

NEWSLETTER - SEPT 3

Dear Parents/Carers,

Urgent Letter From The Health Practitioner, UK Health Security Agency-West Midlands

We have been informed that a small number of children who attend school have been diagnosed with suspected scarlet fever. Following a conversation with the UK Health Security Agency yesterday, and in light of chicken pox also circulating in school, we have been advised to send the attached information as a matter of urgency to all parents. Please read the letter carefully and be vigilant of possible symptoms as detailed in the letter.

Parent Information Meetings

Next week are our parent information meetings. In these meetings we will share with you how we teach Reading and Maths in Year 1 and 2 and how Speaking and Listening and Reading skills are developed in Reception. Your child will bring home a letter tonight in their book bag for you to indicate whether you are able to attend. The meetings will take place in the school hall and are as follows:
Reception: Wednesday 5th October 9:15-10:15
Year 1: Tuesday 4th October 9:15-10:15
Year 2: Thursday 6th October 9:15-10:15.

Ordering Lunches Via School Grid

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

Parent Governor Vacancy

Please see the attached letters regarding the parent governor vacancy we have at school. We have 4 candidates so we must now hold a ballot. Closing date for votes is 5pm on Friday 7th October.

Water In School

Please can we ask that children bring water only in their water bottles. Children have access to their water bottles at all times during the school day and they are encouraged to drink at regular intervals. Water has huge health benefits and is extremely important in ensuring that children remain hydrated to perform at their best. Occasionally, children spill their drink and cleaning up drinks other than water can become very messy. Dentists also advise that children should only drink either water or milk between meals. We thank you for your co-operation in this.

Nursery Reminder:

Please can you complete and return the Parent Declaration forms for the Early Education Entitlement that were sent home last week to the school office by **Thursday 29th September** along with your proof of address and child's birth certificate or

Diary Dates

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

Monday 5th December - 9.30am, RI class Reception Christmas play.

Monday 5th December - 2.00pm, 1C class Year One Christmas play.

Tuesday 6th December -9.30am, RB class Reception Christmas play.

Tuesday 6th December -2.00pm, 1L class Year One Christmas play.

Wednesday 7th December-9.30am, RW class Reception Christmas play.

Wednesday 7th December-2.00pm, 1H class Year One Christmas play.

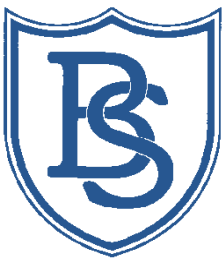
Thursday 8th December- Nursery Christmas activities.

Monday 12th December - 2.00pm, 2M class Year Two Christmas play.

Tuesday 13th December - 2.00pm, 2P class Year Two Christmas play.

Wednesday 14th December-2.00pm, 2B class Year Two Christmas play.

Friday 16th December- Break up for Christmas holidays.



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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.

Mathletics

We are aware that there is an issue with some of the logins for Mathletics. We are trying to resolve this with Mathletics and hopefully all logins will be working again soon. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Home And School Agreements

Your child will be bringing home a 'Home and School Agreement' booklet this week. 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 read with your children, then both parent and child need to sign the agreements and send back into school as soon as possible. Thank you for your continued support.

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.

School Photographs

Individual school photographs were taken of the children on **Friday 23rd September 2022**.

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.

Into The Wild Themed Lunch On Census Day Thursday 6th October

We will be having an Into the Wild themed lunch on Thursday 6th October. We would like to have the absolute maximum number of children possible having a free school dinner on this day. The funding of dinners for the rest of the year is based on the number of dinners provided on that day and it is really important that we claim all possible funding for Boldmere Infant School. We completely understand that some children and families prefer a packed lunch but would ask for as much support as possible.

To order your child's dinner please visit Schoolgrid. If you need any help with this the school office will be happy to help.

The menu for the day is attached to the newsletter.

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).

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! Sponsor forms were sent home with the children on Friday.

