



# NEWSLETTER - SEPT 4



Dear Parents/Carers,

My first paragraph in today's newsletter is a huge **"thank you"** to all parents/carers who sent in comments last week for **National Teaching Assistant Day**. We received over 50 responses and they were really lovely to read! They were shared with all staff on Friday and these, along with a few homemade heart shaped cakes and biscuits (Mrs Kenny will be auditioning for The Great British Bake off before we know it!) gave our fabulous teaching assistants the recognition they rightly deserve.

This week has started very busily with us hosting **balance bike sessions** for some children in Reception, Year 1 and the Boldmere Inclusion Base. **Aspire Active** have facilitated these sessions and they have been provided free on this occasion, as part of a Government funded project. Yesterday's sessions were a great success and we had lots of children whizzing round the playground on balance bikes. Sessions continue all week and on Monday and Tuesday next week.

We have **Parent workshops** this week and this morning we welcomed Year 1 parents to our information sharing session. Year 2 workshop will be held tomorrow and Reception on Thursday. All sessions start at 9.10am just after drop off, and last approximately 1 hour. The presentations will be uploaded onto the school website once the sessions have taken place.

Our annual **sponsored walk** event is being held on **Friday** during the school day. All children will participate in the walk, completing circuits of the field with their classes. The event is being held to raise funds for **Forest School Resources**, a new initiative that we are very excited to be facilitating this year. Following training with Birmingham Forest schools, Mr Meakin, Mrs Turner, Mrs Hewitt and Mrs Lucas are delivering Forest school lessons each week, as part of our enrichment curriculum. All sponsor money should be paid via ParentPay. Our school council will be working with staff to compile a "wish" list of resources that can be purchased once all sponsor money is totalled! Thank you again for your generosity.

At Boldmere, we pride ourselves on having good relationships with members of the local community and parents/carers of Boldmere children. **Parent Class Reps** play an important role in the communication processes between school and parents and support these positive relationships. The class reps meet with Mrs Kenny each half term to share current school initiatives and provide a forum for parents to raise any concerns or clarify school processes. We are looking to recruit new Reception and BIB parent reps to join our lovely group so if you are interested, please complete the attached **"Expression of Interest"** form and return to Mrs Kenny by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Our first meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 9.10am**, and we would love to welcome new members on this occasion.

## Diary Dates

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October** -

Year 2 parent workshop.

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October** -

Reception parent workshop

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October** - Whole school sponsored walk.

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> & Thursday**

**23<sup>rd</sup> October** - Parents

Evening 4pm-6.30pm.

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October** - Break up for half term holidays.

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November** -

School re-opens to all pupils.

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December** - Break up for Christmas holidays.

## Congratulations Board

Congratulations to these children who are on the Congratulations Board this week:

**Year 1:** Imogen, Pippa & Sam

**Year 2:** Elsie, Sureya & Alexander



## Reception Open Day

The reception open day will be held on

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 9.30am and 1.30pm**

No booking is required, but we look forward to meeting prospective parents at the sessions.



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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 2nd 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.

## World Themed Lunch on Census Day

### 🎬 Lights, Camera, Lunch! 🍿

*Get ready for an unforgettable lunchtime experience at school with our 'A Day at the Movies' themed menu! We're rolling out the red carpet for your children with a fantastic selection of cinema-inspired food.*

We will be having a World themed lunch on  
**Thursday 2nd 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.

**DAY AT THE MOVIES**

2nd October 2025  
Census Day

**MAINS**

- MARGHERITA PIZZA (V)
- BBQ CHICKEN PIZZA
- PEPPERONI PIZZA
- PLANT BASED FRENCH BREAD PIZZA (VG)
- JACKET POTATO & CHOICE OF FILLINGS

**SIDES**

- POTATO WEDGES
- COLESLAW
- SWEETCORN

**DESSERT**

- POPCORN CRISPY CAKE
- FRUIT YOGHURT
- FRESH FRUIT

dolce



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**Ground Force Day.....**We need you! Can you spare an hour between 9.00am and 11.30am on **Saturday 4th October?**

We would love to have a little tidy up of the school grounds and in previous years have enlisted the help of children, parents and grandparents for a Saturday morning in Autumn!

We would love Year 1 to help with the front of school area, Reception to help with the Reception playground and Year 2 to support on the Big Playground and quiet corner.

If you can spare some time to help, please complete the google form below, or let Mrs. Kenny know.

<https://forms.office.com/e/dJAzykbyiC>

Just bring along a few gardening tools and suitable clothing and let's see if we can give school grounds a little re-fresh!

Donations of plants and shrubs would also be gratefully received.



## **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).

If you have sent in photographs in previous years, we will re-use those.

## **Governor Vacancies**

Thank you for applications already received.

Please note that the closing date for this round of applications is **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 3.00pm.**

If anyone is still interested in joining our Governing Board, we would welcome applications particularly from community members with backgrounds in estates, building and construction.

Thank you for your continued support.

## **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.

## **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 manages 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.

