



# MESSAGE FROM MRS LAWRENCE

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fabulous year we have had at BHPS!

As we come to the end of the academic year, it is only right to reflect on the wonderful year the children have had at school. We have enjoyed Christmas events, class assemblies, Buzz Days, school trips, residential trips for both year 4 and 6, Young Voices, a KS2 and Year 3 Choir and Musical Concert, Careers and Aspirations Day, Outreach sessions, a Community Coffee Morning, sports enrichment opportunities across the school and so much more. We were also delighted to come together as a whole school for The Queen's Platinum Jubilee and more recently with you all for Sports Day and our Summer Fair.

On Wednesday, it was a pleasure to welcome parents and carers to our Headteacher Awards Assembly - a very well done to the recipients of these special awards.

I would also like to extend our thanks to Charles Darwin School for inviting our Year 6 children to watch the matinee performance comprising highlights from their school production of the 90's musical "Popstars". Our children had a fabulous time and very much enjoyed the experience.

Last Friday, Year 6 enjoyed their Prom and this week we have also enjoyed their fabulous production of 'Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies'. This is as well as our Pre-school Graduation and finally today, our Year 6 Graduation will take place after school.

Today we say 'goodbye' to Ms Wythers who officially leaves us after 17 years to embark on her well deserved retirement. We will however see Ms Wythers in school for a few weeks in the new term as she will be joining us to assist with training, so if you do not see her at the end of the day, please pop in during the new term to say your goodbyes then.

We also bid farewell to Mr Day, Year 4 teacher, who will be moving to Leeds to advance his teaching career. Mr Day has been a wonderful addition to our school teaching team and has worked exceptionally hard with sports enrichment across the school. We wish Mr Day all the very best for his career in Leeds.

Miss Baldwin who runs our lunchtime club will be leaving us today. Miss Baldwin has been a wonderful addition to our lunchtime team and has provided both art and crafts as well as board games to our children during the lunch period. We wish Miss Baldwin all the very best.

Mrs Churchward also commences her maternity leave today. We wish her and her husband all the very best for this next chapter in their lives and we are very excited to await the exciting news of their new arrival.

I am delighted to advise you all that Miss Burgham has given birth to a beautiful baby girl. We send all our love to Miss Burgham and wish

## HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Eileen Collins: Eddie P Tim Peake: Ronnie A Eugenie Clark: Eva W Greta Thunberg: Emma O Josephine Baker: Freddie M Jesse Owens: Regan M Lek Chailert: Ruby D'R Marcus Rashford: Amber T-S Louis Braille: Gabby H Leonardo Da Vinci: Rosie C Ida B. Wells: Charlie B Mo Farah: Harrison G Laura Dekker: Phoebe G-H Jessica Ennis-Hill: Jacob P-G 'Congratulations' Ludwig van Beethoven: Star of the Week

'All Children'

# **RECEPTION** *Pirate afternoon!*



Last Friday we had the best pirate

afternoon ever! We had lots of fun in the paddling pools and we even had a dinosaur sprinkler! The water fight was EPIC!

Our topic this half term has been 'Under the Sea' and we have read lots of books with an under the sea including; theme Tiddler, Commotion in the Ocean, The Pirates Next Door and The Troll. We have also produced lots of art work and longer pieces of writing that have blown the socks off of the Reception team. Reception you have made such an amazing start to your learning journey at BHPS. We will miss you all lots. Have a lovely summer. Miss Powell and Mrs Churchward

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her and her family all the very best.

Today we say goodbye to year 6 - we are so very proud of them all and are very excited for the next chapter of their learning journey. With every year 6 departure, we welcome our new pre-school and reception children and families to our wonderful BHPS family - this is always a very exciting time for us all. We are looking forward to getting to know all the new families who will be joining us in September.

We are also delighted to announce that Mrs Snelling has been promoted to a Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA) and from September will be teaching the computing curriculum. We are also very excited to announce that Eylse Gardiner, Samantha Coker and Nefika Kitson will be joining us as Learning Support Assistants (LSAs) and will be working alongside our fantastic LSA support staff team.

I would like to say a massive 'thank you' to the Friends of Biggin Hill Primary School who have raised a staggering £14,635 this year for our school. I also thank our wonderful volunteers and our Class Representatives who give up their time for the school - with their help this year we have been able to do and provide so much more for our children, focusing on enrichment opportunities, driving school improvements and working our way to becoming the school of choice in Biggin Hill.

The staff team at Biggin Hill Primary School is second to none and I would like to wish them all an amazing summer break. They go above and beyond, not only for our children but also for each other.

A special 'thank you' to our wonderful children who have been amazing this year. It is often hard to put into words how brilliant they are but simply, they are all 'outstanding' and we are immensely proud of their work, their commitment to their learning and getting involved in all aspects of school life.

My final note really is from Mrs Freeman, who wanted us to pass on a 'thank you' for all your support this year. The school has gone from strength to strength and we couldn't really do what we do without the amazing support that we have within our school community. Although we simply love what we do, teaching and supporting our wonderful children in partnership with you makes it so much more fulfilling.

