

NOTICE BOARD

Uniform and Clothing

I know how frustrating it is when children lose clothing in school but often lost items are not labelled with the child's name. Clothing which is clearly labelled can be more easily reunited with its owner. Try to ensure all items of clothing are labelled with your child's name. This is particularly important if you are purchasing new summer uniform. Ideally, any school uniform request forms should be with the school office by Monday 30th April.

As the weather improves children will be doing P.E. lessons outside; please could all children have a pair of pumps or trainers in their P.E. bags.

Water bottles

Please can all children remember to bring in a named water bottle. If children have access to water in their classes it avoids interrupting learning.

Safeguarding Reminders

Just a reminder that adults should not accompany children into school at the beginning of the school day. If you need to speak to a member of staff please visit the school office.

Mobile phones should not be used inside the school building unless it is at a school event (school play) and the relevant form has been signed.

School bags

It is becoming quite difficult to fit some of the children's school bags into their trays because there are lots of decorations and adornments attached to the bags. Could you please encourage your child to de-clutter their bags and keep attachments to a minimum?

Holidays in Term time

The government advice is still that headteachers should not authorise holidays in term time unless there are exceptional family circumstances. If you do have a request please ensure that you complete a school exceptional circumstances form which is available from the school office or on our school website.

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April 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to school for the final term of this academic year. It is a term for the children to further develop and consolidate all the knowledge and skills they have learned so far this year. At our Parent/Teacher Meetings in March you will have been informed of the ways you can support your child in doing this. Let the Summer term begin!

J.Morris

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Black Horse Hill Infant School

APRIL

Mon 16th

Staff Development Day (Staff only)

Tues 17th

Children return to school (8.50am)

Mon 23rd

KS1 Fencing Club begins (8am)

MAY

Wed 2nd

FOBHHS Pamper Night

Thurs 3rd

Jigsaw Presentation (Mrs Shaw's class 2-3pm)

Friday 4th

Jigsaw Presentation (Mrs Fitzgerald's class 2-3pm)

w/c 7th May-25th May

Year 2 Statutory Assessment Tests

Mon 7th

Bank Holiday

Tues 8th

Jigsaw Presentation (Mrs McLeod 's class 2-3pm)

Thurs 10th

Jigsaw Presentation (Mr Young 's class 2-3pm)

Mon 14th

Foundation 2 Computing day with Advisory Teacher

Wed 16th

Year 1 Computing day with Advisory Teacher

Fri 18th

Royal Wedding celebration

Tues 22nd

Mrs Honeybourne's class assembly (9am)

Wed 23rd

Mrs Bancroft's/Eccles' class assembly (9am)

Thurs 24th

Mrs Lucan's class assembly (9am)

Fri 25th

School closes for half-term (3.05pm)
Non-uniform day

JUNE

Mon 4th

Staff Development Day (Staff only)

Tues 5th

Children return to school (8.50am)

w/c Mon 11th

Year 1 Phonic Screening Check

Tues 12th

Year 2 to Infant Music Festival at Wallasey Town Hall

Fri 15th

FOBHHS Non-Uniform (Sweet donation)

Parent/Carer Questionnaire

It was lovely to see so many of you at our Parent/Teacher Meetings held in March. Once again our online booking system was a great success saving both time and the planet!

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the questionnaire handed out by the staff. It is not too late to complete the questionnaire, please ask in the school office for a copy. All responses will be reviewed by staff and governors and any necessary actions will be taken to improve our school.

Tough Tommy's Travels

In assembly on Thursday 29th March the whole school joined together to have a giggle at some of the strange and wonderful outfits and accessories that the children and staff were wearing to fundraise for one of our Black Horse Hill pupils, Tom Stiles, who has sadly been diagnosed with cancer. I am pleased to share that we raised £284.91 for Tom.

Black Horse Hill Out of School Club

An Ofsted Inspection took place at our Out of School Club on 16th March 2018. Hilary and her team quite rightly are thrilled with the findings of the report which highlights "Warm relationships and exceptionally close bonds between staff and children." The report goes on to say "The team excels in promoting children's self-esteem and emotional well-being." Congratulations to the whole team! The full report has been released and you can read it at www.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports.

Royal Wedding

Unfortunately, we have not received an invite for the Royal wedding so therefore on Friday 18th May we are going to hold our own celebrations at Black Horse Hill Infant School. We ask that children come to school wearing red, white or blue (or all three colours). We are planning a range of exciting themed events which will culminate in a special afternoon tea for the children.



Home Practice Reader Books (HPRBs)

With funds raised by FOBHHS we have now bought new up to date HPRBs. These books were expensive so please look after them and ensure that they are returned to school. If books are not returned to school, staff will not issue new books to children. They are a costly resource and we don't have the funds to replace them.

Statutory Assessment of Pupils in Year 1 and 2

Year 1

Many of you will already know from attending our curriculum evenings in September that the Government require all Year 1 children to sit a statutory phonic screening check. The screening this year will take place during the week commencing 11th June 2018. Children who are now in Year 2 and did not meet the expected standard in Year 1 will re-take the assessment in this week too.

The screening check is designed to confirm whether children have learnt phonic decoding to an appropriate standard. Our children are familiar with such phonic assessments so this should not cause any distress. The screening sessions will take place on a one to one basis with a class teacher. Parents/carers will receive the results in the end of year report.

Leading up to the phonic screening check the Year 1 staff will be sending out homework and games related to phonics. It would really help your child if these activities are completed.

Year 2

During May, assessment tests will be administered to Year 2 pupils. The test will be incorporated into normal classroom practice so we hope the children will be unaware that the assessments are taking place. We would be grateful if parents/carers also do not focus too much of their child's attention on these assessments because they form only a small part of the child's assessment profile. Once completed our teachers will use the Key Stage 1 test results to help them to reach an overall judgement of the standards children have reached in English Reading, English Writing and Mathematics. You will also receive a teacher assessment judgement for Science, but there is no science test. You will receive this information in your child's end of year report.

New information leaflets and videos have been produced for parents/carers by the Standards and Testing Agency. I will send out a copy of the leaflet to parents/carers of children in Year 2. If you would like to watch the video please visit www.gov.uk and search for videos about SATs for Key Stage 1. If you require any further information please speak to your child's class teacher.