



MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN



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.

The children have had a wonderful first week back and all seem very settled and happy. Although we have returned to what feels like "normality", we are still maintaining our systems of control to keep everyone as safe as possible; and the children are already back into the hand washing and sanitising routines!

I would like to formally introduce Mr Devlin, Assistant Headteacher, to our new families. Mr Devlin has been teaching at the school for 7 years and he will be a fantastic addition to the senior leadership team. Mr Devlin will maintain his year 6 teaching responsibilities as well as assist with the strategic leadership of the school with specific responsibility for assessment and achievement.

We also welcome Miss Burgham, year 2 class teacher, back from maternity leave who joins us on a part-time basis. Miss Knott, our new SENCo assistant, also joins us and will work with Mrs Lawrence and the inclusion team. Finally, Miss Curran has joined us as an LSA in our Pre-School. On behalf of the entire school, I extend a very warm welcome to our new staff and welcome Mr Devlin to the senior leadership team.

We hope you all enjoy the 'Meet the Teacher' video, which teaching staff will be uploading to your child's Google Classrooms on Monday. Today 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. We will also issue weekly newsletters, monthly safeguarding bulletins and spotlight articles and our Inclusion bulletin, 'Same but Different' from time to time. Also, our website <https://www.bigginhillprimary.com/> contains a wealth of information.

Within this newsletter, you will find an outline of the school day and instructions for drop off and collection arrangements. Please share this with your child so they are prepared for these transitional times. Teaching staff have also attached a special welcome message.

I 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.

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STARS OF THE WEEK

Ludwig van Beethoven:

Whole Class

Reception:

Gold for All

Eugenie Clark: **Whole Class**

Greta Thunberg: **Whole Class**

Josephine Baker: **Freddie M**

Jesse Owens: **Whole Class**

Lek Chailert: **Whole Class**

Marcus Rashford: **Billy I**

Louis Braille: **Gabriela H**

Leonardo Da Vinci: **Elvie P**

Ida B. Wells: **Ava J**

Mo Farah: **Jacob A**

Laura Dekker: **Harvey C**

Jessica Ennis-Hill: **Kacey P**

'Congratulations'

Attendance 95.8%

HOUSE POINTS

1st: ATTENBOROUGH

2nd: HOLMES

3rd: ROWLING

4th: HAWKING

***'Congratulations to our
winners this week'***

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Please do not send your child to school if they have any of the **key** symptoms, any child sent to school displaying these symptoms will be sent home:

- High temperature
- New continuous cough
- Loss or change to sense of taste or smell.

We will continue to follow the latest [government guidance](https://www.bigginhillprimary.com/coronavirus-covid-19-response). Our most recent risk assessment and outbreak management plan is available on our website and can be viewed at: <https://www.bigginhillprimary.com/coronavirus-covid-19-response>

We are also in the throes of finalising our homework structure and policy for this academic year and will get this out to you over the next week or so. We will also communicate any changes to our behaviour policy as soon as possible.

We are still looking for reading volunteers - specifically to help with Guided Reading in Year 1 and Year 2 from 9.00-9.30am every day. If you think you might be able to help, please contact Sally Helps at s.helps@bigginhillps.com

We are all very excited for the year ahead; I know that the 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 do let us know if you need any clarification or have any questions.

Have a wonderful weekend.

My very best wishes,

Mrs Freeman

Headteacher and
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 7th September,
1-30-3.00pm**

Mrs Sargeant and Mrs Helps

OUR SCHOOL SENSORY WALK

Take a look at our new indoor sensory walk running throughout KS2!



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

Biggin Hill Pre-School (Ludwig van Beethoven Class)

Welcome to all our families for what has been an amazing start to the new school year. We have had so much fun getting to know you all and finding out the lovely things you have been doing over the summer. Thank you to all of our parents for your support with transition; we could not have wished for a better start and look forward to lots more fun!



Miss Belaon, Pre-School Manager

Tim Peake Class

Hello, hello, hello!! I hope you are all as excited for this year as I am. It was fantastic seeing you all in your beautiful uniforms with your lovely smiley faces. This week we have been learning about Tim Peake and space - we have lots of fun activities planned for this term!

