates

- Tuesday 4th October - Welcome Meeting and AGM

8pm in the Training Room, meet the PTA and enjoy drinks & nibbles

- Thursday 20th October - PTA Committee Meeting (location TBC)
- Friday 4th November - 2022 Fireworks Show

A professional Fireworks Display on the school field with refreshments. More details & ticket sales to be announced very soon.

If you have any queries, particularly about how you can get involved in the PTA, please email us boldmere.pta@gmail.com.

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20/09/2022

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.

