



## MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN AND MRS LAWRENCE



Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back and a very special 'welcome' to our Biggin Hill Pre-school, Reception and new families joining us this year - we welcome you all to our school community. We are all looking forward to a fabulous BHPS academic year!

The children have had a brilliant first few days back. They have

enjoyed learning about their class name and learning amazing facts about their landmark and the history it holds in the world. Most importantly, they all seem very settled and happy.

The start of the school year brings everyone - children, parents/carers and staff - a new beginning and is an exciting time for us all. We do understand that this time can be a little daunting for some, so if you are in need of some support please do get in touch with us via our main office - our pastoral support here for children and families is second to none!

You may also recall as part of our Platinum Jubilee celebrations, each class designed a card and these were sent to The Queen along with a letter from the school in time for her celebrations. On Wednesday morning, during our first whole school assembly of the year, we were delighted to share the most wonderful 'thank you' letter that the children received from Her Majesty's Lady in Waiting for the marvellous cards that were received from the children of BHPS. This very special and important 'thank you' letter will be placed on display in our main reception area for you to view.

We would like to formally welcome Ms O'Mahony, Assistant Headteacher (Curriculum, Equality and Diversity Lead) to the leadership team. Ms O'Mahony will be teaching Orinoco Class (Year 6) as well as assisting with the strategic delivery and development of our engaging curriculum across the whole school. We are delighted to advise that Mrs Kemp joins us back in the pre-school after maternity leave and Mrs Kennedy will be rejoining us as part of our LSA team. I would also like to welcome our new staff starters; Ms Dawkins joins us in our main office, Ms Pluim joins us as class teacher to Parthenon Class (Year 4) and Miss Coker, Miss Gardiner and Miss Kitson join our amazing support staff as LSAs. On behalf of the whole school, we extend a very warm 'welcome' to them all.

We would also like to announce that Mrs Churchward has given birth to a beautiful baby boy named Hudson. We wish her and her husband all the very best on this wonderful and exciting new chapter ahead.

We hope you enjoyed our 'Meet the Teacher' event yesterday afternoon

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## STARS OF THE WEEK

Big Ben, Pyramid, Taj Mahal,  
Giants Causeway, Colosseum,  
Royal Mile, Loch Ness, Sydney  
Opera House, London Bridge,  
Parthenon, Mount Everest,  
Globe Theatre, Mount Fuji,  
Orinoco and Wembley

*'Congratulations'*

**Stars of the Week**

**'All children'**

**For such an amazing first  
week at school.**

## Weekly Whole School Attendance 95.72%

### Weekly Class Attendance (Thursday to Thursday)

*Excellent attendance 'gold'*  
**98-100%**

Loch Ness: 100%  
Mount Everest: 100%  
Mount Fuji: 100%  
London Bridge: 98.21%  
Giants Causeway: 98%

*Good attendance 'green'*  
**96-97.9%**

Royal Mile: 96.67%  
Wembley: 96.43%

## HOUSE POINTS

**HOLMES, ROWLING,  
HAWKING and  
ATTENBOROUGH**

*House Points will be collected from next  
week.*

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and this gave you an insight into class routines and the term ahead. Next Friday, children will be bringing home Curriculum Maps which provide an outline of what children will be learning this term. We hope both of these initiatives will help you to feel informed about the term ahead and school life. We also issue our BHPS Newsletter weekly which has a handy 'Diary Dates' section with upcoming events. Our Safeguarding Bulletin, 'Spotlight On' and our Inclusion Bulletin, 'Same but Different' will also be issued throughout the year. Also, our website <https://www.bigginhillprimary.com/> contains a wealth of information and our updated BHPS Prospectus can also be found here at: [BHPS Prospectus](#). Please note: class pages on our website are currently being updated - this will be complete by 9th September.

We would like to remind families that attendance at school is mandatory and we ask for your support in ensuring that any routine appointments are made outside of school hours and that term time holidays are not taken. Please also ensure that children are in school on time each day. Our 'soft drop' option is available from **8.40-8.50am** where learning activities are set and children enjoy a settled start to the school day - we encourage **all** children to take advantage of this time. Any child arriving between 8.50am and 9am will be signed in through the gate and/or office as registers are promptly closed at 9am, with lessons starting immediately after. Please try to avoid 'lateness' as much as possible as this allows teaching and support staff to focus on their duties, prevents any disruption to the start of learning time and allows your child to have a settled and calm start to their school day.



