



# NEWSLETTER

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## MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another festive week here at BHPS. The air has been filled with the sounds of children singing as they prepare for the Christmas performances next week! We are very much looking forward to welcoming you all.

We had a visit from Terry Millar, our interim CEO and CEO of the Inicio Trust, this week. We did a learning walk around the school and he stopped to talk to many children to ask them about their learning. Mr Millar was very impressed with what he saw and really enjoyed his visit. I felt very proud as we walked around the school, the children's behaviour for learning was excellent and they all talked so enthusiastically about what they were learning.

The children all looked fantastic in their Christmas jumpers today - thank you for your generous donating to Save The Children.

We had a wonderful Headteacher's Award Assembly today - it is always such a joy to read out the certificates. The children were very excited to be the first to receive our brand new Headteacher Award badges. Well done everyone!

Have a great weekend everyone!

*Mrs Freeman*

Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

## Headteacher Awards

Banksy: Frankie R  
Thorpe: Darcy McC  
Coyle: Jasmine O  
Van Gogh: Ronnie K  
Emberley: Oliver Mck  
Chung: Phoebe H  
Shuster: Lauren C  
Blake: Jessica J  
Goldsworthy: Dacie C  
Eldridge: Freddie M  
O'Keeffe: Betsy D  
Leibovitz: Frankie W  
Fishel: Jude L  
Warhol: Daisy F  
Aspire: Daisy S

***Congratulations!***

## The Annual Tea and Tots Christmas Party..

was a great success again this year! The children enjoyed singing and Christmas crafts and took home a Christmas gift! Thank you to Mrs Sargeant and Mrs Spears for running this event for the youngest members of our community!



## Weekly Whole School Attendance 94.25%

**Weekly Class Attendance**

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

**No classes**

**Attendance 'green' 96-97.9%**

**Chung - 97.3%**  
**Leibovitz - 97.4%**  
**Fishel - 96.4%**

***Well Done!***

## Lateness

We have noticed a sharp rise in the number of children who are arriving late for school. Please can we ask parents and carers to ensure that their children arrive at school before the gates close at 8.40am - this will mean that they are in class before the register closes at 8.45am. Many thanks for your cooperation in advance.

## DIARY DATES

*Keep a note!*

8th December - Christmas Jumper Day

8th December - Christmas Fair

**11th - 14th December - please see separate letter for all year group performance information**

15th December - Christmas parties

15th December - last day of term

### 2024

3rd January 2024 - First day of Spring Term

10th January 2024 - 4E class assembly (9-9.30 KS2 hall)

17th January 2024 - 2EW class assembly (9-9.30 KS1 hall)

24th January 2024 - 4G class assembly (9-9.30 KS2 hall)

31st January 2024 - 2C class assembly (9-9.30 KS1 hall)

## Mince Pies Galore - BHPS in the Community!

On Tuesday this week I was proud to take the School Council, Eco Club and EDI Committee to the Community Centre to present our homemade mince pies and Christmas cards to the elderly people of Biggin Hill. The children's behaviour was impeccable as they presented our gifts while chatting and singing Christmas songs. It was lovely to see the smiles on the elderly people's faces - they clearly appreciated our visit. We are looking forward to our next event in the Spring term.

Mrs Snelling  
HLTA, School Council and  
Eco Club Lead



## CHRISTMAS FAIR - TODAY!!!!

We are really looking forward to welcoming you to the fair this afternoon. Children will be dismissed as normal at 3.15pm. There are loads of fun stalls, refreshments and Christmas crafts as well as a fantastic raffle!

### THE FAIR WILL OPEN AT 3.30pm

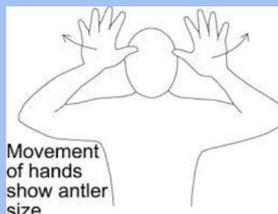
**PLEASE WAIT OUTSIDE UNTIL 3.30pm SO THAT THE STAFF MANNING STALLS CAN HAVE A QUICK COMFORT BREAK IN BETWEEN DISMISSING CHILDREN AND THE START OF THE FAIR! PLEASE FEEL FREE TO GATHER IN AND AROUND THE EARLY YEARS OUTDOOR AREA TO LISTEN TO OUR CHOIR SING WHILE YOU WAIT FOR THE FAIR TO OPEN AT 3.30pm. THANK YOU!**

## MAKATON

*Sign of the Week*

**REINDEER**

**Miss Knott,  
SENCo Assistant**



Movement of hands show antler size

*LANGUAGE  
Of the Month  
POLISH*

Hello: Cześć

Goodbye: Cześć

Thank you: Dziękuję

## Weekly Lunch Menus

On our website at: <https://www.bigginhillprimary.com/> at the bottom of the page. We will continue sending out weekly menus each Friday afternoon as we feel this is working well for families and keeps this fresh in your inbox!