

# BOWSLAND GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

## 'Building the Foundations for Lifelong Learning'

Newsletter 14<sup>th</sup> January 2011

### HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to the first term in 2011. On behalf of the staff I would like to thank you so much for the lovely Christmas and New Year presents that we received from the children. We all wish you a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

#### **Flu Update**

Flu is causing some severe illness this winter so I hope this information provided by the Local Authority is helpful.

#### What is flu?

A viral infection that mainly affects the nose, throat and lungs. Flu symptoms include the abrupt onset of fever, shivering, headache, cough, sore throat, aching muscles and joints.

#### Cold or flu?

If the symptoms of runny nose, sneezing, watery eyes and sore throat occur gradually and do not cause a fever or body aches then it is most likely a cold.

#### How do you catch flu?

By breathing in air containing the virus when an infected person coughs/sneezes or by touching a surface where the virus has landed and then touching your mouth/nose.

#### What is influenza like for children?

It usually starts suddenly with a high fever over 38 degrees centigrade which can last for 3-4 days.

A dry cough, headache and chills are common as are general aches and pains. The fever tends to decrease after the second day when the stuffy nose and sore throat become more noticeable.

Some children may also feel sick or have diarrhoea.

#### How do we reduce the risk of flu transmission in school?

- Encourage the children to wash their hands thoroughly and frequently with soap and water.
- Encourage the use of anti-bacterial hand wash.
- 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it'- encourage use of a tissue when coughing/sneezing, cover both nose and mouth with it and throw away immediately.
- Teach children to cough/sneeze into their elbow if a tissue is not to hand (elbows do not touch door handles!)

- Extra cleaning of surfaces especially door handles and children's tables
- Send children home if they have a temperature of 38 degrees plus or have been sick

#### How can you look after your child with flu?

- Keep them warm, rested and ensure they drink lots of fluids to prevent dehydration
- Paracetamol can be given to reduce the fever; aspirin must NOT be given to children under 16 years of age
- Keep them at home while they are feeling ill as this reduces the chance of spreading the infection to others

#### **Lettings**

Would you like to use our school hall for your child's party or our ball court for a footie practice? Bowsland now has a new lettings policy which we are trying out for the rest of this academic year. If you are interested, please collect an information pack from the office.

#### **Dates for your diary**

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January- KS1 area assembly at 9.05

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February- Internet Safety Day

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February- UKS2 area assembly at 9.05 and pantomime for the children in the afternoon

#### **Coming soon- Curriculum Evening for Parents on Writing**

On Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January we are running workshops for parents on how we teach writing at school and how parents can help their children at home. There will be 3 workshops- Progression in Writing, The Big Write and Spelling. Parents will be able to visit them all on rotation and you will leave with ideas for developing writing at home with your children. The first session of workshops begins at 3.45pm and the second at 5.45pm. There will be a crèche for children aged 3-7 years and a crèche for KS2 children at both sessions. Please put this date in your diary and more information will follow. We hope you can join us.



## RECOMMENDED IN ASSEMBLY GOLDEN LEAVES



Jack Gregory  
Samana Hassan  
Finley Blake  
Neveen Hroub  
Ellie Mittins  
Bandar Alshammari  
Aarni Kupari  
Cole Blunden  
Lava Ahmed  
Alex Ives  
Alex Ford  
Melanie Smith  
Hollie Bleaken  
Thomas Mittins  
William Holley  
Barry Furnivall



### Door Monitor's Award for best class in and out of hall

No Door Monitors this week

### GOING FOR GOLD

14/01/11

Alistair Johnson

Joshua Fogg

Sophie Jones

Lewis Oxenham

Samana Hassan

Joshua Miller

### HOUSE POINTS

Winners for week 14/1/11

Dragon



### Best Class Voted By Our Lunch Break Supervisors

W/E

Class

14/1/11

Mrs Conlin

### 'TOP TABLE'

Award for Good Manners at Lunch  
Time

14/1/11

Callum Taylor  
William Avery  
Fabiana Fazzino  
Millie Chinock

### ATTENDANCE

W/E	17/12/10
Oak 1	95%
Oak 2	99.5%
Chestnut	89.2%
Birch	92%
Holly	86.3%
Fir	91.8%
Beech	96.1%
Sycamore	94.7%
Ash	94.5%
Overall	93.2%
Well done Mrs Ashitey's class	

### STARS OF THE WEEK



Shaden Alobaid  
Archie Barber  
Jack Ives  
Ethan Johnson  
Ethan Anderson  
Alex Sell  
Matthew Riley  
Taylor Schutte

### BIRTHDAYS

Elijah Molina-Hernija  
Lily Avery  
Ellie Swales  
Lara Carnell  
Kurtis Jones  
Chloe Blunden  
Mohammed-Hashir Farouk  
Monika Labuda  
Logan Sheppard



Happy Birthday!