All that remains is 'goodbye and good luck to Year 6' and we wish everyone in our school community the most wonderful summer - have a fabulous break from school!

We look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday 31st August.

My very best wishes,

*Mrs Lawrence* Deputy Headteacher, SENCo and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



## **DIARY DATES**

Keep a note!

#### 22nd July:

Last day of term.
Y6 Graduation, 3.30pm KS2 playground. Y6 parents/carers are invited to attend this event.

Please note Tuesday 30th August is an Inset Day and the school is closed to children.

First day back to school: Wednesday 31st August

Thank you for supporting **'Tea and Tots'** 

In September 'Tea and Tots' will be on a Tuesday.

Our first session will be on: Tuesday 6th September 1-30-3.00pm

> Mrs Sargeant and Mrs Helps

### **MAKATON** Sign of the Week



Miss Knott, SENCo Assistant



On behalf of myself, Mr Devlin and all the staff at Biggin Hill Primary School, thank you for the kind gifts and cards - we are all so touched and grateful. Mrs Lawrence

# YEAR 6 Goodbye and Good luck! Our Year 6 children have enjoyed a fabulous few weeks in school. A wonderful 'Fun Day' was had with bowling, swimming and a party lunch. This was followed by the most spectacular prom last Friday which was organised by the most amazing Year 6 Leavers' Committee. This week, they have enjoyed the Year 6 production, which they have put so much effort into; the children have had spectacular reviews! Our final goodbye will be at the Year 6 graduation on the last day of term. We hope that our Year 6 children will have very fond memories of their time at Biggin Hill Primary School. Our thanks must go to the Friends of Biggin Hill Primary School and the Year 6 Leavers' Committee for their continued hard work. Miss Elliott and Mr Devlin





Dear Parents and Carers,

Now that the time has come to say goodbye to Year 6, we wanted to take the opportunity to tell you how much we have loved working with your wonderful children. We have been incredibly impressed with the resilience they've shown this year leading up to SATS and their incredible enthusiasm for every aspect of school life. As they continue on their journey through their education, we have no doubt that they will continue to endeavour to do their best in every task, be inclusive, be enthusiastic learners and embrace all the new and exciting opportunities and adventures ahead of them. It is safe to say we will miss them all considerably and we know we speak for all the staff and children at Biggin Hill Primary School too. Remind them to pop in for a visit now and then. Have a great summer!



Best wishes, Miss Elliott and Mr Devlin





# **PUPIL VOICE**

Year 6

#### What have you enjoyed about being at Biggin Hill Primary School?

"Everything." "Friends."

- "Learning new things."
- "Collecting badges."

"The teachers and staff are amazing and very supportive." "The school trips are amazing and I am so grateful that we got to go on them."

"The food."

"All the activities that we do."

"How our work gets to be on display."

"The teachers always try to make the lessons really fun." "Art, Maths, ICT, PE and Forest School."

# What are you most looking forward to at secondary school?

#### "A new start."

"Getting to be more independent."

- "Getting to experience more subjects."
- "Making more friends."
- "I am looking forward to learning more subjects."
- "Meeting new people."
- "Getting to know everyone."



THANK YOU



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# **ROLL OF HONOUR** Fantastic work Rodney!

Rodney C, Year 5, has been exceptionally busy with being a veterans Young Reporter for the RAF Chapel, Biggin Hill and also fundraising for

the Normandy Veterans Association (NVA) where he was made an honorary member by Sir Harry Billinge.

Rodney recently attended a veterans service a few weeks ago and interviewed the veterans, but also bravely stood up to talk about Sir Harry Billinge who was Rodney's hero! Sadly, Sir Harry Billinge recently passed away and Rodney was also honoured to attend his funeral. Rodney was given various items of Harry's including his beret!

Rodney has also been invited to the official unveiling of the new sculpture which has pride of place in the memorial garden close to the main entrance of the Lookout Coffee Shop.

Rodney is also continuing Sir Harry's legacy by fundraising for the Normandy Veterans Association (NVA) and has been given permission to do this at the Lookout Cafe by the CEO of Biggin Hill Airport.

#### This is an amazing achievement Rodney! Everyone here is very proud of you!



### SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

The summer reading challenge is back. This year, The Reading Agency has teamed up with the Science Museum for a special invention themed challenge. It's completely free and you can take part by signing up at Biggin Hill Library. When you sign up, the library will give you a special

collector poster map. As you read books for your challenge, return to the library to receive stickers to add to your map - some of them even smell! Collect all the stickers to complete the challenge and receive a certificate and a medal.

We would like as many pupils as possible to take up the challenge and enjoy reading over the summer. Reading for pleasure over the holidays is really important as it helps pupils maintain their current reading level and even improve it. Most importantly, it should be enjoyable and an opportunity for children to discover some new books. Pupils who complete the challenge can bring their medal and certificate into school on Friday 9th September. https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk



HAVE A FANTASTIC SUMMER https://www.bigginhillprimary.com/