Donations Of Plants, Veg Or Herbs Needed

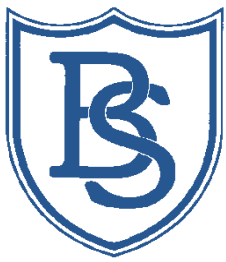
We are developing a new wellbeing garden and were wondering if anyone had any plants, herbs or vegetables that they could donate for us to plant in this area. Thank you in advance.

Celebrating Attendance

Congratulations to Rabbit class - RW for achieving 99.55% attendance last week. Well done!

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.



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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!

Boldmere Inclusion Base News From Mrs Preece:

A few reminders for the Autumn Term:

· As the winter months draw in, please send your child suitably dressed for colder weather. Each class go out daily for a morning walk so will need to be wrapped up warm.

· Start and finish times differ for the BIB children:

Giraffe class 9-00-2.50

LK and ED (KM) 9.00-3.00

· Thank you to those of you who have sent in the Sensory profiles for your children. If you could send in completed ones to your child's teacher by Friday September 30th. They will be used to ensure your child's sensory needs are met during their time with us.

· Parents evening- Our first one of the year will be held on October 19th. Further details will follow.

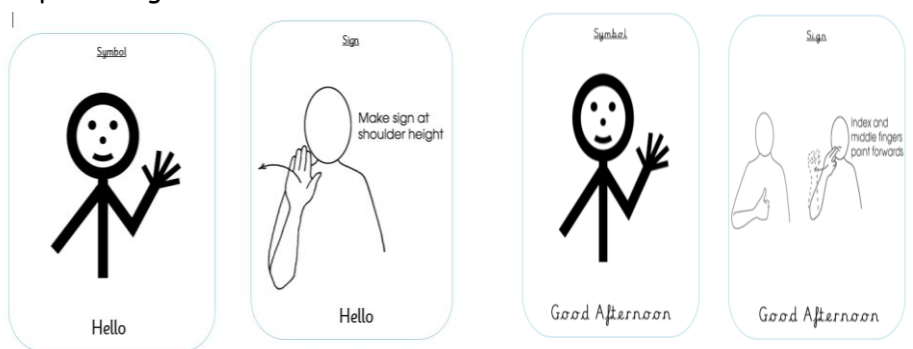
Celebrations

Giraffes- Parker, for being an all-around superstar!

LK- Musab, for doing the right thing and being safe walking sensibly from the taxi into school.

ED (KM)- Hayden, for demonstrating the school value of respect and being kind to his class mates.

We are beginning to use Makaton signs in the BIB and across both schools. Look out for videos on Twitter that demonstrate each sign as we learn them. Here are the first two signs that the children are learning. Have fun practicing at home.



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

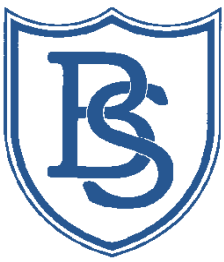
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Busy Bodies

October booking forms - should be returned by tomorrow Wednesday 28th September. Fees should be paid by this Friday 30th September. Forms are available for collection from a Busy Bodies member of staff, at the junior school reception or online on our school's website.

September fees- There are currently a few outstanding payments for September fees, we will be sending out reminders to families. Kindly clear your child's account with immediate effect to ensure that we do not build up a significant amount of debt on your account.

Should you wish to speak with the Manager with regards to your child's account or anything else, please do not hesitate in contacting us via telephone 0121 464 1343, or email khyatt@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

PTA News

This week PTA volunteers are continuing to plan the upcoming Fireworks event and the Christmas Fair. 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, or alternatively contact us via email. In return for your help, all volunteers will receive free entry to the event and vouchers for free refreshments. Thank you in advance.

Christmas Fair - Save the Date

We will be holding our Christmas Fair after school on Friday 2nd December. More details to follow.

PTA Pre-Loved Uniform Shop

Please consider purchasing any uniform items from our pre-loved uniform shop, which 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.
- Friday 2nd December - 2022 Christmas Fair. Festive fun, games, crafts and refreshments to get into the Christmas spirit. More details to follow.

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

Mrs S Kenny
Head of School
27/09/2022