



NEWSLETTER - SEPT 3

Dear Parents/Carers,

Staffing Changes

Mrs Hubbleday, our office administrator will be leaving Boldmere this Friday, and moving on to pastures new. I am sure that many of you will be very familiar with Mrs Hubbleday, and I know that she, along with Mrs Dale, are the first port of call when you come to the Infant office! Mrs Hubbleday has come to know all of our Boldmere families extremely well and we will miss her greatly. We wish her good luck in her new position.

Mrs. Virdee has been working alongside the office staff for the last few weeks and will be supporting Mrs Dale with office administration, once Mrs. Hubbleday leaves. Welcome to Boldmere Mrs. Virdee!

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.

Any outstanding forms please return to the office as soon as possible.

Spare forms are available from the Infant school office.

Nursery Reminder:

We still have some Parent Declaration forms for the Early Education Entitlement outstanding. Please complete and return to the office as soon as possible along with your proof of address & child's birth certificate or passport.

Nursery September 2023

We have had a few afternoon Nursery places become available. If you know of or have a child whose date of birth is between 01/09/19 and 31/08/20 who may be interested in a place, please contact the school office on 0121 464 2338 for further information.

Parent Class Representatives

Thank you to those parents who have expressed an interest in joining our Parent Rep forum. If you are still interested, please let school know by tomorrow morning, we still have a few vacancies! The successful parents will be announced in next week's newsletter.

Year Two Librarians

A big thank you to all of the year two children who applied to be school librarians. Congratulations to those children who have been chosen-you will receive a letter tomorrow! We are looking forward to working with you to keep our library neat and tidy.

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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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 this week 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 4th October 9:15-10:15
Year 1: Tuesday 3rd October 9:15-10:15
Year 2: Thursday 5th October 9:15-10:15.

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).

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

Diary Dates

Please see the attached Diary Dates - there are some amendments. Further details of events will be sent home when we have more information.

School Photographs

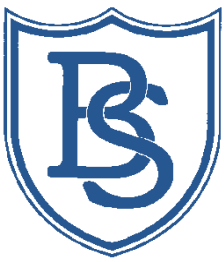
We have arranged for children to have school photographs taken on **Wednesday 11th October**. Children who have siblings within school will be able to have their photos taken together as well as individually. We are unable to facilitate photos with siblings who are not at the Infant School. Parents/carers 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.

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.

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." 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!



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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.

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.

Space Themed Lunch on Census Day Thursday 5th October

We will be having a Space themed lunch on Thursday 5th 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.

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

Community News

Disclaimer - The following community events are for your information. Should you wish to obtain further information or attend, it is at parents' own discretion.

FREE PARENT WORKSHOP
DONATIONS WELCOME

www.cherisheduk.org

THE POWER OF OUR WORDS!

October Parent Workshop

WE WILL BE EXPLORING OUR EARLY EXPERIENCES IN CHILDHOOD AND HOW THEY HAVE SHAPED HOW WE SPEAK AND CONNECT WITH OUR OWN CHILDREN.

A special space for you and your child ...

A space to encourage your child through positive words and affirmations, you will make a craft together to cement the memorable time you have had together.

Adults have space away from their children, your children will be doing crafts, games and having a drink and biscuit. The final part of the session is where you will create something special together.

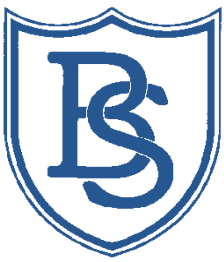
Details | Funded workshop!

VENUE: ST MICHAELS BOLDMERE FOOTBALL GROUND
B73 5R4

DATE: 26TH OCTOBER 6-7.30PM

To register your space, please email:
hello@cherisheduk.org





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Boldmere Inclusion Base News From Mrs Preece:

Celebrations

Giraffes- Zak James Clarke, for joining in with his peers and doing all his work.

LK- Aleen, for being an amazing role model to her peers at all times.

ED- Sam, for a respectful attitude and language at all times towards staff and his peers.

PE champions

Mr. Ryan chooses a PE Champion from each class for doing well in PE. This week's champions are:

Giraffes- Alim

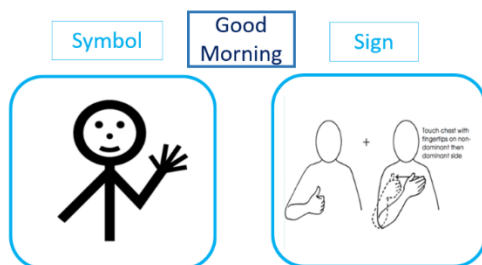
LK- Yasmin

ED- Enya

- The children have enjoyed dressing up in the colours of France as part of European Languages Day today. They have learnt to say 'Hello' in French and tasted some French foods. Look out on 'X' (Twitter) for photos of us all having fun.



- To avoid things being lost or mixed up with other children's belongings as has happened a few times this term, please can you ensure all your child's belongings are named.
- Parents evening letters have been sent out, please return your slip to your child's class teacher to secure a time.
- A reminder to please make sure your child has their reading book with them every day. Teachers or the Class TA's will read with them daily.
- October 6th ALL BIB children will take part in the Infant School Sponsored Walk. Only Infant aged children will be asked to collect sponsor money.
- Our next Makaton sign is 'Good Morning.' Please practice signing with your child.



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

Newsletter:

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

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



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Busy Bodies

October booking form

Please be aware that October's form is available on the school website, from a Busy Bodies member of staff or at the junior school reception area.

Your booking form will be required in by this Wednesday 27th September, so that we can enter your requirements and fees are due in by Friday 29th September. Should you not require care for this month, please inform the Busy Bodies Manager.

Parents evening

This Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th September will be parents evening in the junior school. May we take this opportunity to remind parents to please ensure that should you require your child to attend parents evening with you that they are first signed out at the Busy Bodies desk.

Our main priority to ensure the safety and well-being of all our children, please be mindful when walking through the setting to not enter the barriered off areas. If you are unsure of where to go, a member of staff will be able to assist you.

Early drop offs

We have noticed that a few children are currently being dropped off earlier than their stated arrival time on their booking form, please could we be attentive to the time of drop off as we only staff according to the number of children expected to be in the club.

New children September 2023

We are pleased to see that our new starters are settling into the club and are becoming familiar with the setting and the various activities we do. So, well done Receptions/new starters! Keep up the amazing work you have been doing and welcome to our club.

A huge thank you to the team, and school staff for working together to ensure the smooth transition for the children as they start this academic year.

Maternity leave

A final note - As I prepare to go on maternity leave at October half term, I would like to inform our families that Luan and Harminder (Deputy Managers) are naturally progressing towards taking the lead at Busy Bodies in my absence.

Please note, that they are happy to deal with all your queries, worries and compliments. Never hesitate in contacting the team as they are always at hand to support our families where possible.

You will still be able to send your queries to the same email address- khyatt@boldmere.bham.sch.uk.

Thank you for your kind attention to the above matters.

Mrs S Kenny
Head of
School
26/09/2023