

Ready, Steady Cook

Year 2 have been finding out all about India. As part of their learning they enjoyed a session with the Fun Food Chef making Indian food. The smell in school on this day was amazing. Pleasingly, lots of children tried new foods and found out they really liked them!



NOTICE BOARD

Illness

At this time of year there are usually many viruses going around school whether it be a cough, cold or sickness bug. We do encourage good hand hygiene at school and the children are reminded to wash their hands before fruit, at lunchtime and after visiting the toilet. I would be grateful if you could reinforce at home how important it is to wash hands after visiting the toilet and model an efficient hand washing technique. In addition it is always helpful if children know to cover their nose and mouth when coughing and sneezing. Hopefully this might prevent the spread/transfer of some germs!

Before and After School Clubs

At Black Horse Hill Infant School there are a variety of after-school clubs that children can access. We have strict safeguarding procedures in place and all coaches have had the relevant DBS checks. If the coach is new to the school it is our school policy that we observe the first session to ensure that there are high expectations of the children. However, I would like to make it clear to parents/carers that there are no school staff present at these clubs and the responsibility for the safety of children, including meeting any medical/physical needs, will be the responsibility of the coaches in charge. The contract is then between the company e.g. Full of Beans and the parent/carer. Parents/carers must make sure that all relevant information about their child is communicated on the registration forms.

Coats, Hats and Gloves

As the weather gets colder all children need to have a coat in school. If children are bringing hats, gloves and scarves to school please make sure that they all have names on them. We would be grateful if you could model to your child at home how to look after their cold weather clothes by bundling them together and placing them in the sleeve or hood of their coat. Unfortunately school staff will not be able to look for lost property. Our Lost Property Box is located in the school Entrance Hall and, as always, it is bulging with many lost items.

Rainy Day Bags

Please could all children have a rainy day bag in school for when they are unable to go outside to play. Children without a rainy day bag do become upset when they see their friends with their rainy day bag toys. Colouring pencils, colouring books, play figures, travel games, snap cards, dominoes, toy cars, loom bands, McDonald's toys etc. are some suggestions to place in a rainy day bag. Expensive items should not be included.

P.E. Kits

All children need a P.E. kit in school which is clearly labelled with their name. Children without the proper P.E. kit are not permitted to use the gymnastic apparatus as there is a risk of injury. Please could children with long hair have it tied up on P.E. days. The wearing of ear-rings to school is not allowed for health and safety reasons.

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope your children had a good rest over the half-term holidays and that they are refreshed and ready for the learning challenges to come this half-term. You will have noticed that our playground has had some new equipment installed over the holiday. The children have all taken part in a safety session led by Mrs Honeybourne to learn how to use the equipment safely. It has given me great pleasure to see how the children have enjoyed trying out the different apparatus combined with how well they have followed the safety rules. I have included some pictures inside.

Mrs J Morris.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



NOVEMBER

Mon 5th	F2, Yr1 & Yr2 Flu Vaccinations (nasal spray)
Tues 6th	F2 Phonic Workshop for parents/carers (1.30pm)
Fri 9th	FOBHHS Mad Hair Day
Fri 16th	Children in Need Charity event (Non-Uniform children to wear spotty clothes)
Fri 23rd	Non Uniform Day (Donation of pre-loved toys and books)
Sat 24th	FOBHHS Christmas Fair 1pm-3pm at the Infant School
w/c 26th November	Science Week
Thurs 29th	Full Governing Body Meeting (6pm)

DECEMBER

Mon 3rd	Year 2 to Alice in Wonderland theatre production
Thurs 6th	Foundation 1 Christmas Assembly (9am)
Fri 7th	Foundation 2 Christmas Assembly (Both classes)
Sat 8th	FOBHHS Breakfast with Santa (Junior School)
Thurs 13th	Foundation 2 -12 Crafts of Christmas parent/child Workshop F2SLP-9.30-10.30am and F2BE 10.45-11.45am
Thurs 13th	Year 1 Mrs McLeod's Christmas Assembly (2.15 pm)
Fri 14th	Year 1 Mr Young's Christmas Assembly (2.15 pm)
Mon 17th	Year 2 Miss Murphy's Christmas Assembly (2.15pm)
Tues 18th	Year 2 Mrs Fitzgerald's Christmas Assembly (2.15pm)
Thurs 20th	BHHIS Christmas Party- Non-Uniform day. (School closes for Christmas)

