

TRAINING DAYS FOR THIS YEAR

The staff training days for the remaining of the year (when school is closed for pupils) are as follows:

Tuesday 4 January; Monday 21 February; and Monday 4 July 2022.

Kindly note that there are slight adjustments to the previously published dates. An updated term dates and planned closure is attached for your information and is also available on the school website.

EXCITING NEW INITIATIVES!

As part of the school improvement plan, Bigland Green is working on two new exciting initiatives!

The first initiative is to introduce an SSP (systematic synthetic phonics) programme for all pupils from Nursery to Year 6. All staff members will be fully trained so that all pupils can benefit from their teaching. The training for this will start from Wednesday 4 January.



The other new initiative is the introduction of the 'daily teaching of reading' (DTR) in Key Stage 2. This will be alongside the DSR (daily supported reading) which is currently running in Reception and Year 1. All staff will be trained for the DSR and the DTR. The last training day was used to provide some of this vital training to staff members.

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

As part of anti-bullying week which will be next week (Monday 15- Friday 19 November), the school council will be holding class discussions to raise awareness on bullying and discuss ways to prevent and respond to it.

The week will begin with odd socks day (Monday 15), children can wear odd socks to if they would like to raise awareness.



YEAR 3 ICE SKATING

Ivy class will be going Ice Skating at Canary Wharf as part of the PE curriculum. Kindly ensure your child has a coat, hat, gloves and change of clothes in a bag. There are three sessions on Thursdays (25 November, 2 & 9 December). Tulip class will be going in the spring term.

APPLYING TO A RECEPTION PLACE

Children in Nursery must apply for a Reception place. The closing date is Saturday 15 January 2022. If you do not apply, then your child who is currently in the Nursery will be without a Reception place in September 2022.

Tower Hamlets is running a number of online advice sessions to provide further information as below. You can also contact the school office if there is a need.

Reception Sessions Date & Time	
Monday 8 November 2021	6:00 PM
Wednesday 17 November 2021	10:00 AM
Thursday 25 November 2021	1:00 PM
Wednesday 1 December 2021	10:00 AM

To book a place for the online advice session please follow this link: <https://thpt2021.eventbrite.co.uk>

ONLINE SAFETY WORKSHOP



Thank you to all parents who attended our internet safety workshop on Wednesday, we are pleased with the turnout and we hope you all found it informative and worthwhile.



Term Dates & Planned Closures for 2021 - 2022

Last updated: 12 November 2021

Term Dates for Children	Autumn Term 2021	begins Thursday 2 September	half-term Mon 25 to Fri 29 October	ends Tuesday 21 December
	Spring Term 2022	begins Wednesday 5 January	half-term Mon 14 to Fri 18 February	ends Friday 1 April
	Summer Term 2022	begins Tuesday 19 April	half-term Mon 30 May to Fri 3 June	ends Friday 22 July

Progress Conferences

Progress Conferences offer opportunity for parents and teachers to discuss child's progress

Autumn progress conference afternoons/evenings
Thursday 21 & Friday 22 October

Spring progress conference afternoons/evenings
Thursday 24 & Friday 25 February

Summer progress conference afternoons/evenings
Thursday 14 & Friday 15 July

Note: pupils finish school at 2:00 PM on Friday 22 October, 25 February & 15 July

Provisional Training Days

Draft Staff Training Days
School closed for pupils

The draft dates for the **five** training days are:

Wednesday 1 September
Monday 1 November
Tuesday 4 January
Monday 21 February
Monday 4 July

These dates will be confirmed in the newsletter

Occasional Closures

(provisional) **Tuesday 3 May** - Eid-ul-Fitr
(provisional) **Monday 11 July** - Eid-ul-Adha

Note: pupils finish school at 2:00 PM on Tuesday 21 December, 1 April & 22 July. Parents are requested to make necessary arrangements as there will be no alternative provision available.

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Term Dates for Staff		First Day	Last Day
	Autumn 2021	Wednesday 1 September	Tuesday 21 December
	Spring 2022	Tuesday 4 January	Friday 1 April
	Summer 2022	Tuesday 19 April	Friday 22 July