



**BIGGIN HILL**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL



# NEWSLETTER

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## MESSAGE FROM MRS LAWRENCE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the academic year 2024 - 2025! I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful summer break with your children. I have heard many of the children talking about their summer adventures and it sounds like they have made some great memories.

It was a pleasure to welcome you back on Tuesday morning. The children were excited and happy to be coming into school and I am pleased to say that this has continued throughout the week (apart from the dreaded rain!). Walking into each classroom has been a joy and I am super proud of how well the children have settled into their new classes.

This is equally true for our new members of staff. I wish to extend a warm welcome to Ms Sharrock (AHT & Y6), Mrs Fearon (SENCo), Mrs Kovacs-Pereira (Y6), Miss Penver (Y5), Mrs Turpie (Y2), Mr Cosgrave (YR) and Mrs Cook (Preschool) to our BHPS team. They have received the seal of approval from the children who have said they can stay - phew!

Mrs Snelling has been busy speaking to the children about School Council and Eco Council. Next week we will be able to share with you representatives from each class and their plan for the year.

Thank you all for such a positive first week.

Have a wonderful weekend,

*Mrs Lawrence*

Interim Headteacher and Safeguarding Lead

## Stars of the Week

Caterpillar - Whole Class  
Tiger - Whole Class  
Elmer - Romeah-Rose T & Esme G  
Chameleon - Lainey M  
Crayon - Sienna R  
Charlie Cook - Saihoon A  
Sofia Valdez - Nellie B  
Gregory Cool - Whole Class  
Chaya - Alfie I  
Ebenezer Tweezer - Hadley C  
Pevensie - Grace N  
Gelifen - Dacie C  
Fred - Joshua C  
Skellig - Henry B  
Aspire - no Aspire class this week

*Congratulations!*

*Weekly Whole School Attendance 97%*

### Weekly Class Attendance

*Excellent attendance 'gold' 98-100%*

*Caterpillar - 98.6%*  
*Tiger - 100%*  
*Elmer - 100%*  
*Crayon - 100%*  
*Pevensie - 100%*  
*Fred - 98.7%*

*Well Done!*

## Communication

### Parent Communication

This year there are some changes to communication which we hope will reduce the amount of correspondence you receive from us and ensure that everything is purposeful.

The newsletter will now be sent every two weeks - please remember to share any of your children's successes so that these can be celebrated!

In the weeks in between, parents will receive either; 'Same but Different', a Safeguarding Update or a 'Spotlight On'. Each of these publications will still share Stars of the Week, Attendance, House Points, Makaton and Language of the Week as well as key dates and information.

### Staff communication

Please remember that your class teacher is the first port of call for any concerns or worries you may have, or any information which needs to be shared about your children. All email addresses follow the same structure at BHPS - initial of first name.surname@bigginhillps.com i.e.

[k.lawrence@bigginhillps.com](mailto:k.lawrence@bigginhillps.com).

## House Points

*Holmes*  
*Rowling*  
*Attenborough*  
*Hawking*

## Tea & Tots!

Mrs Sargeant is excited to welcome you to Tea & Tots!

Wednesdays  
1.30pm - 3.00pm  
KS1 Hall.

Please speak to the office for more information or email [k.sargeant@bigginhillps.com](mailto:k.sargeant@bigginhillps.com)

## DIARY DATES

*Keep a note!*

30th September - Year 6 SATs Meeting 3.30pm KS2 Hall

2nd October - Bags to School

14th October - Mental Health Day

16th October - Cake Sale & Wear it Red for Heart Foundation

**17th October - Parent Conferences (PM)**

18th October - INSET - no children in school

**18th October - Parent Conferences (AM)**

**Half Term**

21st October - 1st November

Monday 4th November - first day of new term

## Tiger Class & Caterpillar Class

I was absolutely blown away by how well our newest recruits have settled into school life. The children have been an absolute delight and I know that Miss Turner, Mr Cosgrave, Mrs Thorpe, Miss Bentley and Mrs Bird have been so impressed!

The children have spent this week making friendships, learning their way around the school and showing us just how great they are. A big thank you to our Reception parents who have made the transition for their children as seamless as possible - your support is key in helping your children be successful and we have seen this in abundance. The start of the school year brings everyone - children, parents/carers and staff - a new beginning and is an exciting time for us all. We do understand that this time can be a little daunting for some, so if you are in need of some support please do get in touch with us via our main office - our pastoral support here for children and families is second to none!

## Roll of Honour

Please send in successes and achievement for us to share on the Roll of Honour! These can be sent to Mrs Lawrence - [k.lawrence@bigginhillps.com](mailto:k.lawrence@bigginhillps.com).

This week we are celebrating Inola, Y4, who competed at the Oxted and Edenbridge show during the August bank holiday weekend. Inola did an amazing job winning her class and then went on to win the championship!

Congratulations Inola!



## MAKATON

*Sign of the Week*



**Mrs Fearon,  
SENCo**

## LANGUAGE OF THE MONTH

*Lithuanian*

Hello: Sveiki

Goodbye: Viso gero

Thank you: Ačiū

## 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!



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