



MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN



Dear Parents and Carers,

Our focus this term is very much around the well-being of our children and staff. We have been reiterating the importance of **looking after each other!**

Over the summer we had a small revamp of our staffroom and introduced some staff wellbeing initiatives. Thank you to Mrs Sargeant, who oversees wellbeing across the whole school. As well as her brilliant work around supporting families, I know she has been and continues to be a huge support to the staff here. My thanks also to Mrs Burton, our School Business Manager, for ensuring everything was ready for our staffroom revamp and opening up the school on a Sunday to enable Mrs Sargeant and I to organise this nice surprise for our staff!

I am also very excited to inform you that Mr Day has officially completed his NQT year - teaching in such difficult circumstances and passing his induction during such a challenging year is something to be very proud of! On behalf of our entire school, I would like to congratulate Mr Day - well done!

Mr Walpole, our Caretaker, has done a fantastic job over the summer with the school site. We are very lucky to have such an extensive site here at BHPS, however, his list of jobs is never-ending! Enormous thanks to Mr Walpole for all his continued hard work to make the site the very best it can be for all our children, staff and visitors.

We are also delighted to advise that Charles Darwin Academy Trust has appointed Aston Smith to the post of Headteacher for Charles Darwin School from 1st January 2022. We very much look forward to working with Aston and to building upon the very firm foundations and excellent working relationship we already have with Charles Darwin School.

As part of our monitoring, the leadership team has conducted learning walks this week. We are hugely impressed with how well the children have settled and the vast range of creative and exciting teaching and learning activities we have seen - the children are engaged and seem very happy.

Our Pre-School children are settling in very well and Reception children have enjoyed staying for lunch this week; these first few weeks in school are very important and I am very grateful to our Pre-School and Reception team for making sure that the children are settled and familiar with school routines and also to parents and carers for doing such a great job of preparing children for their first weeks at school.

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STARS OF THE WEEK

Ludwig van Beethoven:

Poppie M

Eileen Collins: **Harlow-Blu D-S**

Tim Peake: **Georgia Y**

Eugenie Clark: **Stanley M**

Greta Thunberg: **Miller G**

Josephine Baker: **Freddie M**

Jesse Owens: **Frankie M**

Lek Chailert: **George S**

Marcus Rashford: **Thomas S**

Louis Braille: **Meila-Rose D**

Leonardo Da Vinci: **Lilly D**

Ida B. Wells: **Lexi D**

Mo Farah: **Harrison G**

Laura Dekker: **Izzy G**

Jessica Ennis-Hill: **Luke M**

'Congratulations'

Attendance 95.6%

HOUSE POINTS

1st: ROWLING

2nd: HOLMES

3rd: ATTENBOROUGH

4th: HAWKING

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

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We are also delighted to be able to offer swimming lessons to our year 6 children, these would normally take place in year 4, however due to COVID-19 restrictions we were unable to offer these. **Year 6 parents/carers - swimming lessons start on Monday 13th September.** Swimming for both Year 4 and Year 5 will follow later in the year.

We have also started 'Tea and Tots' our baby and toddler group. This will run on a Tuesday between 1.30 - 3pm. We very much hope that our families with little ones will join us.

Finally, on Monday 27th September I will be holding a year 6 SATs Meeting at 7.00pm. We have also extended the invitation to our year 5 parents/carers as SATS are not too far away for these children either! We are just in the process of finalising the best method to conduct this meeting - and will confirm this next week. If you have any questions about the Y6 school journey or about secondary applications or transfer, we will also be able to answer these at this meeting.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

My very best wishes,

Mrs Freeman

Headteacher and Designated
Safeguarding Lead



IMPORTANT *Request*

IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR FAMILIES THAT HAVE PERMISSION TO ENTER THE CAR PARK

To ensure the safeguarding of our children, we must remind families that have permission to enter the car park of the following:

Mornings - access will only be allowed prior to 8.30am and exit from the car park will be after 8.55am.

Afternoons - access will only be allowed prior to 3.00pm and exit from the car park will be after 3.25pm.

All families using the car park must buzz at the intercom for entry.

Even if you have permission to enter the school grounds, you must observe the entry and exit times.

***Please avoid driving into the school grounds unless completely necessary.
Thank you***

TEA and TOTS

We welcome you back on...



***Tea and Tots will be
on a Tuesday.***

Our next session will
be on:

**Tuesday 14th
September,
1-30-3.00pm**

Mrs Sargeant and Mrs Helps

Change4Life's top tips for kids

Healthy body, healthy mind!

Healthy lunchboxes!

Change4Life has some great ideas, swaps and lots of delicious recipes for you to try at home. There are also some brilliant ideas for your child's lunchbox. Take a look at the link:

https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes?WT.src=Email&WT.mc_id=C4_LwelcomeLunch

We are a Nut Free School

Eileen Collins and Tim Peake Fun...



We've had a fabulous few weeks in Reception. Both classes have settled into school life wonderfully and have enjoyed finding their feet!

We are very excited to have our reception children in full time next week and very much looking forward to seeing them enjoy Forest School and PE sessions!

Please do email us if you have any questions at all.

It has been wonderful to welcome you all - we are going to have a brilliant year!

Have a lovely weekend!

**Miss Powell &
Mrs Churchward**



Ludwig van Beethoven (Pre-School) Fun...



Last week we extended a very warm welcome to our pre-school children and new families to Biggin Hill Primary School.

It's been such a great week; children have enjoyed making new friends and have loved our outdoor area.

We are all looking forward to a great term with lots of fun activities!

**Hannah, Libby,
Clair, Amy
and Lucy**





YEAR 5

Learning all about Reservoirs

Year 5 has had a very hands-on week! In literacy, we have been learning about reservoirs ahead of reading our new literacy text 'The Dam'. We have been focusing on a place named Kielder Water, and have been using modal verbs and conjunctions in our learning. We even attempted to make our own dam, which you will see in the photos! We have also started our new humanities topic about the USA. Our first lesson was spent researching some of the different states. Did you know that there are 50 states in the USA, and most have their own motto?

Miss Farrell & Miss Wigfield

A MESSAGE FROM OUR INCLUSION TEAM

Hi everyone!

What a fabulous first full week back. We have introduced a new learning environment named Aspire to support our children who progress through learning in different ways. Please look out for our first addition of 'Spotlight on...' for more detail about this. We are keen to gain your views! Across the year we will be delivering Inclusion Outreach sessions to provide information, support and strategies on a variety of topics. I will be sending a parent survey in order to tailor our programme to the needs and requests of our families.

Have a fantastic weekend!

Mrs Lawrence



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OUR AMAZING

Pre-School - Limited space available!



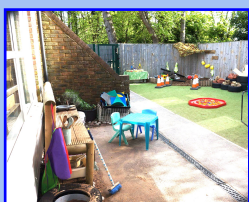
Biggin Hill Primary School has a fabulous Pre-School
'Pride in all that we do'



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.

We are aware it is congested at drop off and collection - please help us to keep up our good relationship with our local residents by parking respectfully outside our school.

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.

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.

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. We 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