



NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM MR ELLIS



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to see all the festive jumpers in school today for National Christmas Jumper Day. We are very proud to be supporting Save the Children this year and your donations will help to improve the lives of children across the globe. Thank you for your generosity!

On behalf of the Friends of Biggin Hill Primary School, thank you for your kind Christmas raffle hamper donations. This event is now postponed until January; we apologise for this and hope you will understand.

Next week we have an action-packed week of festive educational fun for all the children (and staff) to look forward to and it's also my last week here at Biggin Hill Primary School. We are in a very difficult situation but we will make sure that all children have a memorable and festive week in school. Please do look out for more information on your child's Google Class Stream.

For children in school, everything is running as normal as possible. For children who are isolating and learning at home, all work has been and will continue to be communicated via your child's Google Classroom. If you do have any issues logging in, please do let us know as a matter of urgency.

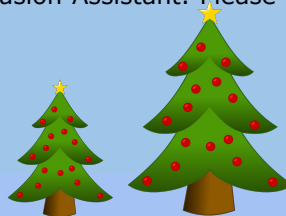
Let's all work together to make the last week of this term as magical as possible for our amazing children.

Please do remember we are aware of how difficult the current situation is. 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

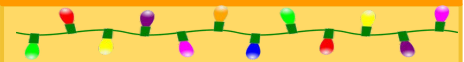
If you are worried about anything at all, please do contact the office.

Have a fun and festive weekend.

Mr Ellis



STARS OF THE WEEK



Jill Barklem: **Holly C**
Beatrix Potter: **Matilda W**
Emily Gravett: **Theo J**
Eric Carle: **Oliver C**
Abi Longstaff: **Cody J**
Michael Rosen: **Arthur H**
Helen Cooper: **Baxter B**
Jeremy Strong: **Kieran D**
Berlie Doherty: **Edward S**
Adam Frost: **Lexi D**
Michael Bond: **Matthew B**
Katharine Woodfine: **Teddy E**
Abi Elphinstone: **Maisy K**
Andrew Donkin: **Whole Class**
Sinead O'Hart: **Whole Class**



Attendance
91.7%

Team Point
Winners of the
Week:

Attenborough

*Thank you for
your donations
to Save the
Children.*



We are working hard to keep everyone as safe as possible in school. We must ask that if your child or a family member within the household is unwell with any of the key symptoms, please do keep your children at home and follow the government guidance. This is very important for us **all** in making sure the run-up to Christmas is as safe as possible.

Mr Ellis, Mrs Freeman and Mrs Lawrence

YEAR 4

Roman Day and more...

Year 4 has had a busy few weeks. We had Roman Day when everyone dressed up and we took part in interesting activities and crafts. We made bread, mosaics, wax writing tablets and laurel wreaths as well as a Lego hypocaust (that's Roman central heating in case you didn't know). We played Roman board games and carried out research using QR codes and in more traditional ways using books. *Did you know that the Romans had no zero in their number system?*



We have enjoyed our PE lessons this half-term where we have been making up our own team games. We get very involved and determined to win. We are developing some great team tactics this way.



We have enjoyed reading *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe* in Literacy and will be writing our own version of the story this week.

Mrs Buchanan and Miss Farrell

YEAR 5

Ancient Egypt and more...

Year 5 have recently started a new topic in our humanities - 'How can we recreate the wonders of Ancient Egypt?'

To start our learning we had a visit from Portals to the Past and had a full day of Egyptian learning. We dressed up and had a fabulous mixture of Ancient Egyptians and archaeologists. During the day we learnt about the first Pharaohs; how Howard Carter discovered the tomb on Tutankhamun; played the Ancient Egyptian game 'Hounds and Jackals'; and performed the mummification and funeral rituals. It was a great day and we all (including the grown ups) learnt something new!



Miss Elliott and Miss Wigfield

THANK YOU

Thank you for your Christmas hamper donations.

Look out For

Stories on our YouTube Channel

This week:

Mrs Churchward and Mrs Buchanan

Next week:

Mrs Freeman and Mrs Lucas

PUPIL VOICE



This week, our Pupil Voice was held with some of our Reception children.

Are you expected to do your best work at school?

"Yes."

"Yes but if I can't write a tricky word my teacher or the sound mat helps me."

"Yes. I know how to write a lot of words."

How do you think you are doing in your learning?

"Very great."

"Very good."

"Good."

What do you enjoy most about school?

"Everything!"

"Writing."

"Don't know."

What do you like to do in the middle (shared) classroom?

"Playdough."

"Making butterflies out of playdough."

"I like doing bits on the Art table."

"I like building."

What is your favorite activity in the Outdoor Learning Area?

"Construction".

"I like the climbing frame."

"Construction.""

"The mud kitchen."

"I love the mud kitchen as well."

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES



Friday 11th December:

National Christmas Jumper Day

We will be collecting donations for Save the Children.

Christmas week 14-18th December:

An action-packed week with educational and fun activities.

Tuesday 15th December:

Nasal Flu Vaccinations

Reception, Year 3 and children that were previously isolating where parent / carer consent was given.

Wednesday 16th December:

Christmas Lunch

Unfortunately we can't all use the hall. We do have a normal Christmas menu but classes who currently eat in class will continue to do so. Please see information about ordering a Christmas lunch sent from the office.

Thursday 17th December:

Man in Red

This will be a virtual event this year, however, the man himself has sent a special delivery of gifts that will be handed out by teachers to children next week.

Christmas party in class on the last day!

Children must bring their own food and drink.

Parents/carers to provide either on a disposable plate with cling film or in a lunch box.

It's the most wonderful time of the year...

Cards

Children can bring in cards but only for distribution across their year group. A box will be set up in each classroom for children to place them in. Cards will be distributed to the correct children.



ROLL OF HONOUR

Congratulations to Alex M who achieved his Grade 1 Piano Certificate.



IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE INCLUSION TEAM



Keep your eyes peeled for the second edition of our Inclusion bulletin *Same but Different* which will be sent out on Monday. The focus is on managing anxiety and expectations over the festive season and how best to support those who are finding the holidays challenging. Have a great weekend!

Mrs Lawrence



HAVE A FANTASTIC WEEKEND AND KEEP SAFE

To view the Virtual Open Event, please visit our website at <https://www.bigginhillprimary.com/>

