



MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have come to the end of what has been an exceptionally busy half-term and one that has provided us with many challenges! Thank you for your support in helping us to deal with the impact that COVID continues to have on our school. I must say how immensely proud I am of all our wonderful children - they have to deal with so much change and they have done this brilliantly. I hope you will also join me in thanking the staff team at BHPS for being so adaptable and flexible - staff shortages have been hard for everyone and the way that everyone has stepped up to help has been fantastic.

This week has been Internet Safety Week with Internet Safety Day celebrated throughout the school on Tuesday. Children (R-Y6) started the week with a virtual assembly all about Internet safety and have enjoyed various learning activities throughout the week. I would like to thank Miss Farrell, Computing Lead, for planning and leading the week for both KS1 and KS2.

Miss O'Mahony has very much enjoyed welcoming Y20 parents and carers to parent consultations on Tuesday and Wednesday and myself, Mrs Lawrence, Mr Devlin and teaching staff are very much looking forward to welcoming you to parent and carer consultations today and Friday. These consultations will provide you with the opportunity to discuss your child's progress, wellbeing and achievement at school. Please make sure you take a little time to look through your child's work and celebrate their achievements with them - children love to talk about their learning and are always very proud to talk about their school work.

I would just like to give some advance notice that the Friends disco 'Let's Glow Spring Dance' has moved to 2nd March - more information will follow after half-term from the Friends of BHPS.

On Tuesday I forwarded a flyer from Boom Arts Academy for an exciting Easter Workshop (ages 4-16) they are running at Biggin Hill Primary School on 4th April. Boom Arts currently run an after school street dance club here on a Monday which has proved very popular with the children. For more information about the Easter Workshop and to find out how to book a place (external chargeable club), please visit:

<https://boomartsacademy.class4kids.co.uk/camp/25>.

For more information about Boom Arts Academy and clubs running in half-term in other areas, please visit:

<https://www.boomartsacademy.com/>.

Restrictions will be lifted after half term, I will write with details about this
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STARS OF THE WEEK

Ludwig van Beethoven:
Harold L

Eileen Collins: **Jesse N**

Tim Peake: **Joshua H**

Eugenie Clark: **Teddie C**

Greta Thunberg: **Dylan D'R**

Josephine Baker: **Stevie T-S**

Jesse Owens: **Connor D**

Lek Chailert: **Daisy D**

Marcus Rashford: **Lenna B**

Louis Braille: **Daisy S**

Leonardo Da Vinci: **Poppy W-M**

Ida B. Wells: **Sam S**

Mo Farah: **Elsie T**

Laura Dekker: **Lexi C**

Jessica Ennis-Hill: **Ollie M**

'Congratulations'

*Weekly Whole School
Attendance 92.4%*

**Weekly Class Attendance
(Thursday to Thursday)**

Excellent attendance 'gold'
98-100%

Jesse Owens: 99.0%

Eileen Collins: 98.7%

Josephine Baker: 98.1%

Good attendance 'green'
96-97.9%

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*At BHPS every school
day matters.*

HOUSE POINTS

1st: **ATTENBOROUGH**

2nd: **HAWKING**

3rd: **HOLMES**

4th: **ROWLING**

'Congratulations to our winners this week'

MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN

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during half term.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support to the school - we really couldn't do what we do without all your support and positivity. The children have all worked very hard this half-term and are very deserving of a break!

Please remember that tomorrow is an INSET and the school is closed to children. Children who attend parent consultations with parents and carers tomorrow will need to be supervised by parents and carers.

I hope you all have a wonderful half-term, enjoy the time away from school and enjoy a much needed break.

My very best wishes,

Mrs Freeman

Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

NUMBER DAY *Supporting the NSPCC!*



On Friday we celebrated NSPCC Number Day. Children and staff Dressed for Digits by wearing numbers to raise money. In total we raised £392.77 for the NSPCC.

Throughout the day pupils enjoyed a variety of activities that were 'Maths - but not as we know it'. These included

games,
investigations
and songs.
Much fun was
had by all!

**Mrs
Buchanan,
Maths Lead**



DIARY DATES

Keep a note!

Internet Safety Workshop

Pre-recorded information video about keeping your child safe online will follow.

10th February:

Parent Consultations (3.30-6.50pm) - pre-booked appointments only.

11th February:

Parent Consultations (8.30-10.50am) - pre-booked appointments only.

11th February:

INSET DAY.

14-18th February:

HALF-TERM.

