

## PARENT CONFERENCES IN FEBRUARY

Parents will be provided with a copy of their child's Progress Report after the half-term in February. Parents will have the option to arrange a telephone consultation with a teacher which will be on either on Thursday 3 or Friday 4 March.

Unfortunately, there will be no-face-to-face meeting as the virus rate in the school community is still a cause for concern. In order to facilitate face-to-face meetings, the school will need to ensure (a) no more than one child's parents in the room at a time, and (b) good ventilation in around the classes. This will involve parents waiting outside the classrooms which was the arrangements in the autumn term. However, waiting outside in February weather would be extremely difficult hence the arrangement of telephone consultations.

Parents are requested to make notes of the dates below as some of them are different from those published previously.

- Tuesday 22 February - parents will be sent the progress report with their children.
- Thursday 24 February - parents to request a short telephone conversation with a teacher should there be a need.
- Thursday 3 and Friday 4 March - short telephone conversations between teachers and parents 3:30 to 5:30 PM.
- There will be no early closure on 25 February as published previously. Children will finish school at normal time of 3:30 PM.
- Thursday 3 and Friday 4 March - there will be no after-school clubs or Learning Minds after school. Bright Minds before school will continue as normal.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.



## Parent-Teacher Conferences

## NEW LOOK SCHOOL BAG

The new look school bags are now available to purchase. Please use the link below which is also available on the ParentHub app to request all trade items including the new rucksacks. You will be sent a link to pay for the items. The trade items will then be delivered to your child's class within 2 working days. The bags are available to view outside the office.

<https://forms.gle/3p7Hr19pcRWzgsPU7>

Junior Bag (EY/KS1): £10

Senior Bag (KS2): £12



Bottle not included\*

## DROPPING CHILDREN AT SCHOOL

This is a gentle reminder that parents are legally responsible for ensuring that their child is in a teacher's care before they leave the school premises. We have noticed that a few parents are asking their child to go by themselves into the classrooms in the morning while they wait on the street. The school will not be responsible for children's health and safety in such situation. We strongly request that parents ensure that their child is in the care of a teacher before leaving the school premises.

Parents are reminded to walk to school using familiar routes and always be vigilant. Also please be aware and talk to your child/ren about 'stranger danger' and how they can stay safe as you see fit.

## HALF-TERM CLOSURE & TRAINING DAY

The half-term closure is from Monday 14 to Friday 18 February. The school is also closed for children on Monday 21 February for a staff Training Day. We request families to plan any visits or trips during this closure to avoid pupils missing school during term time. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

Pupils will have school photos taken by a professional firm, Stanley Baker Studios, on Thursday 10 February. Siblings who attend Bigland Green will have their photos taken together. The photos will be during school time. The firm taking the photos will then provide information about the purchases and parents can decide and pay directly to the firm. This information will be sent home with your child.

Kindly ensure that your child/ren are in full school uniform for the school photos. Thank you.



## ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

This is a gentle reminder that when pupils are absent for 5 or more days they must be taken to the school office and not the classroom. If pupils come to school by themselves then a parent must bring their child back to school on the first day. A staff member will meet with the parent and complete the return to school form before the pupil can join the class.

## NURSERY ADMISSIONS

If your child was born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019 and you would like a nursery place for September 2022, you must apply online via the eadmissions portal. The closing date is 16 February 2022.

<https://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/Documents/Education-and-skills/Admissions-and-exclusions/Admissions-2022/Nursery-prospectus-2022.pdf>

## FLUORIDE VARNISH DENTAL PROGRAMME – TUESDAY 8 MARCH 2022

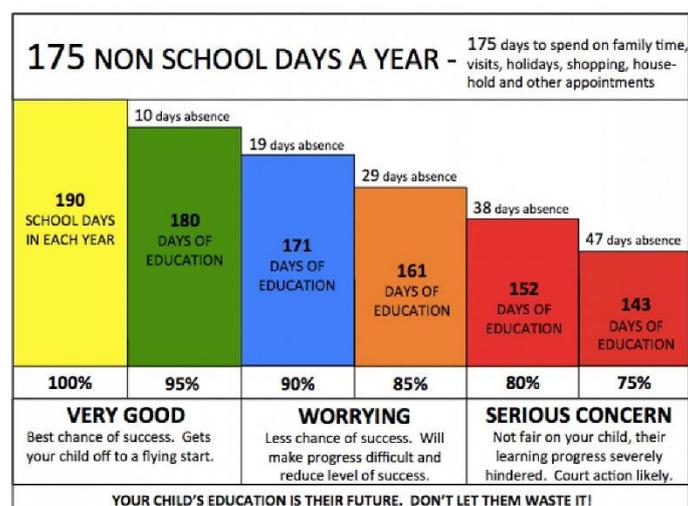
The school will be taking part in the "Healthy Teeth" screening and fluoride varnish programme this year for Nursery, Reception and Year 1 pupils. The programme is an NHS initiative to improve children's oral health.

Public Health England has identified a significant need for oral health improvement in London with over one in four children starting school with some dental decay.

## EXTENDED LEAVE

Bigland Green does not authorise holiday during term time and they are 'unauthorised'. Schools are required by law to report any unauthorised absences of 3 or more days to the Local Authority (LA). The LA usually issues fixed penalty notices to both parents (even if they do not live together) for each of the children with unauthorised absences. Parents are requested to avoid any planned visits during term-time and use school holidays to see family and relatives.

Unfortunately, between October and December Bigland Green had 28 families with unauthorised absences. A large number of these families are highly likely to be issued with fixed penalty notices. More importantly, their children have missed vital education and the gap in their learning has increased further.



## TERM DATES & PLANNED CLOSURES FOR NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR

These are available on the school website or from the school office. Please note that the first day of the next academic year for pupils will be on Thursday 1 September. Staff members will start on Wednesday 31 August 2022.

## IN-YEAR ADMISSIONS & TRANSFERS

This is to remind parents that school admissions are decided centrally by the Local Authority. Parents who want to change school (move a child from Bigland Green to another school or move to Bigland Green from another school) must apply to Tower Hamlets Pupils Services by completing a common application form:

<https://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/Documents/Education-and-skills/Admissions-and-exclusions/CAFinYearPrimary2020-21.pdf>

More information can be found on the form itself or by calling Pupil Services on 020 7364 5000.

Quote of  
the Week

**“Creativity is intelligence having fun.”**  
- Albert Einstein