



**BIGGIN HILL**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL  
*Part of the Charles Darwin  
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# NEWSLETTER

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## MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was wonderful for us to start the day with the most brilliant assembly from Taj Mahal class. As our youngest school children, again I am filled with pride with how much they have learned and how confident they were during their class assembly. A very special 'thank you' to the children, Miss Turner, Mr Devlin and the Reception team for preparing them all so well.

Thank you everyone for your donations of bottles and sweets this morning - all of your donations are so very gratefully received and will be used at the Summer Fair next week.

Last Friday evening, our year 6 children and staff returned from the Isle of Wight. Miss O'Mahony informed me the children were full of smiles (and yawns) as they got off the coach! It is clear from the adventures that I have heard about this week, that the children really have had a wonderful time. Next week, we will provide a full article featuring both the Isle of Wight and also the special week in school for children that didn't attend.

On Wednesday, the children were treated to an assembly from Keith Masters from Westerham Beekeepers Association. The children were able to ask lots of questions as well as see a working beehive. Thank you to Mrs Snelling for organising this event for the children.

I sent a letter on Wednesday of this week regarding voluntary contributions. Along with many schools across the country, budgets have been hit very hard with rising costs and we have and need to think of different ways to support the school. These are just ideas at the present time and we are very keen to hear your views on the suggestions. Please do complete the Google form on the letter - your views are very important to us.

It was a pleasure to welcome our 2023/2024 Reception parents and carers to a meeting at the school this week. On behalf of the leadership team, I extend a very warm welcome to our new families in our BHPS school community.

We are in the final stages of finalising our teaching structure for the next academic year and we hope to be in a position to provide this to you very soon.

Next Friday (30th June), we look forward to our annual Sports Day and Summer Fair. *Please note: we also have allocated 7th July as a reserve day for Sports Day - this will only be used if the weather and conditions are deemed too unsafe on 30th June.*

If any families are attending the Biggin Hill Carnival in the Recreation Ground on Saturday 1st July, please do drop by to visit Mrs Sargeant on our BHPS stall. This is such a wonderful community event with many different stalls and activities on offer for families with children of all ages to enjoy.

Today we also say goodbye to Mrs Helps and wish her well with her future career.

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## STARS OF THE WEEK

Big Ben: **Harrison W**  
Pyramid: **Paris I & Jessie E**  
Taj Mahal: **Isla G**  
Giants Causeway: **Sienna W**  
Colosseum: **Hallie H**  
Royal Mile: **Daisy C**  
Loch Ness: **Niamh C**  
Sydney Opera House: **Elsie K**  
London Bridge: **Liam C**  
Parthenon: **Daisy S**  
Mount Everest: **George S**  
Globe Theatre: **Izzy J**  
Mount Fuji: **Charlie C**  
Orinoco: **Zayne B**  
**Aaliyah D-F (for last week)**  
Wembley: **Lewis C-B**

*'Congratulations'*

*Weekly Whole School  
Attendance 94.3%*

### Weekly Class Attendance

*Excellent attendance 'gold'*  
**98-100%**

*Attendance 'green'*  
**96-97.9%**

Sydney Opera House: **97.8%**  
Giants Causeway: **97.4%**  
Loch Ness: **96.9%**  
Taj Mahal: **96.1%**

## HOUSE POINTS

**1st: HAWKING**  
**2nd: ROWLING**  
**3rd: ATTENBOROUGH**  
**4th: HOLMES**

*'Congratulations to our winners this week'*

## MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN

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I am delighted and proud to advise that our Ofsted Inspection Report along with our Ofsted Parent View is now available to view on the DfE website. This information can also be found on our website at:

<https://www.bigginhillprimary.com/ofsted>

My thanks also to Mrs Snelling for organising the cake sale, which took place after school on Thursday. We are delighted to have raised £164 - all money raised from this event will directly benefit our children. Thank you so much for your support.

Have a wonderful weekend.

My very best wishes,

*Mrs Freeman*

Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead



## BHPS PRESCHOOL

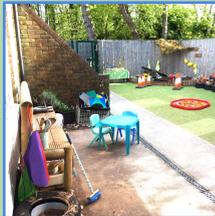
*Are you looking for a Preschool for your toddler  
We are holding set tours of our Preschool*

**29th June and 6th July.  
Tours start at 9.30am**

To find out more about our preschool and book a tour, please contact Ms Hannah Belaon, Preschool Manager on 01959 575846 or [h.belaon@bigginhillps.com](mailto:h.belaon@bigginhillps.com).

