



MESSAGE FROM MRS LAWRENCE

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this week has treated you well. There has been a hive of activity at BHPS this week with parent forum, Y6 final preparation for SATS, photo day and David Attenborough's 100th birthday! The children enjoyed learning about David Attenborough in celebration assembly this morning by watching a video about his life.

We are seeing a steady increase in the use of devices and social media as a way for the children to communicate with each other outside of school hours. The content of such communication is often unkind, inappropriate and this has an impact on how the children interact within school. As a school, we are limited with how much we can support the children with these situations. We teach the children how to be safe online and what is appropriate and not appropriate for their ages. However, we need your support in order to stop the use of devices and social media escalating.

Children are becoming involved in friendship issues linked to online conversations, and experiencing anxiety or upset as a result of interactions on social media. These difficulties are affecting children's confidence, mental health and ability to fully access their education.

Many social media platforms have age restrictions of 13 years and above. However, children are accessing these platforms at a much younger age, often without a full understanding of the risks involved. Even seemingly harmless group chats and gaming platforms can expose children to inappropriate language, upsetting content, peer pressure and conflict that quickly spills into school.

As a school, we ask for families' support in helping children develop healthy and safe habits around technology. Regularly checking which apps, games and social media platforms children are using, monitoring group chats and online interactions, setting clear boundaries around screen time (particularly before bedtime), keeping devices out of bedrooms overnight, encouraging face-to-face play, conversation and offline activities and talking openly with children about kindness, respect and online safety are all ways to keep our children safe.

Children thrive when home and school work together. By supporting healthy device use, children are more likely to feel emotionally secure, maintain positive friendships and arrive at school ready to learn. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need support with this.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Lawrence

Headteacher and Safeguarding Lead

Stars of the Week

- ORC - Lily-Jean E
- ORB - Neave H
- 1CE - Cali-Rae K
- 1T - Jaxon J
- 2E - Eddie C
- 2M - Theo B
- 3S - Buddy W
- 3C - Willow W
- 4C - Ralph P
- 4LT - Harry M
- 5P - Violet-Mae K
- 5RKP - Maya W
- 6F - Jessie S
- 6C - Caroline T
- Aspire - Millie A

Congratulations!

*Weekly Whole School
Attendance 93.6%*

Weekly Class Attendance

*Excellent attendance 'gold'
98-100%*

*3S - 98.3%
1CE - 98.2%*

*Good attendance 'green'
96-97.9%*

*5RKP - 96.9%
1T - 96.1%
4LT - 96%*

Well Done!

House Points

*Holmes
Hawking
Rowling
Attenborough*

Dogs

A reminder that dogs are NOT allowed on site unless this has been prearranged. This includes those which are carried, in buggies and also applies to collecting from extra curricular activities and after school club.

DIARY DATES

Keep a note!

- 11th - 14th May - Year 6 SATS
- 11-14th May - 4LT Swimming
- 18-22nd May - 4C Swimming
- 19th - 22nd May - Year 6 Bikeability
- 22nd May - Own Clothes Day (in exchange for a bottle for the summer tombola)
- 3rd June - Sponsored Bounce (Friends Event - info to follow)
- 8th June - Year 1 Phonics Screening
- 12th June - Sports Day and Summer Fair
- 17th June - Reception Trip Seal Life Brighton
- 17th - 19th June - Year 4 Trip Bushcraft
- 23rd June - Year 1 Trip Godstone Farm
- 29th June - 3rd July - Year 6 Trip PGL Devon

Scooter and bikes

Please be reminded that children should not be riding their scooters or bikes beyond the white line by Martin at the entrance to the school site.

We want all of our children to be safe when riding their bikes and scooters on the way to and from school as well. There have been a number of concerns raised regarding children scooting/riding ahead of their grown ups, not stopping at roads and not being aware of pedestrians. Please can you ensure that your children are aware of how to stay safe when riding their bike or scooter.

Summer....

With the summer (hopefully!) on it's way please ensure that your child has suncream applied before coming to school, a hat on a particularly hot and sunny day and a water bottle. Hayfever is particularly rife at the moment - please ensure your child has been given the appropriate medication if required.

MAKATON

Sign of the Week



Baby

Miss Knott,
Assistant SENCo

LANGUAGE OF THE MONTH

German

Hello: Hallo

Goodbye: Verabschiedung

Thank you: Danke

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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