



Thank you to all the pupils for their hard-work this term. Pupils have gained a great deal from schooling and it has been worthwhile for everyone. Thank you to all the parents for their strong support, cooperation and understanding. A big thank you to all the staff members who have worked tirelessly to ensure that all pupils receive great learning during these difficult times.

We hope everyone a safe and restful winter break. Please take care and look after yourself and those around you.

OFFICE OPENING HOURS AND CALLS

The school office will not be able to have personal contact until further notice for general enquiries. We apologise for any inconveniences this may cause and know that you will understand. This measure will be in place until further notice to help stop the spread of Covid-19.

The school office will be open from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The best ways to contact the office is by telephone or email.

Kindly note that telephone calls may not be answered between 8:50 - 9:10 AM and 3:20 - 3:40 PM as staff are on gate duties. It is also difficult to communicate messages to classes at these times. Parents can always phone at another time or leave a message on the answer phone.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

GUIDANCE ON CORONAVIRUS

The updated guidance from the government is available on the website. Anyone aged 5 years and over, who has been

COVID-19 UPDATE

in contact with someone with COVID-19 and who is not legally required to self-isolate, is strongly advised to take an LFD (lateral flow device) test every day for 7 days or until 10 days since their last contact with the person who tested positive if this is earlier. If any of these LFDs are positive they should self-isolate in order to protect other people.

Schools have been instructed to have a designated room to facilitate the LFDs where feasible.

Advice for Bigland Green parents/carers

Please inform the school immediately if you have a positive case within your household or if you have had contact with someone who has tested positive.

Kindly follow the up-to-date NHS advice. The school strongly urges parents to do an LFD in the morning 90 minutes before school if there is a positive case in the household or if they have been with someone who tests positive. If this is not feasible then kindly come to PAL Space where you can do an LFD or it can be done by a staff member. The school will encourage pupils to do their own (if they are able) with supervision.

Kindly do not attend school if you have taken a PCR test and are waiting for the results. People who are positive must self-isolate in accordance with the NHS guidelines.

PAYMENTS FOR DINNER MONEY AND CLUBS

The payment for dinner money and clubs will be taken with added precautions. Only one parent at a time will be able to go to the school counter - others will need to wait outside the building where there is good ventilation. We are sorry for the inconveniences that this may cause but the measures are important and will be in place until further notice.

All other enquiries will need to be made by telephone or email.

Idiom of
the Week

"Complain that you have no shoes until you meet a man who has no feet"

Be thankful for what you have because there will always be someone in a worse situation than you.

LIT SESSIONS FOR JANUARY

'Let's Inspire Together' will now be online in January. The dates will remain the same and the time will be between 9:30 and 10:00 AM. This will allow parents to drop their children and return home before the start of the LIT session. Each Year group will be sent a zoom link the day before the meeting via the Parent Hub. The school encourages both parents to join the sessions that are likely to be up to 30 minutes long. All parents will receive the handouts outlining the learning for the term.

Spring term - January 2022	
Date	Year group/Class
Thursday 6 January	Y5, Hyacinth/Violets
Friday 7 January	Y4, Crocus/ Hydrangea
Tuesday 11 January	Y3, Ivy/Tulip
Wednesday 12 January	Y2, Geranium/Rose
Thursday 13 January	Y1, Camellia/Honeysuckle
Friday 14 January	N, Sunflower/Lavender
Tuesday 18 January	R Bluebell/Daffodil
Wednesday 19 January	Year 6, Orchid & Poppy
Tuesday 15 March	Y6 LIT for KS2 SATs

JANUARY 2022 ~ ADDITIONAL MEASURES TO PROTECT EVERYONE

Pupils return to school on Wednesday 5 January. Bright Minds and Life Skills will be from 8:00 AM and others will start at 9:00 AM as usual.

The school hopes to operate as it has done over the past few weeks. However, the school will review its plans based on any guidance provided by the government over the holidays. Parents are requested to check the school website for any updates.

Parents are requested to do the following to protect themselves and others:

- Follow good hygiene rules at all times. Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds before leaving and after arriving home.
- Ensure children have clean tissues in their pockets and encourage them to always use a tissue and dispose of that carefully.
- All adults must wear a mask when dropping or collecting children from school.
- Kindly always maintain a good social distancing and avoid close contact.
- Parents are requested not to congregate outside the school gates.
- Please aim to come to drop or collect your child on time so that you are not waiting for a long time.

STAFFING FOR NEXT TERM

Toby (team leader for KS1) will be on paternity leave next term. We wish him and his family the best.

A very warm welcome to Emily Stein who will be joining the school as an Assistant Headteacher from January. She has been a senior teacher at another very successful school in Tower Hamlets.



The team leaders from January will be as follows:

- Rachel - Early Years Foundation Stage (Nursery & Reception)
- Emily - Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)
- Jade - Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)
- Saleha - Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 & 6)

BUILDING WORK STARTS IN JANUARY

The construction of the two set rooms is expected to start in January. Part of the back playground will be closed off during the work which is expected to be completed within 8-10 months. This will provide the school with two additional rooms on the first floor level to support children's learning.



Proposed 3D View 3

INTER-CULTURAL LEARNING PROJECTS



This project was put on hold due to the pandemic and is expected to resume next term. Bigland Green is involved with schools in

Ireland, Sweden and Portugal as part of this project which is funded by the European Union. More about the projects and exchanges between the schools involved will be shared in the coming months.



Quote of
the Week

"Life is like a cup of tea; it's all in how you make it"
How you live your life is a result of what you do in it.