We do encourage you to bring your toddler along so we can get to know them.

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## YEAR 2

*A Walk in London*

Year 2 is currently reading a book titled 'A Walk in London' by Salvatore Rubbin. In the book, a girl and her mother explore London's busy streets finding out facts about the places they visit. Year 2 went on their own walk around the busy streets of Biggin Hill visiting all the famous landmarks - the War Memorial, the Leisure Centre, the Fire Station, the park, St Mark's Church and the oldest tree in Biggin Hill. The children were very well behaved and a credit to the school while out and about in the community. Two Biggin Hill experts (Mrs Lineker and Ms Wythers) came into class and shared their immense knowledge about Biggin Hill. With all this information, Year 2 are in the process of writing their own books titled 'A Walk in Biggin Hill'. We can't wait to read them.

***Mrs Windover, Mrs Lucas and Mrs Snelling***

## DIARY DATES

*Keep a note!*

### 26th June

- Y5 Trip - Biggin Hill Museum.

### 27th June

- CATs test for the new year 7's at CDS September 2023 intake.  
- Tea and Tots, KS1 hall, 1.30-3pm.  
- Y6 Residential Meeting 2024 (current Y5 parents/carers, 3.30pm).

### 28th June:

- 23/24 EYFS Cohort Taster #1, 1.45-2.45pm.

### 29th June:

- Pre-School Tour, 9.30am (pre-bookable only).

### 30th June:

- Sports Day - (KS2 9.15- 11am and Pre-school and KS1 1:30 - 3pm).  
- Friends Summer Fair after school.

### 1st July

- Biggin Hill Carnival - come and visit Mrs Sargeant and Mrs Helps on our stand, Biggin Hill Recreation Ground.

### 4th July

- Y2 Kent Life trip.  
- Tea and Tots, KS1 hall, 1.30-3pm (last one for this academic year).  
Y4 Residential meeting Bushcraft, 3.30pm.

### 5th July:

- Discovery Homework due date.

### 6th July:

- Pre-School Tour, 9.30am (all tours must be prebooked).  
- KS1 and Year 3 choir Summer Concert, 2:30pm - 3:15pm (KS2 Hall).

### 7th July:

\*\*\* Reserve Sports Day \*\*\*

### 10th July:

Ambassador Assembly - (9.10-9.45am) by invitation only.

### 12th July

- Year 1 Kent Life Trip.  
- Reports Home today.

### 14th July:

- Y6 Prom. *Please see information from Y6 Leavers' Committee.*  
- Rocksteady Concert Friday, (2.30pm - End time TBA), KS2 Hall.

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW RECEPTION

*Families and Children*



On Wednesday afternoon we welcomed our new Reception 23/24 parents and carers to school. The Friends of BHPS were on hand to help families look at school uniform and Harrison Catering, our catering, prepared some beautiful samples of food for parents and carers to taste.

***A very warm welcome to our BHPS school community***

***Please can we request that children have a freshly re-filled water bottle in school each day, a sun hat and also sunscreen applied before they come to school.***

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## WESTERHAM BEEKEEPING SOCIETY

*A Busy Bee!*

On Tuesday morning the children had the chance to see a live working bee hive when we had a visit from Keith Masters from Westerham Beekeeping Society. Keith talked to the children about why these pollinators were so very important to us and how they produce the honey we eat. It was truly fascinating to see these wonderful pollinators at work in a sealed working hive. Throughout the assembly the children listened so well and went on to ask really sensible questions. At the end of the assembly every child had the chance to come up close to the beehive and see these incredible creatures at work - busy bees!



***Mrs Snelling, HLTA and Eco Club Lead***

## PARKING

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

## MAKATON

*Sign of the Week*



**Miss Knott,  
SENCo  
Assistant**

## LANGUAGE

*Of the Week*

*(for next week)*

**Welsh**

Hello: hêlô

Good Morning: Bore da

Good Afternoon: prynhawn Da

## Weekly Lunch Menus

On our website at: <https://www.bigginhillprimary.com/> at the bottom of the page. We will continue sending out weekly menus each Friday afternoon as we feel this is working well for families and keeps this fresh in your inbox!