We are all very excited for the year ahead; teaching staff have rigorously prepared for children's learning and development and are very much looking forward to delivering an exciting and engaging curriculum! Our door is always open, please let us know if you need any help or have any questions.

We hope you enjoy the welcome messages from our teaching staff.

Our very best wishes,

*Mrs Freeman*

Headteacher and  
Designated Safeguarding Lead

*Mrs Lawrence*

SENCo and Deputy  
Designated Safeguarding Lead



## TEA and TOTS

*We welcome you back on...*

**Tea and Tots will be on a Tuesday**  
Our first session will be on:  
**Tuesday 6th September, 1-30-3.00pm**  
**Mrs Sargeant and Mrs Helps**

## DIARY DATES

*Keep a note!*

### 15th September:

- Full Governing Body Meeting - times TBC.
- Ambassadors Assembly, 9.05am KS2 Hall - by invitation only.

### 29th September:

- Y6 SATs and Residential Meeting 7pm.

### 7th October:

- Mental Health Day.

### 13th October:

- Parent Conferences, 3.30pm - 7pm (more information will follow in the coming weeks).
- Wear Red to 'Show Racism the Red Card'.

### 14th October:

- Parent Conferences, 9am - 12pm (more information will follow in the coming weeks).
- INSET DAY.

### 17th October - 28th October:

- Half Term.

## SUMMER READING CHALLENGE



We hope lots of children enjoyed taking part in the Summer Reading Challenge. This year, The Reading Agency teamed up with the Science Museum for a special invention themed challenge! Reading for pleasure is really important as it helps pupils maintain their current reading level and even improve it. Most importantly, it should be enjoyable and an opportunity for children to discover some new books. Pupils who completed the challenge can bring their medal and certificate into school on Friday 9th September.

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk>

**Mrs Lucas, Literacy Lead**

# A VERY WARM *WELCOME BACK* FROM US ALL...

## **Biggin Hill Pre-school (Big Ben Class)**

Welcome to all our families.

Thank you to all our new parents that attended our 'Stay and Play' session this Wednesday, it was a great success and a wonderful opportunity to get to know our new children and families. This week has been amazing! We have all had so much fun and the children have been so eager to engage with all the activities - we have seen lots of laughter and happy faces.

We all look forward to a year of lots of fun, adventure and learning.



***Ms Belaon, Pre-school Manager***

## **Pyramid Class**

Welcome to Pyramid Class.

We have been very busy this week getting to know each other and our school, as well as learning our new routines. We are so proud of how well the children have settled. We have also been working hard on our class display - using lots of different techniques, textures and colours. Thank you for being so amazing this week; I know it can be very daunting having your child start primary school.

I know we are going to have the best year and we are all really looking forward to it!

***Miss Powell***

## **Taj Mahal Class**

Hello everyone, we hope you have all had a great summer break. This week we have been very busy getting to know each other and learning all our class and school routines. We have also started to explore our class name and find out about the Taj Mahal for our class display. We have enjoyed painting and using different techniques, textures and colours. The children have all made a fantastic start to school this week and we thank you for all your support. We are so excited about the year ahead and are looking forward to everything we are going to learn.

***Miss Turner and Mr Devlin***

## **Giants Causeway Class**

Welcome back!

We are very excited to be teaching you this year and we will be learning lots of exciting new things. This week we have been learning all about the Giant's Causeway. We have been getting to know each other and have begun to learn our new school routines. It has been an amazing start to the year, well done everybody! We are looking forward to watching you all grow and learn this year.

***Mrs Clark and Mrs Gilham***

## **Colosseum Class**

Welcome to Year 1!

I am really looking forward to teaching you this year and I'm sure we are going to learn lots of exciting new things. This week we have been learning about our new class name, getting to know each other and our new school routines. We have had an amazing first week back and I am really looking forward to enjoying the rest of our year together!

***Miss Castledine***

## **Royal Mile Class**

Welcome back!

It has been lovely getting to know you all this week. We have already started learning about our new class name (Royal Mile).

