

NEWSLETTER - SEPT 2



Dear Parents/Carers,

A few reminders this week but hopefully a shorter newsletter than last week!

Firstly we would like to say a huge congratulations to all our fabulous children this week!

Reception are all now attending full time and enjoyed their first lunchtime menu yesterday.

Nursery have all begun their part-time/full-time sessions and Mr Meakin and Mrs Hakim are very pleased with how well everyone is settling. Year 1 and Year 2 children are transitioning into their new routines and although some have found these changes a little tricky, they have shown resilience and perseverance when faced with new challenges. We are very proud at how they are supporting our younger Reception children too.

We are also pleased to see that many children are taking up the offer of lunchtime clubs and music lessons again this term. The lunchtime sports clubs of tennis, football and rugby are continuing this year, but we are very excited to be offering Spanish and Pudding & Pie clubs for Y1 and Y2 children. Letters to enrol on the clubs are sent from the office each half term, so if you have missed out this time, keep an eye out for Autumn 2 letters in a few weeks!

Parking around school at the start and end of the day can be very difficult, but please can we stress that local residents should not have their driveways blocked by parent's vehicles during these times. Please park with consideration for our local community, this includes all surrounding roads but particularly Warden Road, Cofield Road and St. Michael's Road.

From a safety point of view, we also must remind parents to ensure that bikes/scooters left in the school shelters should be locked up. School cannot be held responsible for any loss or damage to the equipment but securing them in the bike shelter is paramount.

Allergies/food intolerances

If your child has any allergies, please ensure that this information is added to School Grid (Dolce) when you register your child for school meals. This must be completed in addition to notifying the school office. Dolce manage our lunch provision and it is parent's responsibility to provide food allergy information directly to Dolce via the online portal.

BREAKING NEWS from the PTA

Following the PTA cancelling the Summer Fair due to the bad weather last term, we are hosting a Pop-Up event at school on **Friday 20th September from 3pm**. We will be selling drinks and treats, pre-loved school uniform and a book swop-shop!! Look out for more details on PTA social media!

Diary Dates

Tuesday 1st October - Year 1 parent workshop 9.15-10.15am

Wednesday 2nd October - Year 2 parent workshop 9.15-10.15am.

Thursday 3rd October - Reception parent workshop 9.15-10.15am

Friday 4th October- Whole school sponsored walk.

Tuesday 22nd & Wednesday 23rd October - Parents Evening 4pm-6.30pm.

Friday 25th October- Break up for half term holidays.

Monday 4th November- School re-opens to all pupils.

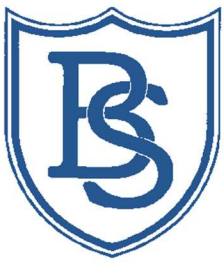
Wednesday 6th November - School Open Day for Reception 2024, 9.30am and 5.00pm

Friday 20th December- Break up for Christmas holidays.

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.

Ordering Lunches Via School Grid

Please can we remind parents that you need to order lunches for your child via School Grid. If your child is absent from school, please remember to cancel any ordered lunches as soon as possible to help reduce any wasted meals.



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Jewish Festivals

As part of our Religious Education we learn about and celebrate different festivals and special days as they occur throughout the year. To help make this more meaningful for our children, we use resources such as CBeebies 'My first festivals' and 'Let's celebrate' for our Early Years classes and BBC bite size for our KS1 classes. We also encourage members of our community, including parents, to come and talk to the children, bringing artefacts such as special clothes or decorations as well as photos for the children to look at. We are aware that October is a very special month for our Jewish community with 3 celebrations taking place: 2nd - 4th Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year), 11th-12th Yom Kippur (the day of Atonement) and five days later from the 16th - 23rd October Sukkot. It would be wonderful if we had any parents or other members of the Jewish community who would be able to come and talk to our KS1 children during an assembly about one or more of these celebrations. Please contact us at enquiry-inf@boldmere.bham.sch.uk.

Sponsored Walk

Our annual sponsored walk will take place on Friday 4th 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 soon.

Busy Bodies

The October booking will be available from Wednesday 18th September. Please collect from Busy Bodies or download from [Federation of Boldmere Schools](#) website.

Snacks at Busy Bodies

We only provide a light snack to tie the children over until they go home for their tea. Please feel free if your child is to be collected later in the evening to send in a more substantial afternoon lunch pack, which can be refrigerated, please name the lunchbox

Book Bags/PE Bags

We have book bags and PE bags in stock in school. If you would like to purchase one for your child, please make the payment via ParentPay and your child will receive their new bag.

Nasal Flu Immunisation- Monday 30th September 2024

NHS Birmingham Community Healthcare Immunisation team will be coming into school on **Monday 30th September 2024** to administer the Nasal Flu vaccination to Reception, Year One, Year Two and Giraffe class. Please complete the E Consent form on the Portal stating whether you do or do not wish your child to have a flu vaccination.

The E Consent Portal will close 3 days before the planned immunisation session.

If you need help or advice completing the consent form, please contact the SAIS team on the phone number 0121 466 3410 or via email at

[BCHNT.BirminghamImms@nhs.net](mailto: BCHNT.BirminghamImms@nhs.net)

Thank you.

Nursery Reminder:

Please can you complete and return the Parent Declaration forms for the Early Education Entitlement that were sent home with your child to the school office by **Monday 23rd September** along with your proof of address and child's birth certificate or passport.

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

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



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Scouts
1st Sutton Coldfield

OPEN EVENING

Friday 27th September 6pm - 7pm

BEAVERS

Aged 6 - 8?
Want to try new things?
Excited to have fun and go on adventures?
Like to help others and make a difference?



Can you help?
We can't do it without volunteers! Whatever time you can spare, whatever skills you can bring to the table. Find out about how you can get involved!



BEAVERS

Want to find out more?
Come along to our free Open Evening to get involved in activities, have some fun, and see what we're all about!




Please let us know you're coming using the QR code, or send us an email.


- Friday 27th September 2024
- 6pm - 7pm
- 1st Sutton Coldfield Scout Hut, Rear of 192 Boldmere Rd, Sutton Coldfield B73 5UE
- Louise.Ousley@Scouts.org.uk
- 07759 133693

Join the adventure and learn #SkillsForLife

Our Makaton Signs for Autumn are:


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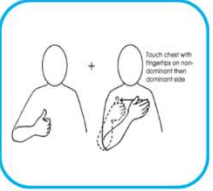




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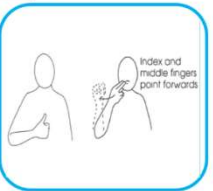




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Symbol Good Afternoon Sign






Index and middle fingers point forwards

Links:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/playlist-something-special-really-useful-makaton-signs#playlist>

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
yr2-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk



School Emails

The two new separate Email addresses for Infants/Juniors are:

enquiry-inf@boldmere.bham.sch.uk
enquiry-jun@boldmere.bham.sch.uk






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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.

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.



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.)

If you have sent in photographs in previous years, we will re-use those.

Savantha Kenny

Mrs S Kenny
Head of
School
17/9/2024