## **Naming clothes**

We already have a number of items in our lost property!

All of the items in the lost property is un-named. 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!

## **Nursery September 2025**

There are still some spaces available in Nursery for children who are born between **1.9.2021 - 31.8.2022.**

If you know anyone who is interested please ask them to contact the school on 0121 464 2338.





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## Busy Bodies News

### Busy Bodies families.

We are now in the full swing of this half term, most of our new reception children have settled in well and are getting used to their new surroundings. Receptions last week, took part in hand painting as a special activity with their key workers, and they all enjoyed being in the Early Years quad area.

### Reminders

If you have not already done so, kindly ensure that your required sessions for October and November are booked onto the Arbor system by this Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. We require at least a month in advance notice of care required, so that we can ensure sufficient staffing for the children within our care.

Kindly ensure that your payments are up to date if you use childcare vouchers, or you are using the Tax-Free childcare scheme.

If you are paying using National Savings Vouchers, please ensure you select the **Boldmere Junior School** account to pay, NOT the infants account.

**Registration fees reminder** If you have not already done so, kindly ensure that your registration fees for this academic year are paid and up to date should you wish to continue receiving care. We will be kindly reminding all those who have not yet made payment by the end of this week.

**Fundraising reminder** - As previously mentioned in a letter to parents, our school is looking to raise funds to create a memorial garden and play space for the children within our school. If you are able and willing to contribute to this project, please donate at

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/boldmereschools?>

We appreciate any support our community can give. Thank you in advance for all your support.

### Boldmere Library!

We wanted to share some fabulous news with the school community that the Royal Sutton Coldfield Town Council has stepped in to save the future of Boldmere Library. Anja Pawson, who is one of our School Governors and the new Chair of the Education & Standards Committee, has campaigned tirelessly for over a year to save our local library and writes,

*"This is such a huge win for our community, and especially the children in Boldmere. We always say how reading is the key to unlock the whole curriculum, and saving Boldmere Library means that we can further nurture this love for reading which is so vital for children's educational success.*

*The school has strong connections with Boldmere Library and we are pleased that this will continue."*



### Equipment plea

We are on the hunt for an 'old fashioned' portable cd player to use on our Reception playground for our music and dancing loving Reception children during lunch times and a free-standing Basketball net.

If anyone has either of these items that could be donated, please contact Mrs Mason via the school office.





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## School Council- Year One and Two

We are looking to elect new school councillors for 2025-2026!

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 10<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!**

## Sharing recipes!

Please find attached a recipe for 'Ginger Cake' which the children at the Pudding & Pie Club thoroughly enjoyed making last week! Hope you have fun making them again at home!



## 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.

## Book Bags/PE Bags

We have book bags and PE bags in stock in school.

If you would like to purchase one for your child, please make the payment via ParentPay and your child will receive their new bag.

## BIB Newsletter

**Giraffes** - This week we are moving onto the maths topic 'shape, space and measure'. Specifically focusing on big and small. We continue with our story this half term 'We're going on a bear hunt' using musical instruments and sensory items to help us re-tell the story. In PE we've been focusing on the movements over and under just like in the bear hunt story. In our creative curriculum we are thinking about what we look like. What colour is my skin, eyes and hair?

**Puffins** - This week in Puffins class, our pupils have been busy developing a range of important skills through fun and engaging activities. In cooking, the children have worked hard to follow instructions and enjoy the sensory experience of preparing food. During PE, they've been practising their balance and coordination through structured movement on the apparatus. We've also had great success with 'Bucket Time' - a focused attention session where pupils used ALD (Aided Language Display) boards to make choices and share comments.

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

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



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## Parent Workshop- How to Support my Child with Big Emotions

We are offering a parent workshop led by Beacon Behaviour Services on  
**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2025 at 2-3pm.**

Please refer to the flyer below for further information.

If you wish to attend please follow the link below and complete the form, this gives us an indicator to how many seats and coffee mugs we may need!

<https://forms.office.com/e/VqemmXswku>

### Federation of Boldmere Schools



You are warmly invited to our parent/ carer workshops based on:

#### 'How to support your child with big emotions'

Does your child struggle to handle big emotions like **anger or anxiety**? Do you sometimes worry about how best to support your child/ren at home (or in school)?

Beacon School Support are running an interactive and informative workshop for parents/ carers on: **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2025 2-3pm**  
**Infant School Hall**

This session is open to all parents/ carers who are interested in supporting their children in a variety of ways, including building confidence, resilience and emotional awareness.

You'll learn new strategies and ideas that you can take away and use at home.

There will also be time to speak to the behaviour consultant from **Beacon School Support** afterwards and ask any personal questions.

Refreshments will be available

We look forward to seeing you.



Joe Staines, Behaviour Consultant  
Beacon School Support

*My child seems to show  
really strong emotions.  
What can I do to help?*

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



nursery-

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

reception-

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

yr1-

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

yr2-

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

### School Emails

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



enquiry-

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

enquiry-

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

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Headteacher

30/9/2025

