



NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM MR ELLIS

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a wonderful week in school, we have made it as festive as possible. Despite how hard and stressful it is to organise all the Christmas shows, we have really missed them this year. We do however believe we have given the children the very best memories we can in the current situation and hope they have had a lovely final week in school. For children learning at home, we really hope you have had some festive fun with the activities set.

The end of this week also marks my final week as Headteacher at Biggin Hill Primary School before I hand over the reins to Mrs Freeman as Acting Headteacher, from January. I know that Mrs Freeman will do an outstanding job at leading the school, continuing to maintain and grow our excellent standards and driving the school forward.

Mrs Lawrence will become our Acting Deputy Headteacher whilst maintaining her Inclusion and SENCO responsibilities. Mrs Lawrence will also be supporting Mrs Freeman in the management of the school.

Mrs Freeman and Mrs Lawrence are both outstanding leaders and have a wealth of experience and knowledge about children and how they learn. Their support during my headship has been invaluable.

I want to thank all of our wonderful children, families and our entire school community here at Biggin Hill Primary for being so supportive during my time as Headteacher; it really has been such a fantastic experience and the best 6 years of my career! I have felt a connection with the whole school community since I arrived. Although I am excited by my new challenge, I am also deeply sad to be leaving a place I loved working at for 6 years.

This year has been challenging for everyone. The challenges of running a school through a pandemic have been immense. The staff you have working at Biggin Hill Primary School are amazing, and I can honestly say have done everything in their power to make the school as safe as possible for your children. The number of emails I receive on a weekly basis thanking staff for what they do just proves this point.

On behalf of everyone at Biggin Hill Primary School, I would like to thank you for your kind gifts and cards and I wish you a very safe and happy Christmas and the most wonderful New Year!

Mr Ellis

HEAD TEACHER AWARDS

Beatrix Potter: Max H
Emily Gravett: Stanley McD
Eric Carle: Florence P
Abi Longstaff: Frankie M
Michael Rosen: Liam N
Helen Cooper: Jackson G
Jeremy Strong: Abigail Y
Berlie Doherty: Lois T
Adam Frost: Arabella G-W
Michael Bond: Natalie F
Katharine Woodfine: Annabella B
Abi Elphinstone: Annabella B
Andrew Donkin: George G
Sinead O'Hart: Ralph P

STARS OF THE WEEK:

Jill Barklem: Whole Class



Attendance:
66.2%

Team Point Winners of the Week:

Attenborough



*Thank you for
your contribution.
We raised*

£187.15

*for Save the
Children*



Important Diary Dates:

Friday 18th December - INSET DAY

Monday 4th January - INSET DAY

Tuesday 5th January - 1st day back to school

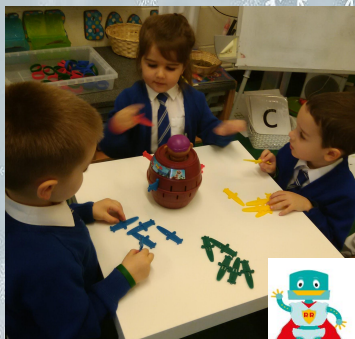
RECEPTION

Celebrations Around the World

This half term we have had the topic 'Celebrations Around the World'. The children have learnt about birthdays, harvest, diwali and hanukkah. They have thoroughly enjoyed learning about all the different traditions. We understand that people celebrate many different occasions around the world and that it is important to understand and celebrate the similarities and differences.

During the last two weeks our focus has been Christmas. We have learnt about the Christmas Story and have reenacted it using lego. We have also had lots of Christmas crafts to create. The children have made decorations, hats, Christmas jumpers and Christmas cards.

This week we have been focusing on taking turns! We have lots of new and exciting games to play with each other. We have been working on listening to each other and allowing other people to speak as well as ourselves. All of the games involve lots of concentration and patience to complete - sometimes it has been tricky but we have had lots of fun!!



**Mrs Clark,
Mrs Gilham and Miss Powell**

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Design and Technology



We thought about which biscuits are popular at this time of year and have been busy designing and baking our own.

We started by evaluating seasonal biscuit designs and thinking about what we liked about each. From these, we generated our own surveys to ask each other. Then we conducted more research online and searched for tasty recipes.

Using this information we came up with a number of initial designs, before deciding on our final product and packaging. After this we were able to complete our shopping lists and work out how much each biscuit would cost.

We have been busy baking, testing and decorating our final products.



Miss O'Mahony and Mr Devlin

IMPORTANT NOTE



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

Mr Ellis, Mrs Freeman and Mrs Lawrence

Do you need any support?



Please remember that 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 or contact the office to request a phone call.

On Christmas Eve, the New Life Church are hosting a Christmas Eve like no other! Due to the restrictions we are under, they will be streaming their service at 6pm with some special appearances from the children at Biggin Hill Primary School. Hope you enjoy it,
Happy Christmas to you all! <https://www.facebook.com/newlifebh>

Mrs Windover

*What has the Biggin Hill Primary School
Elf on the Shelf been doing?*



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



*On behalf of everyone at Biggin Hill Primary School, we
would like to wish our AMAZING children and families a
very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*