

Robert Browning, Snowfields and Tower Bridge Primary Schools

We learn and succeed together



10th December 2021



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Important Dates

Week beginning 13th December - Christmas videos of EYFS and KS1 will be shared on the website

Tuesday 14th December - Christmas Parties

Wednesday 15th December - Christmas Dinner

Friday 17th December - Christmas Jumpers

Southwark's Winter of Food and Fun

Southwark's winter of food and fun will run for 2 weeks during the Christmas holidays (20th-31st December) and will offer **free places** for

children between the ages of 4-16 years who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals.

We are partnering with local holiday hubs across the borough to provide an exciting programme of food and activities for children and young people in our local communities, each of which will provide:

- free, nutritious and tasty food,
- fun physical activity sessions,
- a wide range of other enriching activities to suit different ages and personalities
- opportunities to learn more about food and nutrition for children and their families

REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS AND CARERS- WE BREAK UP AT 1pm on FRIDAY 17th DECEMBER

Class Parties: Parties take place on Tuesday 14th December. Children can wear their **own clothes**.

Footwear should be appropriate for playtime.

Children may bring in sealed food items to share- please check with the class teacher about what to bring.

Wear a Christmas Jumper: Children are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper on Friday 17th December instead of their school jumper.

Nursery children are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper on Wednesday 15th December.

Christmas lunch and Talent show will take place on Wednesday 15th December

We received a certificate in assembly this week:



For being independent!



For supporting children to succeed!



For teamwork!



Lantern Parade 2021

Well done to our year 5 classes for a wonderful parade. The lanterns looked fantastic! Thank you to all the parents who joined us yesterday!



Message sent on behalf of Public Health

This winter, there will be an influx of coughs, colds and chest infections in children aged 0-3. To reduce increased pressure on local healthcare systems, Barnardo's has been funded by NHS England and Department for Health and Social Care (DHSC) to provide a helpline advising on respiratory illnesses, focused on supporting parents/carers from Black, Asian and Minority communities.

The Boloh helpline can provide advice, guidance and signposting support to partners/carers who are unsure about what to do if their child has a chest infection. We can provide information via our Helpline advisors to:

- *Recognise signs and symptoms of Chest infections*
- *How to access the right health support*
- *Self-manage respiratory infections at home*
- *Speak to a nurse or doctor if required via NHS 111 and 999*
- *Register with GPs*

Helpline advisors can also provide parents/carers with practical support to meet their child's needs.

Parents/carers can call Boloh helpline on 0800 151 2605. Professionals can also refer their service users to the helpline and a helpline advisor will contact them. Referrals can be made via this link <https://helpline.barnardos.org.uk/professionals/boloh-referral-form>

Our helpline advisors are trained to provide advice about respiratory illnesses in children aged 0-3. Our advisors can provide a service in English, Punjabi, Hindi, Urdu, Albania, Polish, Luganda, Ruyankole, Rukiga, Rutooro and Kinyarwanda. Interpreters can be provided for other languages.

Health professionals can refer parents/carers to Boloh and a helpline advisor will call them back. You can find information on Barnardo's website: <https://helpline.barnardos.org.uk/> Hard copies of the resource pack are also available.

Please contact boloh.helpline@barnardos.org.uk to order additional resources. We request that there is a minimum order of 20 for onward distribution. We would appreciate a single address to send these to if you are part of a wider health network. This campaign has been developed in partnership with the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH) and an Expert Clinical Advisory Group.

REMINDER

Please make sure that children have warm coats, hats and scarves now that the temperature has dropped. Please also make sure that children are appropriately dressed with layers, as classrooms are cooler than normal due to increased ventilation.



Attendance and Punctuality

Overall whole school attendance for week beginning 29/11/21: 88.70%

1st Place Attendance: Green Class

1st Place Punctuality: Red, Orange and Purple Class



Classes	Absences	Lates	Total Attendance
Year 1—Red Class	10	9	81.33%
Year 2—Orange Class	20	11	93.08%
Year 3—Yellow Class	24	14	96.54%
Year 4 - Green Class	8	3	97.27%
Year 5—Blue Class	20	10	93.08%
Year 6—Purple Class	18	13	96.04%



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Overall whole school attendance for week beginning 29/11/21: 92.98%

1st Place Attendance: Purple Class

1st Place Punctuality: Blue Class



Classes	Absences	Lates	Points
Year 1—Red Class	28	4	300
Year 2—Orange Class	30	5	725
Year 3—Yellow Class	9	5	575
Year 4 - Green Class	16	7	775
Year 5—Blue Class	13	2	975
Year 6—Purple Class	7	6	1050



Attendance and Punctuality

Overall whole school attendance for week beginning 29/11/21: 89.17%

1st Place Attendance: Purple Class

1st Place Punctuality: Green Class



Classes	Absences	Lates	Points
Year 1—Red Class	12	21	250
Year 2—Orange Class	7 1/2	14	175
Year 3—Yellow Class	18 1/2	6	625
Year 4 - Green Class	15	5	1025
Year 5—Blue Class	9 1/2	15	800
Year 6—Purple Class	5	13	1075

Reception Application

If your child was born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018, they are due to start primary school in September 2022. You must apply for a reception place for September 2022, please follow the links below, the deadline for applications is 15th January 2022.

