

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS AND LEARNING MINDS

Information regarding after-school clubs and learning minds will be sent via parent hub on Monday. The school is aiming to offer a wide variety of clubs for children in Years 1-6 to enrich the curriculum. Clubs will start on the week beginning 12 September. Registration and payment for clubs will be in the office from next Tuesday 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Please note that queues are likely to be long at the start and finish of the school day. If possible then avoid these times.

Learning Minds - the support sessions for targeted pupils in Years 1-3 - will also start that week.



BRIGHT MINDS STARTS NEXT WEEK

Bright Minds and Life Skills will begin for children in Years 4, 5 & 6 at 8:00AM from Tuesday 6 September. Kindly support your child to get the best education by bringing them on time and being ready for learning. Kindly note that pupils who arrive after 8:10 AM will not be able to join the session as it is disruptive to the learning of others.



Bigland Green's results over the last eight years show that children who attend Bright Minds regularly and on time achieve better than those who do not. More information can be obtained from class teachers if you want to know how specifically your child will benefit by attending Bright Minds.

PAKISTAN FLOOD APPEAL

We are all aware of the unprecedented fresh floods caused by historic monsoon rains in Pakistan that has killed thousands and affected more than 33 million people. Our thoughts and prayers are for families who have relatives in Pakistan and for the people.

Children will be taking home a sponsorship form today to raise money for the Pakistan flood victims. We request families who are able to support to do so, and talk to their children about helping others in need.



YEAR 4 SWIMMING

We are delighted to announce that Year 4 will be going swimming as part of the PE curriculum. They will be using a private pool at Stepney All Saints secondary school and taught by qualified swimming teachers as St Georges remains closed.

More information will be given during the Year 4 LIT session on Thursday 8 September. Parents will have time after this, before the first sessions on Monday 12 September to make sure children are equipped for swimming. Correct swimming kit includes; towel, trunks (boys), swimming costume (girls), house coloured swim hat (available to buy from the school office for £2.50).



HOME LEARNING PACKS YEAR 1-6

The school will be using CGP books for home-learning and we are pleased to offer a substantial discount to parents when purchasing the packs with a contribution.

The RRP (recommended retail price) of the books in the packs is £20.50 to £28.20 (depending on the Year group). Parents of pupils who attend Bigland Green can purchase the packs for the prices below from the school week from 6 September from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Please be mindful that queues are likely to be long at the start and finish of the school day (e.g. around 9:00 AM and 3:30 PM). If possible then avoid these times.

After 23 September all packs will be priced at £15 each. Discounted CGP books subsidised by the school is only available until 23 September the latest:

Parents with one child at Bigland Green (in Key Stage 1/2)	£10 each pack
Parents with two children at Bigland Green (in Key Stage 1/2)	£7.50 each pack
Parents with three or more children at Bigland Green (in Key Stage 1/2)	£6 each pack

REGULAR ATTENDANCE/PUNCTUATLITY

Governors reviewed and updated the school's attendance policy at the end of last term. A copy of the updated policy is available on the school website or from the school office.

One of the differences is that governors will now meet parents of pupils who are on the persistence absence list should there be a need. The policy also details the financial loss (to tax-payers) when a pupil is not at school. Please see the next page for more details.

Also please note that the school has a legal duty to inform the Local Authority to issue fixed penalty notices to parents of pupils who have three or more days of unauthorised absence and those who are regularly late for school.



Quote of
the Week

'Every moment is a fresh beginning'

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PE LESSONS

Kindly support your child to wear their PE kit to school on the days they have PE lessons. Correct PE kit includes a house team coloured t-shirt, black tracksuit bottoms/leggings and trainers/plimsolls. We advise black trainers so children can also wear these on days they can use the ball court during playtime.

