



NEWSLETTER - OCT 1



Dear Parents/Carers,

Our newsletter this week will be a short one, as we are aware that parents/carers have received a lot of information since the start of the term!

Yesterday we had the school nurse visits to administer nasal flu vaccinations throughout school. It proved to be very exciting but we also recognise that a small number of children were absent on the day or a little reluctant to receive the vaccination. We have contacted the nursing team to establish whether they can return to school for a "mop-up" session, and will await their response.

This week we have Reading and Maths parent workshops each day, and Year 1 parents were treated to phonic lessons and maths strategies during the session this morning. Thank you to all parents who attended. The presentations will be uploaded onto the website at the end of the week so if you were unable to attend, please take a look at the information at a later date. Our sessions for Y2 and Reception parents are Wednesday and Thursday.

A reminder that our annual sponsored walk event takes place on Friday this week. Children will be completing laps of the field and raising money for our outdoor resources. All sponsor money can be paid via parentpay.

Diary Dates

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.

World Themed Lunch on Census Day Thursday 3rd October 2024

We will be having a World themed lunch on **Thursday 3rd 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.

PTA AGM - Monday 14th October 7:30pm in the training room.

The PTA are holding their annual AGM and we would love to see some new members getting involved. Many of the enrichment opportunities provided in school are a direct result of PTA funds so please support us if you can. Let Mrs Kenny know or email the PTA directly.

boldmere.pta@gmail.com

Year 2 Librarians.

Thank you to those Year Two children who have applied for this important role in school. Mrs Beesley will inform the successful children by the end of the week.

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.

- **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.**



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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 11th 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!

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.

Advanced warning ...

As Christmas items are appearing in our supermarkets, we are starting to arrange our Christmas preparations! Important dates for your diaries are as follows, more details will be available nearer the time.

RECEPTION PERFORMANCES:

Penguins class (RT) - Monday 9th December, 9:30am

Hedgehogs class (RM) - Wednesday 11th December, 9:30am

Robins class (RI) - Thursday 12th December, 9:30am

YEAR ONE PERFORMANCES:

Owls class (1L) - Monday 9th December, 2pm

Seals class (1H) - Tuesday 10th December, 2pm

Meerkats class (1M) - Thursday 12th December, 2pm

YEAR TWO PERFORMANCES:

Bears class (2B) - Monday 16th December, 2pm

Frogs class (2P) - Tuesday 17th December, 2pm

Lions class (2S) - Wednesday 18th December, 2pm

OTHER SEASONAL DATES ...

Friday 13th December - Rudolph Run for Birmingham Hospice

Thursday 19th December - Christmas party day

Friday 20th December - Church service tbc

- **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 30th September 2024

BIB children have had great fun during the last few weeks.

Giraffe class are engaging with the routines including Attention Autism Activities daily. We are also pleased to see that they are beginning to learn some phonics sounds. This week they have been matching objects during Maths lessons and have made paper plate faces whilst talking about their emotions and facial expressions.

ED have also been talking about what makes us happy during their PHSE lessons and have been practising their letter formation in writing. Maths learning has focussed on place value. ED are looking forward to using the Infant School library each week, and have already had a little peak!

LK have been using number lines in maths and have been learning to count in tens. They have been making 3d sculptures in Art lessons. A reminder that our first library visit for LK will take place this Thursday - please remember to bring your library cards to school on this day.

Stars of the week:

Giraffes - Kaleel

ED - Parker

LK - Aleen



BIB Christmas Craft Afternoon

Parents are invited to our Christmas Crafts afternoon on Tuesday 10th December at 1:30pm. More details to follow nearer the time.

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.

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.

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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Mrs S Kenny
Head of School
1/10/2024

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.