Please contact the school office if you need help.

<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/primary-admissions/applying-for-a-primary-school-place> <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>

2021-2022 Term Dates

Autumn term

Monday 6th September 2021 - Friday 22nd October 2021

Half Term Monday 25th October 2021

Friday 29th October 2021

Monday 1st November 2021 - Friday 17th December 2021

Spring term

Wednesday 5th January 2022 – Friday 11th February 2022

Half Term Monday 14th February 2022

Friday 18th February 2022

Monday 21st February 2022 – Friday 1st April 2022

Summer term

Wednesday 20th April 2022 – Friday 27th May 2022

Half Term Monday 30th May 2022 – Friday 3rd June 2022

Monday 6th June 2022 – Wednesday 20th July 2022

Additional Bank Holiday for the Queen's Jubilee Friday
22nd July—School Closed

Inset days – school closed

Wednesday 1st September

Thursday 2nd September

Tuesday 4th January

Tuesday 19th April

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

"Inappropriate" means different things to different people. What's acceptable for one age group, for example, may be unsuitable for a slightly younger audience. Online, young people can chance upon inappropriate content in various ways – from pop-up ads to TikTok videos. The increasingly young age at which children become active in the digital world heightens the risk of them innocently running into something that they find upsetting or frightening. Trusted adults need to be able to help children be aware of what to do if they're exposed to age-inappropriate content.

WHERE IS IT FOUND?

SOCIAL MEDIA

Age-inappropriate content is easily accessible through many social media platforms. TikTok, for instance, is hugely popular with young people but is arguably best known for clips featuring sexualised dancing or profanity. Some social media users also express hate speech or promote eating disorders and self-harm, which could cause lasting damage to a child's emotional and mental health.

GAMING

Gaming is an enjoyable source of entertainment, but many popular titles can expose children to inappropriate material such as violence, horror, gambling or sexually explicit content. Playing games unsuitable for their age risks normalising to children what they are seeing. Some games also include in-game chat, where other (usually older) online players often use language that you probably wouldn't want your child to hear or repeat.

STREAMING

The range of video streaming services available online means that users can find almost anything they want to watch on demand. Children are therefore at risk of viewing TV shows and movies which contain nudity, drug and alcohol abuse, explicit language and extreme violence. Unfortunately, these streaming platforms can't always determine that it's not an adult who's watching.

ADVERTS

Online adverts frequently include age-inappropriate content: usually gambling and nudity or partial nudity, although adverts for alcohol or e-cigarettes are also common. Some search engines also feature adverts that are responsive to your search history: so if you've recently looked up a new horror movie, shopped for lingerie or ordered alcohol online, then the ads appearing on screen could reflect this the next time your child borrows your device.

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Advice for Parents & Carers

TALK IT THROUGH

Embarrassment or fear of getting into trouble can make it difficult for children to talk openly about age-inappropriate content they've watched. Remind your child they can always come to you if they're troubled by something they've seen online, without worrying about consequences. Before offering advice, discuss what they saw, how they felt and how they came to find the content in question.

CAN WE HAVE A CHAT?

CONNECT, DON'T CORRECT

If your child's been particularly distressed by exposure to content that wasn't suitable for their age, it's important to offer guidance to prevent them from repeating the same mistake – but it's equally vital to help them deal with the emotions that the situation has raised. You could tell them about any similar experiences you might have had at their age, and how you dealt with it.

BLOCK, REPORT, CONTROL

After discussing the problem, you and your child can take action together. This could include blocking any inappropriate sites and reporting any content which violates a platform's rules. To further safeguard your child online, set up parental controls on internet-enabled devices that they use. This will significantly reduce the chances of your child being exposed to age-inappropriate content in future.

GET SPECIALIST HELP

Age-inappropriate content can potentially have a negative impact on a child's mental health, which is sometimes displayed through changes in their behaviour. If the problem becomes more severe, you might consider reaching out to a mental health professional or an expert in this field who can provide you and your child with the proper support.

STAY CALM

Even though it is obviously difficult to stay rational in a situation where your child has been put at risk, it's essential to think before you react. Your child may well have hesitated to open up to you about watching inappropriate content for fear of the consequences, so being calm and supportive will reinforce the notion that it would be easy to talk to you about similar issues in the future.

Meet Our Expert

Cayley Jorgensen is a Registered Counsellor with The Health Professions Council of South Africa, and she runs a private practice offering counselling to children, teenagers and families. Her main focus is creating awareness and educating the community on the mental health pressures of today's world, as well as resources and techniques to understand and cope better.



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Sources: <https://www.education.gov.za/documents/about/programmes/bullying-prevention/primary-schools/primary-schools-inappropriate-content-fact-sheet>
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