

# 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 just 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 would always contact parents/carers. Can we thank parents for helping us by handing the children over as swiftly as possible so that we can take them into school and help settle them.

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 Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. A Sponsorship Form is attached to this Newsletter. 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 on the following Thursday.

## Parents' Meetings

### Reception - Communication/ Language & Reading

9:15am on 25th September

### Year One - English

9:15am on 26th September

### Year Two - English

9:15 on 27th 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

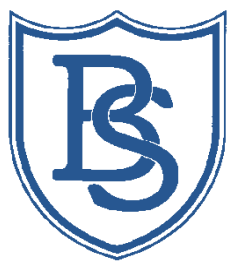
The children have all settled really well into their new classes and we are pleased with behaviour in school. We are seeing lots of kind and caring acts by children which is lovely. Routines are now established and Year Two are doing a great job at being 'models' to show all younger children what we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

## Year One and Year Two

A letter was sent home last week regarding the Multiskills lunchtime clubs which will start on 25th September for Year One and 29th September for Year Two for four weeks. In order to be as fair as possible in the allocation of places we work on a lucky dip system with a strict closing date which will be 9am Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

## New Arrivals!

Congratulations to Jason Adobor (1E) on the birth of Maya Ebeeva and Esther Henderson (RE) on the birth of Theo. Welcome to our school family.



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## Curriculum Information

A message from Mrs Rawson:

In R.E. the children are learning all about themselves and their friends. The Year Two children have completed a sheet all about themselves which will be displayed outside Mrs Beesley's classroom. Please could you send in a photo of your child celebrating a festival such as Diwali, Christmas or a special time such as a wedding, christening or birthday to be part of the display. On the back of the photo please could you write in pencil the name and class of your child and the occasion being celebrated.

## 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).

## Celebrating Attendance

Congratulations to 2W, Lion Class for achieving 100% last week. Well done Lions!

## Congratulations Board

Akeem Syed (1C), Amy Emmerton (1E), Sophie Holder (1H), James Vogli (2B), Annabel Ryan (2T), Henry Hughes (2W).

## 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

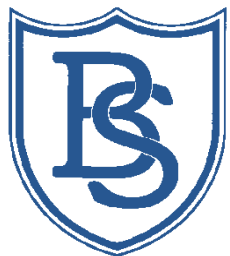
## Harvest Festival

On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October we will be joining St Michael's Church for a Harvest Celebration. This is for children only; we are not able to invite parents due to lack of space. As part of our Harvest festival we are supporting St Michael's church in their collection for the Aston and Nechells' Foodbank. This foodbank provides emergency food for local people in crisis. In order to collect a variety of food items, each year group has been allocated a type of food from the foodbank's donation list. We would ask that children bring in one item of food that is non-perishable and in-date as follows:  
Nursery - Tinned Fruit  
Reception - Tinned Vegetables  
Year One - Coffee  
Year Two - Fruit Juice/Squash  
Year Three - Pasta Sauce  
Year Four - Tinned Tomatoes  
Year Five - Toothpaste/Brushes  
Year Six - Chocolate/Snacks  
All donations will be gratefully received. If you could send your items into school on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> or Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October it would be much appreciated.

## Busy Bodies Notice

October booking forms are now available to collect from the Busy Bodies desk, they will also soon be available on the school website.





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## Christmas Card Designs

One of the ways the PTA help raise funds for the school is by giving parents the opportunity to send Christmas cards designed by their own child. The Christmas card designs will be made in school and sent home by week ending 29<sup>th</sup> September. We will require orders to be returned to the school by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October.

## PTA Notice

Thank you if you've emailed in expressing an interest to get involved in the PTA. It's really fantastic when we hear from new people. We will get back to you all very soon. Our AGM is scheduled to take place on Thursday 28th September in the Junior School hall at 8pm. This meeting is a great chance to find out more about what the PTA does for our schools and how the money is spent. **SAVE THE DATE...** Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November is Bonfire Night... more news to follow over the coming weeks. Finally, on days that the sun is shining we will be selling ice-creams and lollies in between the two schools (by the training room). Nothing is priced over £1. Don't forget your change at home time and come and find us.

## Community Information

Come and join us at Kingstanding Wellbeing Centre every Wednesday from 12-3pm. Free stay and play activities for children 5yrs and under. Bouncy Castle fun, soft play, arts and crafts and more and best of all its free under the Birmingham City Council Wellbeing Be Active Service. For more details please call us on 0121 464 7890 or pop in and see for yourself.

*Sarahanna Kenny*

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Head of School  
19<sup>th</sup> September 2017