21st February 2022:

First day back after half-term.

22nd February 2022:

Friends meeting, 9am-11am. This meeting will be held at school.

22nd February 2022:

Tea and Tots, 1.30-3.00pm, KS1 Hall.

22nd February 2022:

Y5 Swimming Lessons.

24th February 2022:

Y5F Class Assembly.

25th February 2022:

Careers and Aspirations Day.

25th February 2022:

Y4D Class Assembly.

ADVANCE NOTICE

2nd March 2022:

School disco 'Let's Glow Spring Dance'. More details to follow after half-term.

World Book Day

This year we will be celebrating the 25th anniversary of World Book Day with a very special message for children 'you are a reader'!

World Book Day will be taking place on Thursday 3rd March, but as a school we will celebrate this on Friday 4th March.

Friday 4th March will be our dress up day.



A MESSAGE FROM THE *Inclusion Team*

Hi everyone!

Over the last two weeks Mrs Sargeant, Miss Knott and I have been carrying out an 'SEN Deep Dive' to look at the effectiveness of our practice. We would very much like your input and ask that you complete the Inclusion and Wellbeing survey by clicking on the following link:

<https://forms.gle/9ZV5JfYrtdjgeJpP8>

Our Inclusion and Wellbeing pages on the website will be updated over half term to reflect any new resources available to you. We will let you know once the padlet has been updated.

I wish you all a fabulous half term - take a well deserved break!

I look forward to seeing you all on Monday 21st Feb.

Best wishes,
Mrs Lawrence



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LANGUAGE *Of the Week*

(for next week)

French

Hello: Bonjour

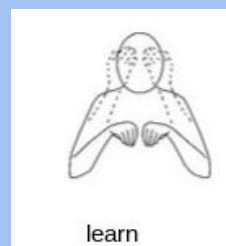
Good Morning: Bonjour

Good Afternoon: Bonne

Après-Midi

MAKATON

Sign of the Week



learn

Miss Knott, SENCo Assistant

YEAR 5 *French*



In French this term, year 5 have been answering 'Quel Temps Fait-Il?' - What is the weather like?

We have learnt how to explain what the weather is like in different parts of the country using directional vocabulary such as North, East, South and West. For our final French lesson we worked in groups to make up a weather forecast. We practised being weather forecasters with a newscaster voice and some of us even had a go at presenting to the class - in French!

Miss Wigfield, Miss Farrell

ATTENDANCE *and Lateness*

We are seeing a notable increase in the number of children who are arriving late for school, which is a concern. We encourage all parents and carers to use our 'Soft drop' from 8.40-8.50am as this really helps children settle and have a good start to the school day - registers are taken at **9am**. The negative impact that lateness can have on both the children and running of the school day is significant. I know and understand that there are times when lateness is unavoidable, but these occasions should be few and far between. Please ensure that children are here on time - it really is one of the best life lessons that you can teach them!

Mrs Freeman

HEALTHIER FAMILIES *A healthy you!*

A wealth of information can be found on the NHS Healthier Families website: <https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/>. You will find lots of ideas for easy and healthy ways to eat and make healthy food swaps, as well as a wealth of information on exercise and tips on mental wellbeing. Take a look at the Healthier Families website!

Mrs Sargeant

READING

A note from our Literacy Lead

It is really important that every child reads at home. Ideally, there should be a balance of reading to an adult at least 3 times a week (preferably their school reading book) and sharing a book of their choice with an adult at other times. If you would like support with this then please speak to your child's class teacher.

Lucas



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Academy Trust*

IN-YEAR ADMISSION TOURS!

We are able to run bookable tours for in-year admissions.
Come and meet our amazing children and see our school in action.

To book a tour, please contact Mrs Helps via email
at s.helps@bigginhillps.com or at 01959 575846

Visit our website at: www.bigginhillprimary.com

'We take pride in everything we do'

Our school prospectus can be viewed via our website at:

<https://www.bigginhillprimary.com/docs/BHPS-21-22-ONLINE%20PROSPECTUS.pdf>.



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.

COVID-19 UPDATES AND USEFUL LINKS

Regular lateral flow 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.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing/regular-rapid-coronavirus-tests-if-you-do-not-have-symptoms/>.

Further guidance can be found at:

https://www.gov.uk/government/news/confirmatory-pcr-tests-to-be-temporarily-suspended-for-positive-lateral-flow-test-results?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_source=29133936-ab09-4ad6-b091-6438d44c9026&utm_content=immediately.

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

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