We have got lots of enjoyable and interesting things to learn this year. I'm sure we will have a great year together.

***Ms Reed***

## **Loch Ness Class**

It has been lovely to see the children this week and to hear their Summer news. Already, they've learnt new routines and successfully began the transition from Year 1. So far, we've learnt what Loch Ness is and what might live in the waters below. We've discovered what country the Loch is in and how long it would take us to get there from Biggin Hill. We've also drawn and described the Loch Ness Monster. It's been a fantastic start to the year. Well done Loch Ness Class.

***Mrs Windover and Mrs Lucas***

## **Sydney Opera House Class**

Welcome to Year 3!

It was lovely to see you back this week. We have had a busy week learning about Australia and the Sydney Opera House. We have enjoyed learning lots of new, interesting facts and created lots of art work.

I look forward to teaching you lots of new things this year and I'm sure we will have a great year together.

***Mrs Sanford***

## **London Bridge Class**

Welcome to the Juniors, Year 3 and London Bridge Class. I'm really looking forward to getting to know you all and am sure we will have an enjoyable and interesting year together. We have started learning about the history of London Bridge and have spent time designing and building our own bridges, which has proved to be a fun and challenging introduction to our time in Year 3.

***Mrs Buchanan***



# A VERY WARM *WELCOME BACK* FROM US ALL...

## Parthenon Class

Welcome to Parthenon Class!

This week we had an amazing time getting to know each other - thank you to everyone for making me feel so welcome!

This week we learned all about our class name by taking a virtual field trip to the Parthenon and learning interesting facts about when it was built and the Goddess Athena. We have put our new knowledge into travel brochures, decorated greek vases and even made a fact file for Athena.

**Miss Plum**

## Mount Everest Class

Welcome to Mount Everest Class!

We have had an amazing time getting to know each other this week. Although it has only been a few days, we have used the narrative 'Everest' for our class name learning which tells the remarkable story of Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay and their momentous climb to the peak of Everest. We have written in role to create diary entries, created a survival guide leaflet and made our own artwork. I look forward to our time together in Year 4!

**Miss Elliott**

## Globe Theatre Class

Welcome back to you all.

It has been so lovely to start to get to know you all better. This week we have spoken about our class ethos 'kindness, inclusivity and developing our sense of teamwork and skills to support each other'. We have learnt all about our class name and have some very exciting topics to explore this year.

I look forward to celebrating our achievements with you all throughout the year.

**Miss Grey**

## Mount Fuji Class

Welcome back to school!

I'm really looking forward to this year as we are going to be learning about so many amazing topics. Even though we've only been back for a few days, we have been very busy learning about Mount Fuji and the country of Japan - we've created our own anime art, completed puzzles and written a postcard after having been on a virtual tour of Mount Fuji!

**Miss Farrell**

## Orinoco Class

A very big welcome back to the lovely Orinoco Class. We have had a busy first week back learning all about The Orinoco River - we've researched the endangered animals of the Orinoco, wrote a non-chronological report to share our research and created some amazing artwork using oil pastels and watercolours. I am really excited for the year ahead!

**Miss O'Mahony**

## Wembley Class

Welcome back Wembley class!

We've had a fabulous first week learning all about Wembley - it isn't just football, we have listened to music and learnt about how Wembley has changed over the last 100 years. We have completed some wonderful artwork and written descriptions of arriving at Wembley during an exciting event. I am really excited to continue getting to know you all this year and to all the interesting topics we have to learn about!

**Miss Wigfield**

# A VERY SPECIAL *WELCOME BACK* FROM OUR INCLUSION TEAM

Welcome back to you all!

It has been wonderful to see everyone this week and also a very warm welcome to our new children and families to our school.

The smiles have been an absolute pleasure to see and it has been so nice to see children interacting with their friends and each other. Mrs Sargeant, Miss Knott and I are all very excited to see what this year brings - it's going to be a good one! Please remember, we understand that returning to school is not easy for everyone and that if you need support, please let me know - our Inclusion team are here for both children and families and we are always on hand to help. Our door is always open, if you have any concerns or anything you would like to discuss with myself, Miss Knott or Mrs Sargeant please email, phone or come in for a visit!

**Mrs Lawrence**



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