

PARENT CONFERENCES

Kindly read the guidance at the back of this newsletter regarding arrangements for the parent conferences that are expected to take place at school. Parents can choose an available slot - the booking sheets are displayed on the classroom doors. Please see your child's classteacher to book.

NO PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOL GATES

Please refrain from parking outside the school gates. The road is marked with double yellow lines and white zig zag lines which means parking or waiting is not allowed at any time. Parking in this area obstructs the view of pedestrians and makes crossing the road unsafe for our children. Please help keep the children and school community safe by parking safely away from the school gates. Thank you.

COVID GUIDANCE FOR SCHOOLS

The current guideline is that individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, and any of the following apply:

- they are fully vaccinated
- they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months
- they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

However, if you or your child takes a PCR test then you must inform the school office - regardless of the test results.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all those families that have returned school books over the last 2 weeks. Together they have returned more than 300 books. If you have any books at home that belongs to the school then kindly return them to the school office.



INFLUENZA (Nasal Flu) IMMUNISATION



Flu nasal consent forms are being sent out to all children in Reception to Year 6. The spray is the most effective way to protect children against Flu.

However, if you would like your child to receive the Flu Injection (no gelatine), please collect a separate form from school reception. It is important parents return the appropriate form by Friday 15 October.

COVID-19 TESTING

If you or a family member display symptoms of Coronavirus then please ensure that you seek advice from the NHS and inform the school. If you need testing, then it is better that you go to a 'test centre' instead of ordering a postal test. Postal tests can take a long time and lead to unnecessary anxiety. Not knowing can be more stressful in these difficult times. Kindly inform the school if you or a family member takes a PCR test.

NEW LOOK SCHOOL BAG

Following consultation and recommendation by the School Council, the school book bags will be changed to 'rucksacks'. The new bags will be of better quality and easy to carry by the children. The cost of the new book bags (rucksacks) will be between £9 to £10 each.

KEY TERM DATES FOR AUTUMN

- Parent conferences -21 and 22 October.
- Deadline for secondary application forms - 22 Oct.
- Training Day (school closed for pupils) - Monday 1 November.

COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

Parents and staff are being encouraged to provide feedback on what is working well and what can be improved further. You can post your comments, suggestions and concern in the 'feedback' box outside the school office.



Parent Conferences

Thursday 21 and Friday 22 October 2021

A strong and meaningful partnership between home and school is essential for children's good education and learning. The main aim of the autumn Parent Conference is to refresh and update this partnership so that pupils receive the best possible education at Bigland Green.

The autumn conferences are on Thursday 21 and Friday 22 October 2021. Parents will have a 10 minutes slot to discuss their child's learning needs with a teacher. In particular, the teacher will share what parents can do to support their child's learning at home.

During the time of writing this guidance, it is expected that these discussions will take place at school and in person (in accordance with social distancing rules). However, the arrangements are subject to change and will be dependent on the school's risk assessment.

The conferences on Thursday 21 October will start from 3:40 PM. All pupils will finish school at 2:00 PM on Friday 22 October and the conferences will start from 2:10 PM. Please note that there will be no provision for pupils to stay at school after 2:00 PM on Friday 22 October. This has been communicated in the termly calendar and we request that parents make the necessary arrangements so that the conferences can start on time. It will be extremely important to maintain time that the conferences run smoothly without compromising health and safety.

Arrangements for different Year groups

Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4

The entrance and exit will be through the playground. Parents will be expected to use the outside doors (used during normal schooling) to access and exit the classroom.

Years 5

Parents will use the PAL Space gates and the conferences will be in PAL Space (parents and adults learning space). Parents will need to wait outside until they are called in by the teacher.

Year 6

Parents can enter and exit through 'gate 5' (used during last term) or the PAL space gates to gain access to the back playground. Poppy Class will have the conferences in the Art Room and Orchid Class will be in the main hall. Parents can wait in the back playground until they are invited in for the conference.

The following will apply to all Year groups

- Depending on the weather, parents can wait outside the classroom or under the shelters in the playgrounds. There will be no access to the building through the front entrance and the school office will be closed during parent conferences to limit any spread of the virus.
- Only the parent(s) of one child will be allowed into the classroom at a time. Others will be expected to wait outside.
- Please maintain time and arrive a few minutes before your appointment time. However, kindly note that there could be a delay in the teacher meeting you. We apologise in advance for any inconveniences caused.
- Where possible, we request that both parents attend the conference. However, we request that that if feasible then children who do not attend Bigland Green are left at home. We are sorry that extended family members will not be able to attend the conferences.

Quote for
the Week

"A life spent making mistakes is not only more honourable, but more useful than a life spent doing nothing."