



## MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN



Dear Parents and Carers,

We were so sorry that the children's year 4 and 5 Bushcraft trip had to be a little shorter than planned. Due to the forecasted high winds, the organisers unfortunately were required to make this extremely difficult but unavoidable decision.

We know the children are very disappointed which is understandable, however they have had an amazing two days and have returned full of stories about their Bushcraft and camping adventures. Today these children are enjoying a fun-filled day in school.

Our year 4 and 5 children who remained in school have had a great few days enjoying lots of activities. As planned, today they are having their very own fun Bushcraft Day in our Forest School!

Staff teams for Bushcraft and in school have reported on the exemplary behaviour of the children throughout the week. Given the situation, this is to be commended and really does show how fabulous our children are! We will report more on both Bushcraft and our year 4 and 5 in school fun-filled few days in next week's newsletter

Although the trip was slightly shorter than anticipated, my thanks go to our staff team who accompanied the children to Bushcraft. Also, thank you to staff in school who have made it such a fun few days for the children who did not attend.

I would also like to pass on my thanks to our parents and carers of year 4 and 5 this week. Your understanding and support yesterday made the huge disappointment for the children just that little bit easier. Your emails of thanks and appreciation have been very well received!

On Monday our photographer will be here for class photographs. The photographers will be wearing masks and following social distancing guidelines.

With the relaxation of restrictions and in the interest of public safety, can we all please remain vigilant to help safeguard our school and children as much as we possibly can. We are also aware that COVID-19 cases are on the rise in our area. Please rest assured that we have robust systems of control in place and are doing everything possible in school to safeguard our children, staff and the wider community.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

My very best wishes,

**Mrs Freeman**

*Headteacher and Designated  
Safeguarding Lead*



## STARS OF THE WEEK

Jill Barklem: **Ralph P**  
Beatrix Potter: **Dylan D**  
Emily Gravett: **Milo A**  
Eric Carle: **Peony P**  
Abi Longstaff: **Cami-Rose W-B**  
Michael Rosen: **Khian G**  
Helen Cooper: **Daisy D**  
Jeremy Strong: **Bella C**  
Berlie Doherty: **Alarna G**

Adam Frost, Michael Bond,  
Katharine Woodfine  
and Abi Elphinstone:  
**All Children!**

Andrew Donkin: **Isabel S**  
Sinead O'Hart: **Lacey W**

*Attendance 96.5%*

*Team Point Winners  
Rowling*

## DIARY DATES

**Monday 24th May**  
Class Photographs

**Tuesday 25th May**  
French Day

**Friday 28th May**  
Last day of term

**Monday 31st May - Friday  
4th June**  
Half term

## CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS

### *Important Information*

#### **Class Photographs - 24th May**

Stanley Baker Studio photographers are coming in on Monday, 24th May to take class photographs. All necessary social distancing measures will be taken and the photographers will be wearing masks.

#### **Year 6 - photographs**

Year 6 will be having two class photographs taken - all children must come to school in their school uniform and BRING WITH THEM their leavers hoodie. They will then have one photo taken with their uniform and one with their hoods.

## PUPIL VOICE

### *Year 2*



***This week, Pupil Voice was held with our Year 2 children.***

**What are you most looking forward to for the rest of the summer term?**

*"Going on the field."*

*"Forest School."*

*"Sports Day!"*

*"The other literacy books we are going to read."*

*"Maths because it is my favourite lesson."*

**What do you enjoy most about learning?**

*"Improving my writing."*

*"Learning facts about history."*

*"Writing stories in literacy."*

*"My maths tests."*

*"To have more knowledge."*

**Are you making good progress?**

**How do you know?**

*"Yes, I have my maths badge."*

*"My teacher has told me."*

*"I am doing well and my work is fantastic."*

*"My writing is getting better."*

**What do you like doing in PE?**

*"Playing with tennis balls."*

*"Running and racing."*

*"Playing the traffic light game."*

*"Throwing and catching because I get to play a game with my partner."*

*"I like everything in PE!"*

***Thank You for taking part in Pupil Voice***

## NOTICE BOARD

### **VOLUNTEERING**

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](mailto: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!

## **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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## **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.

***Thank you for your support.***

## A photograph of four children playing in a muddy garden. On the left, a boy in a blue and camouflage suit and blue boots stands looking down. In the center, a child in a blue hooded jacket and a yellow and black patterned vest is splashing in the mud. To their right, another boy in a dark blue puffer jacket and dark trousers watches. On the far right, a girl in a blue and white striped jumpsuit and red boots stands looking on. The ground is very muddy with some twigs and leaves scattered about. A wooden fence is in the background.

A group of children are playing on a large, colorful, modular play structure made of plastic crates and wooden planks in a garden setting. The structure is built on a green artificial turf surface. One child is lying on their back on the ground, while others are standing or sitting on the structure. The background shows a wooden fence and trees.

A child is shown pulling a long, stretchy strand of green slime. The slime is being pulled from a blue tray and is being held up by a hand. The background shows a classroom setting with a blue table and chairs.

**Ms Belaon, Nursery Manager**



Hi everyone,

As part of our work at BHPS supporting children's Mental Health, the KS1 teachers have been reading the story "*Have You Filled a Bucket Today?*" to their classes this week.

This is a wonderful book promoting the key values of caring, giving and sharing in young readers. It encourages the children to consider their own feelings and also think about how their actions and words may impact others.

I have created a display in the KS1 corridor to support this learning and ask that parents/carers may like to listen to the story themselves via this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uy6RR4KPpZM>

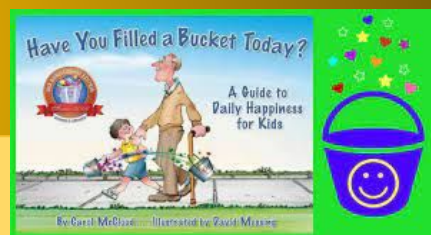
I hope you enjoy the idea and imagery behind this book and may find it is something you can use at home as a way of wellbeing support.

Best wishes,

Mrs Sargeant



**Mrs Sargeant**  
Family Liaison and  
Inclusion Assistant and  
Deputy Safeguarding Lead  
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**Please use the one way system for entry and exit when coming on to and leaving the school site.**

## 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/>

## 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/the-bigask/>

## 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](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](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**



**HAVE A FANTASTIC WEEKEND AND STAY SAFE**  
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