See you all on Monday!

Miss Powell

Eileen Collins Class

Hello Everyone, It was lovely to see you all looking lovely and smart in your new uniform for the first time! We've got lots of exciting things planned for the first few weeks and we're going to learn about Eileen Collins to celebrate our class name.

See you all on Monday!

Mrs Churchward

Eugenie Clark Class

Welcome to Year One. We are so excited to be back together again this year. It was lovely to hear all about the adventures you have had over the summer and see your smiling faces!

We will start off our year by learning about our class name, Eugenie Clark and her underwater world. We have lots of creative activities planned which we are sure you will enjoy.

Mrs Clark and Mrs Gilham

Greta Thunberg Class

Welcome to Year 1 and Greta Thunberg Class. It has been wonderful getting to know you all and starting our exciting year together. We will start by learning all about our class name and we will come up with ways to help Greta Thunberg save our planet. Greta Thunberg says 'You are never too small to make a difference'.

Mrs Lucas and Miss Turner

Jesse Owens Class

Welcome back Jesse Owens Class! We are so happy to have you all back in school with us and I am very excited to get to know you all this year. This week we have been learning about the life and achievements of Jesse Owens - a four time gold medalist in the olympics! Did you know that Jesse Owens set a record for the long jump that lasted 25 years?

I hope you enjoyed our learning this week and I know we are going to have a wonderful year!

Miss O'Mahony

Josephine Baker Class

Welcome to Year Two and Josephine Baker Class! We have enjoyed getting to know you all and finding out about all the exciting things you have been doing this summer.

This week has been so much fun as we were learning about Josephine Baker and making our own silent movies.

Mrs Windover and Miss Burgham

Lek Chailert Class

3C has had a fantastic first week back. We have enjoyed learning lots of elephant facts and learning all about the lady our class is named after, Lek Chailert. 3C have produced some amazing charcoal elephant drawings and enjoyed being back together again in the classroom!

Miss Castledine

Marcus Rashford Class

Welcome back to school, Rashford Class! I was so looking forward to seeing you and hearing about all the lovely things you have been doing over the holidays.

We have got lots of exciting things planned for this half term. First, we are going to be learning all about Marcus Rashford and creating a lovely display of your beautiful work.

Ms Reed

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

Louis Braille Class

Welcome to Year 4 and Braille Class. I'm really looking forward to getting to know you all and our exciting year together. We started by learning about Louis Braille and how his invention has helped to improve the lives of people with visual impairment. We have learnt how to write our names in Braille and where Braille can be found in the world around us. I'm hoping that we will have a visit from a guide dog later in the term.

Mrs Buchanan

Leonardo Da Vinci Class

Welcome to Year 4! I am super super excited to be working with you all and getting to know more about you. This year is an exciting one, which we are going to be starting by looking at Leonardo Da Vinci and his amazing contribution to art and his genius mind. We have had a go at deciphering his paintings, and even tried recreating our own Mona Lisa. To finish the week we tried to invent like the great man, and find a way of stopping an egg from cracking when we dropped it.

Mr Day

Mo Farah Class

Welcome back to school! I'm so excited to see you again, and to get to know you even better this year as your class teacher. We have lots of fun things planned for you in Year 5, including some really special buzz days. To start off the school year, we will be learning all about Mo Farah and many of his wonderful achievements over the years.

See you on Monday!

Miss Farrell

Ida B Wells Class

Welcome back to school and to year 5! I have enjoyed getting to know you all better this week and am looking forward to all of the exciting things we have planned for year 5. We will be beginning year 5 learning about Ida B. Wells, her achievements and why she is an important figure in history. We will also be learning a little bit about her culture including some music and art from Memphis where she lived.

Miss Wigfield

Laura Dekker Class

Welcome back to all our wonderful year 6 children and families. It has been great seeing you all back in school this week and getting to know you better. This week we have been learning about Laura Dekker and finding out all the things that she has achieved at such a young age. Do you know she is the youngest person to complete a solo circumnavigation of the globe?

Mr Devlin

Jessica Ennis-Hill Class

Hello everyone! It has been wonderful to see you all again looking smart and all grown up for Year 6! We have an amazing year planned. This week we have been finding out all about Jessica Ennis-Hill and her fantastic sporting achievements. We are going to have so much fun together - let's go!

