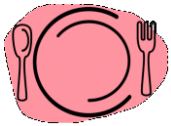


NEWSLETTER - JANUARY 1

Dear Parents

Welcome back! We hope that everyone has had a good Christmas and we would like to wish a happy New Year to the whole school community.

'Come dine with us'



We would like to have the absolute maximum number of children possible having a free school dinner on Thursday 19th January (Census Day). The funding of dinners for the rest of the year is based on the number of dinners provided on that day. It is really important that we claim all possible funding for Boldmere Infant School. The vast majority of children have a hot dinner each day; an average of about 250 of our 270 children. We completely understand that some children and families prefer a packed lunch but would ask for as much support as possible on this census day. We will be sending invitations out this week to those who usually have a packed lunch.

Congratulations Board

Well done to these children for being nominated by their teachers:

Milly Waltho (RE)
Benjamin Whitham (RE)
Kyden Hammond (RI)
Katie Swann (RI)
Isla Buckley (RM)
Rahima Aziz (RM)
Julia Janik (1C)
Lauren Hill (1E)
Heidi Westwood (1P)
Charlotte Barker (2B)
Noah Westwood (2T)
Anna Brindley (2W)

New Arrivals

Congratulations to Leo Papageorge (RE) on the birth of Ava, his new baby sister and Lilian Housden (Nursery) on the birth of Olive, also her new baby sister. Welcome both Ava and Olive to our school family.

Poppy Appeal

The poppy appeal has advised us that the school raised £111.11 in donations. Thank you for your support.

Heating Failure/Severe Weather and School Closure

In the unlikely event of a Local Authority decision to close Birmingham schools, a message will be broadcast through Radio WM, Free Radio and will also be put on the City Council disruption website, Twitter service and Facebook. In the case of a specific problem such as a heating failure at our school, a decision will be taken in consultation with the Chair of Governors and announced on the aforementioned radio stations. We will also contact parents who are registered with Parentmail via text message and email and information will be displayed on the school website.



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Staff Training

During our PD day on January 3rd we received training from Service Birmingham, Link2ict, around online safety in the primary curriculum. The training supported our current school procedures and the Keeping Children safe in Education September 2016, Statutory guidance for schools and colleges. As a result of the training, we would like to make parents aware of two websites that provide information on current online risks and provides support tackling such issues:

- www.internetmatters.org have You Tube videos to support their "Protect their curiosity campaign"
- NSPCC provide information "Your guide to the social networks your kids use" on www.net-aware.org.uk

We hope that you find these websites informative. Further information will be provided and updated regularly, on our school website.

Lunch Time Clubs

Reception - Multiskills

Starts Friday 13th January for six weeks

Year One - Streetdance

Starts Wednesday 11th January for six weeks

Year Two - Handball

Started Monday 9th January for six weeks

After School Clubs

Year Two Only

Multi-Sport Club

Run by Sporting Elite
starting 12th January for six weeks - places still available - please call into the office for an application form

Gymnastics Club

Run by Premier Sport
starting 17th January for five weeks.

A 24 hour priority booking will be given to previous attendees and letters will be sent home tomorrow for those children. Information letters and booking will be offered to the remainder of Year Two on Friday. All bookings are made online at www.premier-education.com on a first come, first served basis.

PTA News

Happy New Year from the PTA. Thank you to everyone who registered with and bought all your gifts through

www.easyfundraising.org.uk

Our total is growing, please do register if you haven't already, It's easy to buy anything online and you can raise money for the school at the same time. The next PTA meeting is tonight (Tuesday 10th) at the Harvester 8pm. All welcome, please come along and get involved. We will be discussing all the exciting stuff that will happen this year. Save the date of **February 18th** for our next event - our fabulous **COMEDY NIGHT!** We have a spectacular line up and every year we have a fabulous night. Please save the date and more details will follow in the next couple of weeks.

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Pupil Information Letter

Letters were sent home at the request of the Department of Education asking parents to provide information for the January 2017 census. Please return these letters as soon as possible (the original deadline was 5th December). Spare letters can be obtained from the school office.

Important Message - Busy Bodies Parents & Carers

Please be aware that there are a few parents who have still not handed in their January booking forms. Fees are now overdue, parents without a form will now incur a late fee charge. We must remind families that Busy Bodies are exceptionally busy presently, unless you book in on time we cannot guarantee your child's place. Should any parents require any additional days, again we MUST stress that this may not always be possible due to high numbers. Please always check first with a member of staff.



Notices/School Closures

SPRING TERM 2017:

Friday 17th February - School closes for half term
Monday 27th February - School re-opens to all pupils
Friday 7th April - School closes

SUMMER TERM 2017:

Monday 24th April - School re-opens to all pupils
Friday 26th May - School closes for half term
Monday 5th June - School re-opens to all pupils
Friday 21st July - School closes to pupils
Monday 24th & Tuesday 25th July - Professional Development Days-closed to all pupils



Diary Dates

Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th February
Parent interviews 4-6pm (parents only)
Friday 7th April
Easter bonnet parade
Wednesday 10th May
Nursery sports day
Thursday 25th May
Sports day (Reception - Y2)
Tuesday 13th June
Reception induction morning, class 1
Wednesday 14th June
Reception induction morning, class 2
Thursday 15th June
Reception induction morning, class 3
Friday 23rd June
Nursery induction (nursery closed to current children)
Friday 7th July
Reports to parents
Wednesday 12th July
Celebration evening 4-6:30pm
Thursday 20th July
Leavers party

Mrs S Kenny
Head of School
10th January 2017