Year group	PE lessons
Reception	Wednesday
Year 1	Monday & Friday
Year 2	Tuesday & Wednesday
Year 3	Wednesday and Thursday
Year 4	Friday
Year 5	Tuesday and Wednesday
Year 6	Thursday



LIT SESSIONS

The LIT (Let's Inspire Together) sessions aim to provide an overview of what pupils will be learning this term and how parents can help. Each Year group will choose a focus item and deliver that in the form of a workshop.

The LIT sessions are from 9:05 AM and lasts for approximately 45 minutes. Where feasible, both parents should attend the session, and it is expected that parents stay for the whole session.

Date	Year group/Class
Tuesday 6 Sept	Year 6, Orchid & Poppy
Wednesday 7 Sept	Year 5, Hyacinth & Violets
Thursday 8 Sept	Year 4, Crocus & Hydrangea
Friday 9 Sept	Year 3, Ivy & Tulip
Tuesday 13 Sept	Year 2, Geranium & Rose
Wednesday 14 Sept	Year 1, Camellia & Honeysuckle
Thursday 15 Sept	Reception, Bluebell & Daffodil
Thursday 3 Nov	Nursery, Sunflower & Lavender

Please attend and help all classes have 100% attendance at the LIT sessions this term.

FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM

It is mandatory that all pupils attend school in full uniform. We would like to thank the vast majority of pupils and their parents who have returned to school in full uniform. The uniform includes:

- ✓ Green sweat-shirt - with or without school logo
- ✓ White collared T-shirt or shirt
- ✓ Grey/black trousers/skirts
- ✓ Pinafore checked dress
- ✓ Black school shoes

If you want your girl to wear a head-scarf then it must be plain green, white or grey. You can purchase the above items at any outlets of your choice.

Children are not allowed any jewellery other than stud earrings. Trainers will not be allowed unless they are all black. Pupils may only have black trainers on days when the ball-court is allocated for them or they have PE lessons.

We request those who have not that they do so from Monday 5 September. Kindly note that the school may request pupils to go home and get in full uniform if they are not, particularly if they are in unsuitable footwear. We look forward to strong co-operation and support from parents in this respect.

KEY DATES FOR THE TERM

- Tues 27 September - Governors report to parents
- Wk beginning 10 October - Year 6 to Gorsefield
- Thurs 20 & Fri 21 October - Parent conferences
- Half-term - 24 to 28 October
- Mon 31 October - Training Day for staff
- Friday 16 Dec - Last of the autumn term

GOVERNORS' REPORT TO PARENTS

Governors will present an annual report to parents on Tuesday 27 September at 9:00 AM. Please keep the date in your diary. More information to follow



School Attendance ~ Everyday matters, every minute counts!

Each year, children attend school 190 days	Your child's education is their future. Good attendance at Bigland Green will increase your child's life chances. They will get good results for GCSEs and be able to get a degree.	175 days Non-school days each year	To spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household and other appointments.
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	Very good Increased life chances. A flying start to good results for GCSE and higher education.	100% = 190 days [0 days lost] 97% = 185 days [5 days lost]	No lost education 37 hours of lost education	£s wasted 	Persistent absence is defined by DfE as missing 19 days of school a year for any reason, including sickness and/or medical appointments.	
	Worrying Reduced life chances. May not achieve full potential in GCSE or be in higher education.	95% = 180 days [10 days lost]	75 hours of lost education	Children with persistent absence are likely to be 2 years behind in their reading compared to their peers and 4 times more likely to get poor GCSE results. ££350		Persistent absence in primary school means the child is 7 time more likely to get poor GCSE results in secondary school and not attend university.
	Serious concerns Life chances negatively affected. Likely to seriously underachieve and drop out from education. Not fair on your child. Court action likely.	90% = 171 days [19 days lost] 85% = 161 day [29 days lost] 80% = 152 days [38 days lost] 75% = 143 day [47 days lost]	142 hours of lost education 217 hours of lost education 285 hours of lost education 352 hours of lost education	£665 £1,015 £1,330 £1,645		

Our Mission ~ Increase children's life chances.



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