



MESSAGE FROM MRS LAWRENCE

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had a well deserved rest over the half term break and were able to spend some much needed time together with your families.

I want to say thank you for the many kind and heartfelt messages I have received since my official appointment as Headteacher of Biggin Hill Primary School - they have been so lovely to read and I am truly grateful. This week I have been spending time with Mr Terry Millar (CEO of Inicio) to develop our strategy on how to push Biggin Hill Primary to be the best we can be and I will be sharing this with you over the coming weeks.

The children have returned to school in great spirits and I am so pleased with how well they have settled back into their learning environment. This was evident from the feedback we received during our Open Days for the new 25/26 cohort, which took place on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

The year 6 children who conducted the school tours were phenomenal and **every** prospective parent commented on how confident, polite and knowledgeable they are. They are a credit to the school and we are extremely proud of them all.

Special thanks to Laura Tully and Maria Daley who supported the Open days as part of our Governing Body and also to the members of the Friends who were available to answers any questions and man the refreshments!

As the weather has turned much colder please ensure that your child has an appropriate coat in school at all times. Also, a polite reminder please that all hair should be tied back and that any hair accessories should be blue or white in colour.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Lawrence

Headteacher and Safeguarding Lead

Remembrance - Monday 11th November

To help celebrate Remembrance Day on Monday, your child can wear their Rainbow, Brownie, Beaver, Cub, Boys Brigade or Sea Cadet uniform instead of their school uniform. If your child has P.E. on that day, please make sure they are able to do P.E. in it.



Stars of the Week

Caterpillar - Elliot C
Tiger - Amari P
Elmer - Harry H
Chameleon - Jackson-Blake W
Crayon - Harry S-W
Charlie Cook - Albie G
Sofia Valdez - Michael P
Gregory Cool - Georgia Y
Chaya - Roisin M
Ebenezer Tweezer - Annie L
Pevensie - Ella-Rose S
Gelifen - Freddie Y
Fred - George S
Skellig - Frankie S
Aspire - Tyler H

Congratulations!

Weekly Whole School Attendance 95.2%

Weekly Class Attendance

Excellent attendance 'gold'
98-100%

Elmer - 100%!!!!

Good attendance 'green'
96-97.9%

Caterpillar - 97.5%
Chameleon - 97.8%
Crayon - 96.7%
Fred - 97.7%

Well Done!

House Points

Attenborough
Rowling
Holmes
Hawking

Raising a Secure Child - Parent workshop

Una Archer is running another parent workshop - free of charge. This workshop will give parents tools to help their children feel comfortable with who they are and express their unique self. As children feel more secure, they are more likely to pursue their interests, feel more at ease around peers and other people and be less affected if things don't go their way and try again. The workshop will take place online on Tuesday, 12th November 11.20 - 12.30 and a recording is available for one week after this. To register for the workshop, please follow:

<https://www.helpyourchildthrive.co.uk/secure>

DIARY DATES

Keep a note!

- 11th November - Remembrance Day
- 12th November - Nasal Flu Vaccination - Reception to Year 6
- 15th November - Christmas Fair donations - hampers (colours)
- 15th November - Christmas Fair donations & Friends Autumn Disco
- 18th November - Anti-Bullying Week
- 20th November - 6F Class Assembly - 9am KS2 Hall
- 22nd November - Children in Need
- 22nd November - donations for tombola stall (sweets / bottle)
- 27th November - 5G Class Assembly - 9am KS2 Hall
- 29th November - Christmas Fair
- 2nd December - Ambassador Assembly (invitation only) YR-Y3 KS1 Hall, Y4-Y6 KS2 Hall

The importance of Phonics ...

Reception and Year 1 - Parent/Carer Early Reading workshop, Monday 25th November 2024 from 8:45am to 9:30am

We would like to invite all parents and carers of Reception and Year 1 to an Early Reading workshop on **Monday, 25th November 2024 from 8:45am to 9:30am.**

Drop off will take place as normal and then parents/carers are invited to the KS1 hall to hear a short presentation on the importance of phonics and how we teach it at Biggin Hill Primary. Next parents/carers will join their children in their classrooms to take part in a demonstration phonics lesson with their child's class teacher. Parents/Carers will sit with their children and work with their child on the activities on offer. We feel this is a really practical way for you to see how we teach phonics and how you can further help your child at home.

We hope as many parents/carers as possible will attend. A small toy area will be available in the hall for younger siblings. We just ask that buggies are left in the hall when parents move to the classrooms.

Helen Lucas

Literacy Lead

MAKATON

Sign of the Week



Fireworks



Mrs Fearon, SENCo

LANGUAGE OF THE MONTH

Turkish

Hello: *Merhaba*

Goodbye: *Güle güle*

Thank you: *Teşekkür ederim*

Weekly Lunch Menus

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!



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