



Monday 18th October 2021

Newsletter October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

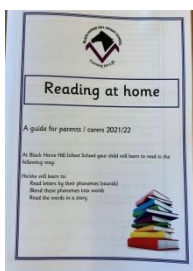
Well, I am really not quite sure where those seven weeks have disappeared to! In a blink of an eye the weeks have just whizzed by. The children are well and truly settled into their (not so) new classes and they are making the most of the wonderful learning opportunities on offer. Timetables are full and not a minute is wasted as we try and catch up on any lost learning due to Covid. Try and keep the children's reading skills ticking over during the half term holidays by reading daily. It is so important.

We have had a fabulous half term with your children and we are so pleased we can return to some normality after Covid. Thank you for your ongoing support for the school and for trusting us to do the very best for your child.

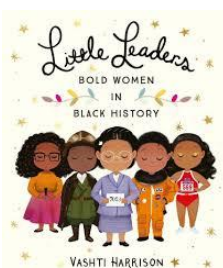
Curriculum Evenings

Thank you to all those parents/carers who attended our Curriculum Evenings a couple of weeks ago. The meetings were well attended and we have received lots of positive feedback about the information presented.

If you were not able to attend, the presentations have been placed on the school website under the Curriculum section. There is a separate section under this tab called Curriculum Presentations. Under the Curriculum section of the website you will find lots of other valuable information about the planned curriculum for your child's year group.



Thank you to Mrs McLeod for updating our Reading at Home booklet. All parents/carers should have received a copy in their child's bag. If you did not receive a copy, please contact our school office. Perhaps the principal message in this booklet is how important it is to read daily/regularly with your child. After half term we will be introducing a reading raffle in each class. Every time a child reads at home with a grown-up they can write their name on a raffle ticket and each half term a winner will be chosen to receive a lovely new book.



Assemblies

I love delivering assemblies and this half term it has been especially wonderful to be able to have all of the children in the hall once again. We do, however, deal with lots of important themes in assembly and the children understand that there is always a special message. This term we have focused on understanding why we have rules, inclusion, respect, equality and democracy (voting for our School Parliament members).

During this month (Black History Month) our assemblies will be about celebrating the lives of black men and women who have made significant contributions to our world.

There have been lots of children upholding our school values this half term....



Kindness



Excellence



Resilience and friendship



Resilience



Respect

Maths Mastery programme

As part of our work with the Maths Hub we are participating in a programme which involves training for teachers and our maths subject leader Mrs Bancroft. The aim is to improve our teaching in order to raise standards. One key aspect of the programme is an intervention to close the gaps in maths created by Covid. The Year 2 catch-up work takes place each morning at 8.45am so it is really important that our Year 2 children are in school at this time. Year 1 children take part in their catch up work straight after lunch.



This piece of equipment is called a Rekenrek (your children may have mentioned it). Using this helps children develop number sense and deepen their understanding of addition and subtraction. We are using them in our maths lessons.

Children in Need

Children in Need this year takes place on Friday 19th November. We ask that children come to school dressed in spotty/colourful clothes and that a donation for the charity is made on ParentPay. The children will take part in Pudsey related activities in their classes which will include baking for a cake

sale which will take place after school on the day. **If you can, please send cakes in on the day that we can sell.**

Lost Property

I know it is really annoying when your child loses an item of their property, especially when it is expensive like a cardigan and jumper, but it is more likely to be found if it is named. Please label all items of your children's clothing clearly with their name, so if found then the item can be easily returned to the rightful owner. Please remind your child that they must take responsibility for their property too.

Don't forget to label hats, gloves and scarves when your children start wearing them as the weather becomes colder. A top tip to keep these items safe with the coat is to teach your child to pop the gloves in the hat and then push the hat down the sleeve of the coat. Works a treat!

Forgotten Items

Please ensure that your child has everything they need for the school day when you drop them off. An increasing number of forgotten items like coats, PE kits, lunch bags and water bottles are being brought late to the school office to be taken to classes and this is disruptive to learning.

PE days for the next half term

Monday- 2EA PE day

Tuesday- F2 PE day

Thursday – 2TM PE day

Friday- Yr1 PE day

As Friday 5th November is school photograph day, please can all Year 1 children come to school that day in their school uniform and not their PE kit.

F1 School Lunch

After half term, school lunch will be available for children in F1 that attend school all day, or come into school at 12noon. Lunch will cost £2.34 and is payable in advance on ParentPay. Please make a note on ParentPay when you pay of the date your child would like the lunch.

Parking

Unfortunately, we have received complaints about the parking around school at pick up and going home times; in particular from residents in Willow Close. Please can I ask that parents park considerately and do not park on double yellow lines or over people's driveways. Please also remember to leave space for wheelchairs and prams to pass safely on pavements.

Bikes and Scooters

We encourage our children to walk, cycle and scoot to school. However, once in the school grounds we ask that children refrain from cycling or scooting in the playground, as there are too many people to manoeuvre around safely. Bikes and scooters may be stored in the cycle rack at the top of the playground, but I would advise you to lock them up.

Television

Our old television in the Out of School Club has stopped working. If anyone has an old television that they no longer use or want then we would be grateful for it.

Christmas Events

Please see below for our Christmas Events for this year.

Diary dates

Please find below the key dates for this term.

October

- W/c 18th October Parent/Teacher meetings
- Friday 22nd October- School finishes for half term.

Non-Uniform day – Please make a £1.00 donation to school fund on ParentPay

November

- Monday 1st November Staff Development day (Teachers only)
- Tuesday 2nd November – Children return to school after half term
- Tuesday 2nd November Flu Vaccinations F2-Yr2
- Friday 5th November- Photographer in school for Individual photographs
- Friday 5th November Crispy Crème Doughnut Sale (FOBHHS)
- Friday 19th November Children In Need event (**Wear spotty clothes and send in cakes if you can**)
- Thursday 25th November Full Governing Body Meeting

December

- Tuesday 7th December @2.15pm Yr1 Christmas Play Year 1CY parents
- Wednesday 8th December @2.15pm Yr1 Christmas Play Year 1DH parents
- Thursday 9th December @2.15pm Yr2 Christmas Play Year 2EA parents
- Friday 10th December @9.15-10.30 F1 Christmas Craft and Sing-a-long (parents invited)
- Friday 10th December @2.15pm Yr2 Christmas Play Year 2TM parents
- Tuesday 14th December @2.30pm F2 Christmas Play F2SLP and F2SB parents

January

- Tuesday 4th January Staff Development day (Teachers only)
- Wednesday 5th January Children return to school after the holiday

Yours sincerely,

Julie Morris
Headteacher