Miss Elliott

A VERY SPECIAL *WELCOME BACK* FROM OUR INCLUSION TEAM

A big WELCOME BACK to you all! I had forgotten just how much I enjoy seeing you all coming into school with smiles on your faces and a spring in your step!

It has been wonderful to see you all again this week. The smiles have been an absolute pleasure to see. Mrs Freeman, Mr Devlin and I are so 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 has grown over the summer and we are pleased to welcome back Rachel Knott. Miss Knott will be assisting me with supporting our children and their families.

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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TIMINGS OF THE SCHOOL DAY

Timings of the school day

8.40 - Gates open, soft drop until 8.50am

8.50 - Gates close and children arriving after this will be signed in through the office

9.00 - Registers taken promptly, any child arriving in class after 9am will be marked late

10.10 - 10.25 - Assembly (Mon-Weds) 9.00 (Thurs) & 10.25 - 10.45 (Friday)

10.45 - 11.00 - Break

Lunchtimes:

11.45-12.45 - Reception

12.10-1.10 - Year 1 & 2

12.35-1.35 - Year 3-6

3.15 - End of the day

If your child is in reception please refer to the staggered finish times for the first 3 weeks that you were given prior to the holidays.

DROP OFF & COLLECTION

Drop off and collection

Children should be dropped off and collected from the classroom door. On the first day back, children (Y1-6) came home with new "collection arrangement" forms, please ensure these are completed and have been given back to your child's class teachers.

Only children in Years 5 and 6 may leave the classroom on their own, if you would like your child to do this, you must indicate this on the form.

ROLL OF HONOUR

Swimmer of the Month!



This is an amazing achievement George H!

*Everyone here is very proud of you!
Congratulations*

OUR AMAZING *Pre-School - Limited space available!*



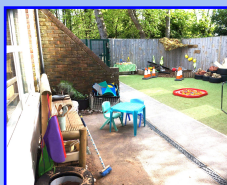
Biggin Hill Primary School has a fabulous Pre-School **'Pride in all that we do'**



Our thriving Pre-School aims to shape children into creative and enquiring individuals and gives them the very best start on their educational journey with us!

With our extensive knowledge of the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum and our experienced and committed pre-school staff team, children enjoy a continuous provision of fun and engaging learning activities come rain or shine!

We offer a combination of morning, afternoon and all day sessions, five days a week (term time only) for children from the term in which they turn 3, to rising 5 year olds.



Timings are as follows:
Morning session 8:50 - 11:50
Lunch session 11:50 - 12:10
Afternoon session 12:10 - 15:10
We are taking applications



To find out more about our Pre-School, fees/funding or to arrange a visit, please contact Ms Claire Wythers, Pre-School Admissions & Finance on **01959 575846** or at c.wythers@bigginhillps.com



PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOL

Please can we ask parents and carers to park and drive respectfully outside our school and think of our local residents when parking.
Please also be aware of the following restrictions outside our school.

PLAY EQUIPMENT

Important Notice

AT THE END OF THE DAY

We would prefer that our equipment on the playground is not used out of school hours.

However, if your child does use this play equipment during this time, they must be supervised by parents or carers.

Thank you for your attention and understanding.

SYSTEMS OF CONTROL *REMINDER*

COVID SYSTEMS OF CONTROL

Please can I also remind parents and carers to make sure that children do not come to school if they have any of the three key COVID symptoms. If children do exhibit any of these symptoms they should be taken to have a PCR test.

COVID-19 UPDATES AND USEFUL LINKS

The government has announced that parents and carers of primary age children can access rapid lateral flow testing. Regular testing of people without symptoms is important to help stop the spread of the virus, protect loved ones and is in the interest of public safety. More information can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>

Further guidance can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

IMPORTANT NOTE

We are working hard to keep everyone as safe as possible in school. I must ask that if your child is unwell with any of the key symptoms, please keep your child at home and follow the government guidance.

This is very important for us **all** in making sure everyone is as safe as possible.

Mrs Freeman and Mrs Lawrence