JANUARY

Mon 7th	Staff Development Day (Teachers only)
Tues 8th	Children return to school (8.50am)

Black Horse Hill Infant School

Black Horse Hill Infant School Playground

Finally, our playground project is complete! YIPPEEEEE!! The orange fencing and mud have vanished and we have a playground the children can enjoy. I am so proud of how the children have conducted themselves during our playground project because they have abided by the rules and conducted themselves impeccably during play and lunchtimes. I've promised them a "grass party" but I haven't quite worked out what one of those looks like yet....I'll keep you informed.



As previously stated the children have all been instructed on how to use the equipment safely. I would like to politely request that this area is not used before or after school by the children or their siblings. Thank you.

Children In Need– Friday 16th November

Our Year 2 children will be planning for our Children in Need charity event on Friday 16th November. The Year 2 children design and make games, bake cakes and plan for the whole event. This introduces the children to enterprise and business at a level they can easily understand. In addition, children also get the opportunity to handle money.

We would like all children to come to school dressed in spotty clothes/accessories. In addition, we ask that they bring £1, in loose change, to school on Friday 16th November so that they can choose which Year 2 games/stalls to spend their money on. The games will be set up in the hall and the teachers will take their classes down during the day.

At the end of the day there will be a cake sale in the school playground. If you wish to send in any cakes to boost the stock we would be very grateful.



Foundation 2 Phonic Workshop

As a school we feel that one of the most important things we can do for our children is to teach them to read. Developing an understanding of phonics and the sounds that letters make in words is one of the first steps in being able to decode and blend words to read.

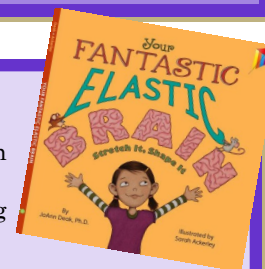
On Tuesday 6th November (1.30pm) Mrs Eccles will deliver a workshop for the parents of our Foundation 2 parents and carers so they have an understanding of how phonics is taught at Black Horse Hill Infant School. Parents/carers will also get the opportunity to work with their child to play some phonic games and activities. I would urge all parents/carers to attend this session.

Your Fantastic Elastic Brain!

At Black Horse Hill we are always modelling to our children the benefits of having a growth mindset. Examples of this would be: not giving up when facing a challenge, celebrating mistakes as they help us learn, rehearsing skills to be more accomplished and not giving up before we have even tried.

I used this fantastic book (which would make a super Christmas present) in assembly a couple of weeks ago to reinforce the growth mindset messages with the children. Amazingly, it lets the children know in an age appropriate way how different parts of the brain perform different jobs. We used a cauliflower to help us understand the different parts of the brain! The key message was about training your brain and making it stronger by practising new skills.

One Year 2 pupil was so inspired he invented a new clap to use in Celebration Assembly called the "Train your Brain" clap which we use when children have practised something to master a new skill such as using mathematics, swimming, writing etc. Ask your children to show you our new clap.



Poppies



On Thursday we had an assembly all about remembrance. We found out about how and why poppies are used to remember those people who lost their lives in war. We will be selling poppies in the playground from 8.35am this week. In addition to the traditional poppies there are also snap bands, wrist bands and reflective poppies which cost £1.

Foundation 1 Places September 2019

Is your child 3 on or before 31st August? If so, then your child is eligible for a place in our Foundation 1 class. Please contact the school office to register your interest for an F1 place. Children can attend for up to 30 hours each week.