



NEWSLETTER - SEPT 2

Dear Parents/Carers,

Children are settling well this week and it is lovely to see Reception managing with their full time days! Nursery are also doing well and are adjusting to the rules and routines of school.

Year 1 and Year 2 are working hard and are starting to realise their role model status across school too.

As you may be aware, we have sent correspondence recently regarding children signing up for lunchtime clubs, music lessons, library monitors, and school council class representatives. We look forward to seeing applications this week and hope that these enrichment opportunities are taken up by lots of children.

Nasal Flu Immunisation- Thursday 5th October 2023

NHS Birmingham Community Healthcare Immunisation team will be coming into school on Thursday 5th October 2023 to administer the Nasal Flu vaccination to Reception, Year One, Year Two and Giraffe class.

Consent forms were sent home with your child last 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 **9am on Wednesday 20th September**. Spare forms are available from the Infant school office.

School Dinners

A reminder about school dinner orders - please can all parents ensure that they check dietary information on the School Grid website prior to ordering their child's meal. Today we have had a number of children where sausages have been ordered, yet our dietary information states that they cannot eat pork. Please support us by choosing meals that are appropriate for your child, as well as ones that they enjoy.

Parent Class Representatives

Attached to today's newsletter is information about our parent class representatives. Please complete the "expression of interest form" if you would like to be involved.

Home And School Agreements

Your child will be bringing home a 'Home and School Agreement' booklet. Inside it will contain the class rights and responsibilities that your children have written with their teacher and also includes a brief outline of the school behaviour strategy. Please take the time to share these agreements with your child and reinforce the importance of our school rules so that we can ensure all pupils feel safe and respected and can therefore be happy at school and learn. Both parent and child need to sign the agreements and send back into school as soon as possible. Thank you for your continued support.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 3rd October- Year 1 parent workshop 9.15-10.15am

Wednesday 4th October - Reception parent workshop 9.15-10.15am.

Thursday 5th October - Year 2 parent workshop 9.15-10.15am

Thursday 5th October - Nasal Flu Immunisation for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

Friday 6th October- Whole school sponsored walk.

Wednesday 11th October- Photographer in school to take individual photos.

Tuesday 24th & Wednesday 25th October - Parents Evening 4pm-6.30pm.

Friday 27th October- Break up for half term holidays.

Monday 6th November- School re-opens to all pupils.

Wednesday 8th November - School Open Day for Reception 2024, 9.30am and 5.00pm

Friday 22nd December- Break up for Christmas holidays.

Monday 8th January 2024- School closed for professional development day.

Tuesday 9th January- School re-opens to all pupils.

Friday 9th February- Break up for half term holidays.

Monday 19th February- School re-opens to all pupils.



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Year Two Librarians

There are a small number of vacancies for Year Two lunchtime librarians. Those children who have shown an interest in this important role in school have taken home application forms and job descriptions. These need to be returned to Mrs Beesley by Monday 25th September.

Diary Dates

We know that parents need to have dates for the year as early as possible. We have endeavoured to collate as many of the dates for the new school year as possible and we attach these to this letter - further details of events will be sent home when we have more information.

School Council- Year One and Two

We are looking to elect new school councillors for 2023-2024! 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."

Nursery Reminder:

Please can you complete and return the Parent Declaration forms for the Early Education Entitlement that are being sent home with your child to the school office by **Monday 25th September** along with your proof of address and child's birth certificate or passport.

Sponsored Walk

Our annual sponsored walk will take place on Friday 6th October. We are holding this for children across the whole school, in order to raise funds for our classroom environment. As you can appreciate, our resources have a great amount of use and we are hoping to buy much needed equipment to re-stock for this year! Sponsor forms were sent home yesterday.

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 Mason. 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 2nd October, then teachers will carry out the vote during the week. The new school council will be introduced in the newsletter on Tuesday 3rd October. Good luck candidates!

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.

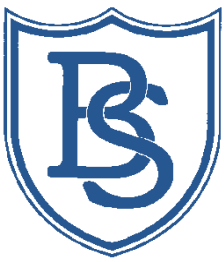
Ways to help at home:

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

School Photographs

We have arranged for children to have school photographs taken on **Wednesday 11th October**.

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.



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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 5th 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.

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 and Violin contracts will be sent out shortly.

Forgotten Items

Please ensure that your child has all the items that they need when they arrive for school including book bags, lunches, water bottles, coats and hats to minimise disruption to children and staff during the school day.

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.

Newsletter:

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

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).

Dogs

Polite reminder that dogs/puppies are not allowed on the school site, whether they are walking or being carried. The ONLY exception are guide dogs.

Ordering Lunches Via School Grid

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

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

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

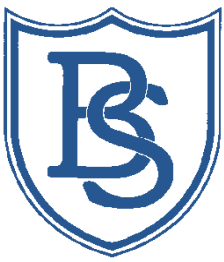
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Busy Bodies

Reception children

Welcome to all of our new Busy Bodies families who are starting full-time school this week, we hope you have a fantastic week.

Busy Bodies provides a small snack upon arrival at the club, if you would prefer to provide your own snacks, please send them in a named lunch box/bag, this can be kept refrigerated if needed.

School clubs

If your child is attending an after school club, please can you inform us.

October booking form

The October booking form will be available on Wednesday 20th to be returned by Wednesday 27th September. All October fees must be paid a month in advance due Friday 29th September.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Busy Bodies management team.

Boldmere Inclusion Base News From Mrs Preece:

A lovely busy first full week back. We welcomed some new children into the BIB who have settled well.

Celebrations

Giraffes- All children for settling into the routine of school.

LK- All children for settling back into the school routine.

ED- All children for settling back into the school routine.

Thank you for the contributions to the West Midlands Air Ambulance Service last week. The children all looked fabulous in their red outfits.

On Tuesday 26th September we will be joining in with the junior school's European Language Day.' All children in the BIB are to dress in Red, White and Blue to represent France.

Annual review letters will come out to individual parents. Please complete the reply slip and accompanying paperwork and return to the BIB in readiness for the meetings.

A polite reminder please for consents for the Therapy Dog to be returned to the BIB. These were given to new children to the BIB only as we have the consents from last year for the other children. If you require another letter then please do ask your child's Teacher.

Please check your child's bags every evening. There have been numerous letters sent home as it is start of a new term.

Speech and Language Therapy feedback forms will now come home at the beginning and end of each half term.

Reading books have begun to be sent home for everyone. Please do read with your child and make a short comment in their reading record.



Sarah Kenny

Mrs S Kenny
Head of
School
19/09/2023

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.

