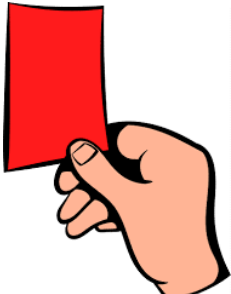


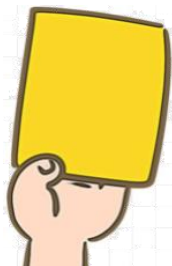
PLEASE DON'T BE SHOWN A RED CARD!



At the last School Council meeting, the School Councillors have decided to pilot a system of parents being 'shown the red card' for using their mobiles on the school premises. This system will be enforced from Monday 5 December 2022.

It is against Bigland Green policy to use mobiles on the school premises for reasons of safety. Parents are encouraged to talk to their children rather than on the phone when dropping or collecting children from school. Parents are also encouraged to talk to each other.

However, despite all endeavours a very small number of parents continue to break the rule. The School Councillors felt that it was unfair that some parents were so busy that they had to be on the phone when collecting their children from school at the end of the day!



The pupils in the School Cabinet will now be on duty to 'show the red card' to any parents who break this rule. They want Bigland Green to be a 'hand-free zone' so that all parents greet their children at the end of the day - every day.

Rules:

Use of mobiles on the school premises = Red Card

Mobiles in the hands = Yellow Card

FAREWELL TO STAFF MEMBERS

Farhat (support staff) will be leaving at the end of term. There will be a special assembly on 12 December at 9:00 AM where School Councillors will do a presentation on the Festive Seasons. We will also be saying farewell to staff members who are leaving. We would very much like parents to attend and show their appreciation.

ATTENDANCE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"There is nothing impossible to them who will try."
— Alexander the Great

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE

Thank you to all those parents who attended our E-Safety parent workshop last week! Moving forward we hope you will implement the strategies taught in this session at home with your children.



You can use the following website to find practical tips and advice to support families using the internet safely and

smartly. <https://www.internetmatters.org/>

HOUSE TEAM TREAT

Congratulations to Sapphire House Team who earned the most house points this term across the school. They will have a celebration next Tuesday afternoon of music, games, popcorn and drinks and can wear blue to school. Adults award house points at school when children demonstrate a positive learning attitude.

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS & LEARNING MINDS

Thank you to all children, parents and staff who have ensured that learning continues after school. There are no clubs or learning minds sessions during next week so please collect your child at 3.30PM.

Spring term clubs will start on the week beginning 9 January. Registration and payment for clubs will be in the office from Wednesday 4 January between 8:00AM 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. Kindly complete the link to register your interest.

Link: <https://forms.gle/PexWwZSwLK2uPiAp6>

Please complete the form once, even if you are choosing multiple clubs for each child. Please note club places are given on a first come first serve basis when payment is made.

Learning Minds - the support sessions for targeted pupils in Years 1-3 - will also start that week. Invitation letters will be sent out to selected children.

Idiom of
the Week

**'An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of
cure'**

You can prevent a problem with little effort, fixing it later is harder

WHAT IS GROUP A STREP?

There is a higher number of cases of Group A strep this year than usual. The bacteria usually causes a mild infection producing sore throats or scarlet fever that can be easily treated with antibiotics.

In very rare circumstances, this bacteria can get into the bloodstream (sepsis) and cause serious illness - called invasive Group A strep (iGAS). This is still uncommon. However, it is important that parents are on the lookout for symptoms and see a doctor as quickly as possible so that their child can be treated before the infection becomes serious.

If their child is showing signs of deteriorating after a bout of scarlet fever, a sore throat, or a respiratory infection then please seek medical advice.

MEASURES TAKEN BY THE SCHOOL

Bigland Green is following advice and guidance provided by Public Health and the UK Health and Safety Authority (UKHSA). The school has a risk assessment in place for Covid-19. Although, some of the measures have been relaxed, there are measures to protect people in the school community.

The school continues to encourage adults and children to implement good hygiene practices. It encourages staff, pupils and other users of the school building to implement good respiratory hygiene practices (such as catch it, bin it, kill it). It is also providing relevant guidance to parents and providing reassurance where necessary.



The school will carefully assess the situation and take the necessary measures as advised by Public Health. It will report matter if a child is hospitalised due to scarlet fever or invasive Group A streptococcal disease. Public Health will also be informed if there is an outbreak of chickenpox or influenza.

WHAT PARENTS CAN DO TO HELP

As a parent, if you feel that your child seems seriously unwell, you should trust your own judgement. Contact NHS 111 or your GP if:

- your child is getting worse
- your child is feeding or eating much less than normal

- your child has had a dry nappy for 12 hours or more or shows other signs of dehydration
- your baby is under 3 months and has a temperature of 38°C, or is older than 3 months and has a temperature of 39°C or higher
- your child feels hotter than usual when you touch their back or chest, or feels sweaty
- your child is very tired or irritable

Call 999 or go to A&E if:

- your child is having difficulty breathing - you may notice grunting noises or their tummy sucking under their ribs
- there are pauses when your child breathes
- your child's skin, tongue or lips are blue
- your child is floppy and will not wake up or stay awake

Ensure that your child is practising good hygiene rules at all times as it will protect them and others. For more information please visit <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/scarlet-fever/> We request that all parents and carers are also mindful and follow good hygiene practices at all time - at home and at school. Thank you

ATTENDANCE FOR 28 - 2 DECEMBER

Good attendance is 97% and above. Anything below needs improving. How is your child's class doing?

| | | | |
|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|
| Sunflower | 83% | Lavender | 70% |
| Daffodil | 84% | Bluebell | 90% |
| Honeysuckle | 93% | Camellia | 96% |
| Geranium | 92% | Rose | 93% |
| Tulip | 96% | Ivy | 88% |
| Crocus | 92% | Hydrangea | 86% |
| Violets | 90% | Hyacinth | 90% |
| Orchid | 93% | Poppy | 96% |
| | Excellent | | Needs Improving |
| | Good | | Poor |

KEY DATES

- 12 December - Activity afternoons in classes across the school
- 13 December - House Team treats
- 14 December - Children Christmas lunch
- 15 December - Class parties in the afternoon (children will be in uniform)
- 16 December - AM Bright Minds/life skills breakfast
- 16 December - Last day of term, pupils finish school at 2:00 PM
- 3 January - Start of the spring term for pupils and staff.

Quote of the Week

'In the middle of a difficulty lies opportunity.'

LEARNING FROM THIS WEEK

YEAR 3 COOKING LESSONS

Children in Year 3 have been taking part in Food Technology lessons as part of their learning for D&T. In this week's lesson, Chef Alice from the Royal Academy of Culinary Arts, taught them how to prepare a dough in order to make bread.



VIOLET CLASS BEE PROJECT

Year 5 would like to thank all the parents and carers who supported them during the product sales. We raised a total of **£254**. The money will be donated to Bernardo's children's charity.



SCHOOL FOOTBALL MATCH

Well done to children across the school who have been involved in sports matches against other schools. This week, Year 3 children played football against Osmani primary school.



Quote of the Week

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