

Coast to Country

Many of you will remember the very successful project that we were part of with nineteen other schools from Deeside in the summer term last year. The aim of the project was to teach our children about the wonders of the Wirral and how we can play our part in protecting the animals and place where we live for the future. A large focus was also the impact of plastic on the environment.

This year we will once again highlight the important issues from the Coast to Country project but instead of creating artwork we will be working collaboratively with other schools (including the Junior School) to host a musical extravaganza at the Floral Pavilion. Our Year 2 children will be involved in this concert which takes place on 30th June so I would recommend you save this date on your calendar. More information will be available soon.



Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all had an enjoyable half-term holiday despite the appalling weather. As always we have a busy half term ahead of us. Perhaps one of the highlights of the school year is coming up soon, World Book Day. During this week we will take the opportunity to continue to immerse children in high quality literature and promote a love of reading across school. We will share some of the lovely activities happening on our school website and on twitter.

J.Morris

February 2020

NOTICE BOARD

Parent/Teacher Appointments

Our Parent/Teacher meetings are scheduled for the week commencing Monday 23rd March.

Appointments will be released on **Monday 9th March at 4pm** and parents/carers will be able to book an appointment by logging onto the school website. If you require assistance with this or you have lost your login details please contact our school office between the hours of 9am-3.45pm.

Parking

Unfortunately this term I received several letters from residents and parents highlighting the dangerous parking that has been observed at the beginning and end of the school day. Please can I ask that you park respectfully around school. Parents have also raised concerns that parents/carers are leaving their engine running whilst waiting for their children contributing to air pollution around school. Any ideas to improve the situation to this on-going issue would be welcomed.

Please note the school gates will continue to be locked at the beginning of the school day for Health and Safety reasons.

Bikes and Scooters

It is really pleasing to see so many children scooting or cycling to school especially with the issue of parking around our school. Physical activity is a fabulous way to ensure children are ready for learning in the morning. There have, however, been a couple of near misses with scooters/bikes in the school playground. I would be grateful if parents/carers would ensure that their **children don't use scooters and bikes in the playground** before and after school.

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Black Horse Hill Infant School

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



FEBRUARY 2020

Monday 24th

Children return to school (**8.50am**)

Friday 28th

Foundation 2 Vision Screening

MARCH 2020

Tues 3rd

Bed and Breakfast (Children to wear pyjamas)

Thurs 5th

World Book Day (Children dress up as book characters)

Friday 6th

Year 2 to meet author Frank Cottrell Boyce at BHHJS

w/c 16th

Neuro-diversity week

Tuesday 17th

Church Visit

w/c 23rd

Parent/Teacher Meetings

Friday 20th

FOBHHS School Disco (5.30pm-7pm)

w/c 23rd

Parent/Teacher Meetings

APRIL 2020

Wednesday 1st

Rock Steady Concert (2.30pm Invite only)

Thursday 2nd

Easter Bonnet parade

Friday 3rd

School closes for Spring break
Non-uniform (£1 donation)

Monday 20th

Children return to school (**8.50am**)

MAY 2020

Saturday 2nd

FOBHHS VE Day Street Party

Thursday 7th

Yr1 PSHE Jigsaw workshop for parents (2pm)

Friday 8th

Bank Holiday (children off)

Tuesday 19th

Foundation 1 Class Assembly (**9am**)

Wednesday 20th

Foundation 2 (Mrs Bancroft) Class Assembly (**2.15pm**)

Thursday 21st

Foundation 2 (Mrs Lucan) Class Assembly (**2.15pm**)

Friday 22nd

School closes for half-term (Non-Uniform Day-£1)

Safeguarding Information

As a school we place a high priority on making sure that our children are safe both in school and at home. To support our work in this area last half-term the children took part in the following assemblies.

National Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC)

Firstly, on 4th February the NSPCC delivered an assembly to the children. During the assembly the children met the Speak out, Stay Safe mascot, Buddy. In an age-appropriate way, it was explained to the children the different ways that they can be hurt. The children were then informed about how to speak out and get help from a trusted adult if they felt that something was making them unhappy.



Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day was on 11th February. On this day Mr Young explored with the children how to stay safe online. He showed the children a cartoon (Lee and Kim's adventure from the www.thinkuknow.co.uk website) which highlighted the following things to the children:

- *Always ask a grown-up before you use the internet.*
- *Only play online chat games with people that you know in real life.*
- *Only play games suitable for your age.*
- *Never tell anyone on the internet your name, address, phone number or school (personal information).*
- *If something makes you feel uncomfortable on the internet, switch it off and tell a trusted adult.*

Issues that your child may encounter on the internet will vary depending on their age and online activities. However, it is important that you discuss the dangers of using the internet with your child from an early age. You will find resources for parents on both of these websites www.thinkuknow.co.uk and www.nspcc.org.uk. Throughout the school year online safety is reinforced with the children during computing sessions.

Neuro-diversity Celebration Week

At Black Horse Hill we continually promote children's understanding about how we are all unique and special through assemblies, the curriculum and in circle time sessions. We aim to develop children's understanding of different faiths, beliefs, cultures and disabilities. This year we are going to be joining many other schools in celebrating Neurodiversity Week (w/c 16th March). We will raise our children's awareness that some disabilities are not always visible. Through the week we will identify positive role models in society who are Neurodiverse (i.e. have conditions such as ADHD, Autism, Dyspraxia or Dyslexia.)

In addition we are holding an "Inside Out" day on **Wednesday 18th March**. "Inside Out" day calls for us all to wear an item of clothing inside out as a way of making us think that although someone may look okay on the outside they may on the inside be feeling sad, worried or overwhelmed. Children should wear their school uniform but can wear part of it inside out for example their jumper, trousers, socks or alternatively they could wear a non-school uniform t-shirt inside out.



World Book Week

During the week commencing 2nd March there will be lots of activities to promote a love of books. In each year group the children will be looking at different authors. We will also be reinforcing the key message about the importance of reading as a skill.

Bed and Breakfast

On Tuesday 3rd March we are asking all children to come to school dressed in their pyjamas or a onesie. (Do make sure that your child will be warm enough to play outside in their clothing.) All children should bring in their **favourite book** to school and be ready to share their book over breakfast with their friends. It would really help if you could talk to your child about the book that they are bringing into school before the events so they can talk confidently about why they like it. In the latter part of the day the teachers will be choosing some of the stories to read to the children in a bedtime story session.

World Book Day

We love World Book Day! On Thursday 5th March children should come to school dressed as a character from a book. There will be a character parade in the hall and we will explore some of the characteristics of the story book characters.

Don't forget that each child will also receive a £1 book token which they can use to purchase a special £1 book at local retailers/bookshops such as Lingham's, Tesco and Sainsbury's.

It is certainly worth taking a look at the World Book Day website worldbookday.com.



Chinese New Year Celebrations

Our Year 2 children have a weekly lesson which focuses on learning Chinese Language (Mandarin) and culture. One of the main celebrations of the Chinese culture is Chinese New Year. Our Year 2 children took part in a Chinese New Year workshop.



Later on in the day, our Chinese teacher Mrs Cui presented an assembly to the whole school on Chinese New Year and some of the traditions that take place for the Chinese community during this time. Did you know that everyone has to have a haircut before the celebrations or it brings bad luck for certain family members?