



MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN



Dear Parents and Carers,

It was a pleasure to be able to write to you in my official capacity as the new headteacher of Biggin Hill Primary School earlier in the week. Thank you to everyone for your kind messages and words of congratulations; each and every one of them means so much.

After 6 years' of deputy headship here at Biggin Hill Primary School, I am immensely proud to be headteacher of our wonderful school and very excited to have been chosen to lead the school as we continue our journey towards becoming "outstanding".

I am sure many of you will have watched the Prime Minister's briefing on Monday evening. There are no significant changes in the guidance and our safety measures and systems of control will remain in place until further notice. Please see my more detailed letter in relation to this.

Please remember to encourage your child to take part in 'The Big Ask.' The website link can be found within this newsletter.

Next week, our year 4 and 5 Bushcraft residential trip will take place. If any parents/carers have any concerns or would like to discuss any details, please do contact myself or Ms Wythers on Monday next week. For our year 4 and 5 children who are not attending, please continue with the usual start / finish times and ensure they are ready for a fun few days at school!

Over the coming months, we will start working on our School Development Plan and will be identifying our key strategic development priorities, which I will share with you in due course.

We are also very sad to announce that Mrs Kimpton-Clark will be leaving us next week to take up a fantastic new work opportunity. Although only here a short time, Mrs Kimpton-Clark has made a significant impact within the school and the administrative team. We wish her and her family well for the future.

We are all very excited for the future of Biggin Hill Primary School; your ongoing and continued support is appreciated and, as always, our door is always open!

Have a fabulous weekend.

My very best wishes,

Mrs Freeman

Headteacher and

Designated Safeguarding Lead



STARS OF THE WEEK

Jill Barklem: **Polly C**

Beatrix Potter: **Emma O**

Emily Gravett: **Oliver G**

Eric Carle: **Ava T**

Abi Longstaff: **Jack T**

Michael Rosen: **Lexi J**

Helen Cooper: **Frankie W**

Jeremy Strong: **Charlie C**

Berlie Doherty: **Lily C**

Adam Frost: **Joshua M**

Michael Bond: **Kayla L**

Katharine Woodfine: **Aaron L**

Abi Elphinstone: **Leila J**

Andrew Donkin: **Henry S**

Sinead O'Hart: **Jessica S**

'Stars of the Week'

Attendance 96.5%

*Team Point Winners
Attenborough
& Hawkin*

DIARY DATES

Wednesday 19th May -

Friday 21st May

Year 4 and 5 Bushcraft

Monday 24th May

Class Photographs

Tuesday 25th May

French Day

PUPIL VOICE

Reception and Year 6



This week, Pupil Voice was held with Reception and our year 6 children.

Reception

What do you enjoy most about school?

"Playing with my friends."

"I like working hard for my teacher."

"Seeing my teacher."

"Playing with playdough."

Do you feel safe in school?

"Yes."

"Yes, the teacher helps me when I fall over."

How do you think you are doing in your learning?

"My writing is really good."

"Great."

"I think I am doing well."

What do you like to do with your friends?

"I like to do colouring with my friends."

"Play on the playground with them."

"Playing hopscotch with my friends in the playground."

Year 6

What are you enjoying most about being back at school?

"I am enjoying discovering all about different things and enjoying them."

"Speaking to my friends."

"Seeing my friends and being back with people that make me happy."

What attitudes do you need to have to help you learn effectively?

"Positive and listening."

"Happiness, discovery, resilience, positivity, endeavor and inclusivity."

Do you know what being resilient means? How has School helped you be resilient?

"Resilient means to keep on going."

"Keep going."

"School has helped me practice and get better at certain subjects."

What are you looking forward to most this term?

"Learning the play and making memories."

"I am looking forward to researching for the play, seeing my friends everyday and learning different subjects."

"Going to secondary school."

Thank You

Reception and year 6 for taking part in Pupil Voice

VOLUNTERRING

Oppertunites

If there are any parents/carers that are interested in volunteering in school or have previously volunteered with us before and would like to join us again, please contact Mrs Helps at:
s.helps@bigginhillps.com

REMINDERS

Could we please ask that all items of clothing, especially jumpers and coats, are named along with water bottles. Also, for children having a packed lunch, please can you ensure that this includes a drink for them to have at lunchtime.

