

# NEWSLETTER - SEPT 3



Dear Parents/Carers,

With our ever changing British weather, this week provides an ideal opportunity to remind parents/carers to send children to school each day with a coat! We do encourage outdoor playtimes, despite grey clouds, and much of the learning, particularly in Early Years involves working outside. A reminder too that all items of clothing should be named - our lost property box is already full of un-named items! Boldmere Infant & Nursery school strives to work closely with parents and ensure that your child's first experiences of school life are positive ones. Our partnership with you as parents/carers is of great importance to us- you are their first educators. Much of our communication with parents/carers comes through daily chats on the gate at the end of the day, or email messages to school, but we also like to liaise with parents in other ways. Next week we have our first Parent information sessions taking place at school. These sessions provide information about how we teach English and Maths at school and will support you in understanding our strategies so that you can support at home. We have one session for each year group and we offer tea and biscuits too! Year groups will be sending letters home later this week giving further information. We look forward to seeing many of you at the events, but if you are unable to attend, presentations will be uploaded onto the school website on Friday.

Collaboration with parents is also part of our Parent Class Rep forum meetings. These meetings are held each half term and have proved an invaluable forum for discussing school improvement, current practice and policies and receiving feedback from year groups. We currently have a number of reps already in place, however would like to open the Class Rep positions to our new Nursery and Reception parents. If you are interested in becoming a class rep for your child's class, please complete an expression of interest form and return to school by **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September** (see letter attached).

Dates for meetings and agenda items will be shared with the Parent Rep group in due course.

## Sponsored Walk

Our annual sponsored walk event takes place next Friday and we are keeping our fingers crossed for pleasant weather!

This event raises much needed funds to support our outdoor learning. As you can imagine, we regularly need to replenish the resources we use! Sponsor forms will be sent home this week and sponsor money should be paid in via ParentPay.

## 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 25<sup>th</sup> October**- Break up for half term holidays.

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November**- School re-opens to all pupils.

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

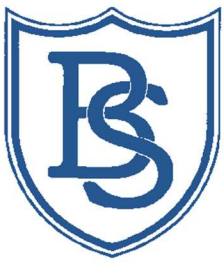
**Friday 20th December**- Break up for Christmas holidays.

## 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.

## 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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## Busy Bodies

### October booking form

The October booking form is now available to collect from Busy Bodies or download from **The Federation of Boldmere school website**, this is due back on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September with the fees due on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September.

### Allergies

Any new Reception children with allergies will need to provide Busy Bodies with medication that they require, this will be kept at Busy Bodies at all times in a named container.

**The Reception** children have settled in really well and it is lovely to see them making new friendships with the older children.

## Nasal Flu Immunisation- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024

NHS Birmingham Community Healthcare Immunisation team will be coming into school on **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> 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)

## World Themed Lunch on Census Day Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2024

We will be having a World themed lunch on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 School Grid. If you need any help with this the school office will be happy to help.

## 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.

## 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.

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

▪ <https://www.boldmere.bham.sch.uk>



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## BIB Newsletter for week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2024

BIB children have had great fun during the last few weeks. Firstly, we would like to let you know that Mrs Dale is working alongside all classes to deliver our PE curriculum each Friday and the children are loving it! Mrs Dale is doing an amazing job too, using all of her PE skills and knowledge to deliver fun and engaging activities. Mrs Kenny will be joining in with the fun this week, taking photos along the way! We also welcomed Jordan, our new West Bromwich Albion coach this term, who is working with us each Wednesday.

**PE champions** last week were Axel, Ava and James.

Well done to all of our new *Giraffes* - they have begun to engage in sensory stories and early maths activities and are getting used to the routines of the day. Congratulations to Bernard who is star of the week too!

LK have been celebrating their uniqueness last week by talking about similarities and differences during their topic of "Ourselves". They have also developed their art skills following their study of Picasso and Mrs Kinsella is very impressed with their work!

ED have been learning to identify their five senses, have been practising their letter formation and in art, are using their knowledge of primary colours to make some super collages. We look forward to seeing your pictures proudly displayed around the BIB!

A final reminder is a plea to make sure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled.

Please can parents/carers also provide spare clothes for *Giraffe* children as our water play activities are causing much excitement but also many wet clothes!



### Year 2 Librarians.

Thank you to those children who have already applied for this important role in school. The deadline for applications is Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September. If you have not already got an application form and would like to be considered for the role, please see your class teacher.

### Naming clothes

We already have a number of items in our lost property! All of the items in the lost property is unnamed. We can return all named items that children lose. **PLEASE NAME YOUR CHILDREN'S UNIFORM AND PE KIT** to enable us to reunite owners and their property! Thank you!



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## School Council- Year One and Two

We are looking to elect new school councillors for 2024-2025!

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 **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October**, then teachers will carry out the vote during the week.

The new school council will be announced in the last week of the term.

Good luck candidates!

## 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.

## 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.

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

[bib-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:bib-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)

[nursery-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:nursery-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)

[reception-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:reception-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)

[yr1-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:yr1-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)

[yr2-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:yr2-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)



## School Emails

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

[enquiry-inf@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry-inf@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)

[enquiry-jun@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry-jun@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)



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24/9/2024

**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.

