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Dear Parents/Carers,

It is that time of year to inform you about any changes to staff at BHPS for September and let you know which members of the team will be working with your children next year.

I start with the sad news that **Ms Claire Wythers** will be leaving us at the end of this academic year to embark on a well deserved retirement. Ms Wythers has worked for Biggin Hill Primary School for 17 years in many different roles including an LSA, a Higher Level Teaching Assistant and most recently as part of the Admin Team. Claire has been an asset to the BHPS team and she will be sorely missed by staff, children and families. I know you will all wish Ms Wythers well on her retirement adventures - believe me when I say that they will not be boring!

Mr Day will be leaving us at the end of this year as he is relocating. I am sure you will join me in thanking Mr Day for his time with us at BHPS, especially for the dedication he has shown in developing our enrichment programme, and wish him well as he furthers his career in Leeds.

Mrs Churchward is expecting her first child in August and **Miss Burgham** is expecting her second child imminently. Both Mrs Churchward and Miss Burgham will be on maternity leave next year. We look forward to sharing the joyous news of their new arrivals with you soon!

We are delighted to inform you that **Miss Emma Gray** will be joining our teaching team in the next academic year. Miss Gray completed her degree in Special Education (with First Class Honours!) in May of this year and is now ready to progress to Qualified Teaching Status. We are both pleased and proud that Miss Gray has chosen to stay at Biggin Hill Primary to start her teaching journey.

Miss Ally Pluim is joining our teaching team in Year 4 and will be joining her new class for the 'All Change' afternoon tomorrow. Ally is an Early Careers Teacher, originally from Florida, who will be completing her journey towards Qualified Teaching Status across the next two years. Ally is excited to join us at Biggin Hill Primary, please give her a warm welcome!

We are pleased to inform you that **Miss Sinead O'Mahony** will be joining the Senior Leadership Team alongside myself, Mrs Freeman and Mr Devlin in September. Miss O'Mahony will be taking the position of Assistant Headteacher and will have responsibility for the curriculum.

Returning to school in September we have **Mrs Amy Kemp** and **Mrs Clair Kennedy**. Mrs Kemp will be returning in her role as Preschool Practitioner, and Mrs Kennedy will be joining the Aspire team.

Class names for next year will be **Famous Landmarks and Places**. Throughout the first week back in the Autumn term, the children will be focusing on their class name and learning amazing facts about their landmark and the history it holds in the world.

Please see the grid below that shows the class names and teaching structure for 2022-23.



Our team of amazing LSAs will be growing next year - should you wish to join us and apply for an Learning Support Assistant role, please do so by Wednesday 13th July either by collecting an application form from the office or through the Bromley website.

As always, we thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions, queries or concerns please contact me directly.

Yours sincerely,



Kate Lawrence

Deputy Headteacher, SENCo and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Class Names and Teaching Structure for 2022-23

Reception - Pyramid	Reception - Taj Mahal
Charlotte Powell	Julie Turner / Andrew Devlin
Y1 Tim Peake → Giants Causeway	Y1 Eileen Collins → Colosseum
Jo Gilham/Sarah Clark	Christina Castledine
Y2 Greta Thunberg → Loch Ness	Y2 Eugene Clark → Royal Mile
Anna Windover/Helen Lucas	Emily Reed
Y3 Josephine Baker → Sydney Opera House	Y3 Jesse Owens → London Bridge
Emma Sanford	Linda Buchanan
Y4 Marcus Rashford → Parthenon	Y4 Lek Chailert → Mount Everest
Ally Pluim	Rebecca Elliottt
Y5 Louis Braille → Globe Theatre	Y5 Leonardo Da Vinci → Mount Fuji
Emma Gray	Emily Farrell
Y6 Ida B Wells → Orinoco	Y6 Mo Farah → Wembley
Sinead O'Mahony	Heather Wigfield
Aspire	
Debbie Mason (Lead) Ali Scriven Clair Kennedy	