REQUESTS

We are on the search for some bird tables for the Haven, our sensory garden. If you have any unwanted bird tables, we would love to take these off your hands!

COMMUNITY GOVERNOR

We have a vacancy for a Community Governor

A community governor cannot be a parent or carer of a child at the school currently but they may be associated with the school in another way eg. a grandparent or local resident.

If you know someone who might be interested in finding out a little bit more about the role of a community governor, please ask them to get in touch with me.

Thank you

Mrs Freeman

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YEAR 1

Iggy Peck the Architect



In year 1 this week we have been reading a new book called 'Iggy Peck the Architect'. The children have been busy making different

buildings and structures using different materials. Here, they are testing how to make a strong and tall tower using spaghetti and playdough.

**Mrs Churchward, Mrs Lucas
and Ms Turner**

CLEVER NEVER GOES

Teach the clever option at home

Download the leaflet today and start talking to your children about

Clever Never Goes

CLEVER NEVER GOES is the new, child-friendly lesson that teaches children how to stay safe from abduction when they are outside (e.g. walking to or from school), or online.

SIGN UP FOR UPDATES:

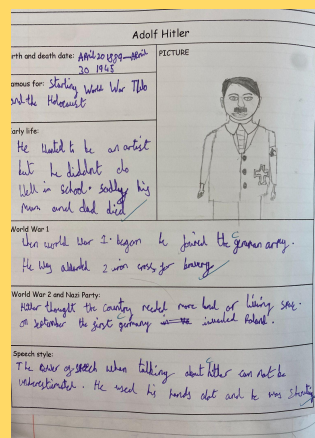
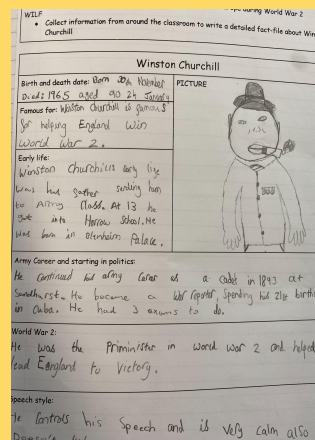
To stay in touch with developments in the Clever Never Goes campaign

<https://clevernevergoes.org/parents-2/>

YEAR 5

World War 2

This term, year 5 has started learning about World War 2. So far, we have learnt about all the different causes of the war. This was quite tricky, as there were lots and lots of different things that contributed to the outbreak of war. We learnt what they all were before having a go at putting them in the order that we thought most affected the start of war. We didn't all agree entirely!



This week we have been learning about the differences and similarities of Winston Churchill and Adolf Hitler. Although at first it might not seem like they have much in common, they actually do have some similarities -

they both found school and academic work very tricky, and they both recognised how important and influential speeches could be to help them win the war effort.

Miss Wigfield and Miss Elliott

*** IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR PARENTS AND CARERS ***

Please use the one way system for entry and exit when coming on to and leaving the school site.

PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOL

Please can we ask parents/carers to park and drive respectfully outside our school.



Please be aware of the following restrictions outside our school.

THE BIG ASK



SURVEY CLOSES ON 28TH MAY 2021

**On Tuesday, 4th May you will have received a letter about the Big Ask
What is life like for children in England?
It's time to give something back to children after COVID.**

The Children's Commissioner for England is doing the largest ever survey of children in England.

It's called the **Big Ask**.

This is your opportunity to have your say and to show the Government what children think!

It's your chance to get your voice heard!

FIND OUT MORE AT:

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/>

COVID-19 UPDATES AND USEFUL LINKS

The government has announced that parents and carers of primary aged 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/>

There is also a very useful 'How we will move out of lockdown' easy read guide which has been produced by the Cabinet Office - see below:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/965011/COVID-19_Response_-_Spring_2021_Summary_-_Easy_Read_.pdf

A poster displaying information about COVID-19 Restrictions in England from 29 March:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-restrictions-posters-29-march-2021?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_source=6de36c48-6546-4e39-8cd7-c14c38c06421&utm_content=immediately

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. **Mrs Freeman and Mrs Lawrence**