

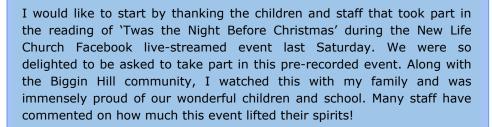
NEWSLETTER



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MESSAGE FROM MR ELLIS

Dear Parents and Carers,



As I am sure you can imagine, this week has been a challenge for both our staff and families, however, we remain committed to doing the very best for our children. On behalf of Mrs Freeman, Mrs Lawrence and myself, I would like to thank my staff team for the exceptional way they continue to handle the current situation and our families for their wonderful support. It is very clear, we are all working as one to ensure that we provide the children at our school with the very best - thank you.

For children in school, everything is running as normal as possible. For children that are isolating and learning at home, all work has been and will continue to be communicated via your child's Google Classroom. It is imperative that this is accessed and looked at each day - please note that all class teacher messages will be communicated via this platform. If you are experiencing any problems accessing your child's account, please email me at <u>i.ellis@bigginhillps.com</u>

We are aware of how difficult the current situation is, however, I would urge any families that feel they need any support to reach out to Mrs Sargeant, our Family Support Worker and Inclusion Assistant. Please email her directly at k.sargeant@bigginhillps.com

Lastly, thanks again for your continued support of both your children and us as a school. We couldn't do what we are doing without this - thank you!

Have a very restful and safe weekend everyone.

Mr Ellis

\emph{It} 's the most wonderful time of the year... Biggin Hill Lights Switch On Thank you to all the children who took part in the reading of

Mrs Windover

STARS OF THE WEEK

Jill Barklem: Harry M Beatrix Potter: Emrys S Emily Gravett: Emily B-S Eric Carle: Joshua S Abi Longstaff: Connor D Michael Rosen: Poppy C Helen Cooper: Jude S Jeremy Strong: Chloe F Berlie Doherty: Matilda C Adam Frost: Alfie M Michael Bond: Natalie F Katharine Woodfine: Joshua C Abi Elphinstone: Luke M Andrew Donkin: Lollie S Sinead O'Hart: Isabelle P

> **Attendance** 95.8%

Team Point Winners of the Week: Dame Kelly Holmes

SCHOOL VIRTUAL OPEN EVENT

To view the Virtual Open Event, please visit our website at https://www.bigginhillprimary.co m/

Look out For Stories on our YouTube Channel This week

Miss Farrell and Mrs Lineker **Next week** Mrs Gilham and Mrs Clark

ROLL OF HONOUR

During the last half term holiday Ronnie R and his sister spent a day delivering lunches (provided by High Elms) to families in need.

Ronnie and his sister planned the best route to enable all deliveries to be made; they both felt this was so fulfilling, they have enrolled on the scheme to do this again over Christmas.

We are so proud of you! From everyone at BHPS

Keep a look out for our lovely new home and school reading books.

PUPIL VOICE



Do you have the opportunity to make choices about where you work?

"We sometimes take a vote!"

Are you making good progress?

"Yes, I think so."

How do you know?

"Because I get to go on to gold a lot!"

Do you have opportunities to work as a team?

"We do some group work, especially in Maths and Topic. We also play as a team when we're doing PE."

Can you give me some examples?

"We do team work".

"When we are on fact-finding hunts during Geography and History. We sometimes do this outside too. It's fun!"

What attitudes do you need to help you learn effectively?

"Good listening and trying to do your best!"



YEAR 1

Why does it get darker earlier in Winter?

In Year 1 we have started a new topic called 'Why does it get darker earlier in Winter?' We have learned lots about the different seasons and seasonal changes. We have talked about why the Sun is important and how shadows are made. We enjoyed reading 'The Owl who was afraid of the dark' and we went on a walk hunting for sources of light. We are looking forward to making our own shadow puppets and using them to put on a little show for our friends.

Mrs Churchward, Mrs Lucas, Miss Turner

YEAR 5 Amazing Pinball Machines



Year 5 have been working this week on building pinball machines. We have had to use and consider a range of forces for our creations, including gravity and levers. We investigated the different ways we could propel a marble and which would be the most appropriate for a pinball machine (we realised that blowing it probably wouldn't work!) We also used our learning about resistance and friction to help us decide which materials would be best to use. We used our investigations to design our pinball machines. These were very tricky to make and we had to think carefully about the techniques and materials we were using to build



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