

Big Battery Hunt

Our school has registered to take part in the Big Battery Hunt. Each class has a battery recycling box to collect used batteries from school and at home. We are only collecting AAA, AA, C and D batteries for this activity. These batteries can be brought into school and placed into the class collection containers. Every school that collects batteries will be entered into a big prize draw. Perhaps more importantly of course is that it means we are doing our bit to save the environment and help our children understand the part they play.



NOTICE BOARD

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS)

This service are running a parent workshop called **"Supporting Parents to support their child develop resilience and positive emotional well being"** on Thursday 6th June at 9.30am-11am in the school hall. Information will be sent to parents nearer the time about booking a place.

Parent/Teacher Appointments

Our Parent/Teacher meetings are scheduled for the week commencing Monday 18th March.

Following the success of our online booking system we will once again be using this system to book appointments. Appointments will be released on Monday 4th 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.

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.

Term dates 2019/2020

The dates for the academic year 2019/20 are now on the school website. Staff Development days have been included.

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February 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

We started this year by setting a New Year's resolution for Black Horse Hill Infants in assembly. The resolution was to try new things and not to give up before we have even tried. I'm thrilled to report that the children have risen to this challenge and when visiting each class I have been impressed with the excellent attitudes and resilience the children show when faced with learning new skills. As I was showing a visitor around our school a Year 1 pupil said "The work's hard in here you know but we keep trying and then we get it." I couldn't have said it better myself! Keep reinforcing our New Year's resolution at home to encourage your child to try new foods, new sports, etc.

Mrs J. Morris

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



FEBRUARY 2019

Monday 25th	Children return to school (8.50am)
Thursday 28th	Happy Puzzle Company (3.20pm Parent Workshop)

MARCH 2019

Tues 5th	Onesie Upon a Time (Children in Onesies/PJs)
Wed 6th	Author Visit
Thurs 7th	World Book Day (Children dress up as book characters)
Friday 8th	FOBHHS Non-Uniform Day (Chocolate donation)
Monday 11th	Foundation 2 children vision screening
Friday 15th March	FOBHHS Chocolate Bingo at Junior School
w/c 18th March	Parent/Teacher Meetings
Thursday 21st March	Full Governing Body Meeting
Wednesday 27th March	Art Exhibition in hall (3.15pm-6.30pm)
Friday 29th March	School closes for Spring break Non-uniform (free!)

APRIL 2019

Monday 15th	Children return to school (8.50am)
Thurs 18th	Easter Bonnet parade
Friday 19th	Good Friday (children off)
Mon 22nd	Easter Monday (children off)

MAY 2019

Thursday 2nd	Yr1 PSHE Jigsaw workshop for parents (2pm)
Monday 6th	Bank Holiday (children off)
Tuesday 21st	Foundation 1 Class Assembly (9am)
Wednesday 22nd	Foundation 2 (Mrs Bancroft) Class Assembly (2.15pm)
Thursday 23rd	Foundation 2 (Mrs Lucan) Class Assembly (2.15pm)
Friday 24th	School closes for half-term (Non-Uniform Day-£1)

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Safer Internet Day (February 2019)

The internet is very much part of our lives now. At the click of a button we can check a spelling, research a medical complaint, book a holiday, find a recipe and much, much more. Despite being such a useful tool we know that the internet can pose a threat to children of any age.

On 5th February it was Safer Internet Day and in our school assembly we explored with the children how to stay safe online. These are the top tips we shared with 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.

The children have been asked not to bring watches which take photographs, play games or make phone calls into school. Step counting/fitness watches are allowed.

Number Week

A big thank you to Mrs Fitzgerald for leading and organising our Maths Week earlier this term.

Disappointingly, the Happy Puzzle Company were not able to join us as scheduled on Monday 28th January due to staff absence. They are however joining us for the day on Thursday 28th February when they will work with each class throughout the day and then run the after school parent workshop from 3.20pm-4.50pm. You should have received a letter about this.

The school hall was full for Mrs Fitzgerald's presentation about how Maths is taught at Black Horse Hill and how the Ten Frame is used to develop mathematical understanding. The feedback we received was very positive with many parents commenting on how useful it was to work alongside their child in the classroom.

Congratulations to Honey (F1), Sophia (F2), Bobby (F2), Ewan (Yr1), Emily (Yr1), Georgia (Yr2) and Sam (Yr2) who were the winners of the maths homework competition. They each received a Snakes and Ladders game. All entries are displayed in the Entrance Hall.

World Book Week



During the week commencing 4th March there will be lots of activities to promote a love of books.

On Tuesday 5th March we are asking all children to come to school dressed in their pyjamas or a onesie.

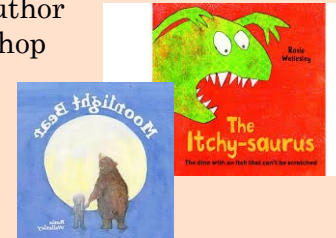
Please make sure that your child will be warm enough to play outside in their clothing. The children will be

having lots of super stories read to them throughout the day.

On Wednesday we are delighted to host an author event in school organised by Lingham's bookshop

(Heswall). We will be joined by

author Rosie Wellesley. The children will have the opportunity to hear her talk about being an author and also have the opportunity to purchase one of her books.



Certainly listed as one of the children's favourite days of the year -

World Book Day (Thursday 7th March this year). We ask that all children come to school dressed as a character from a book. If you need a little inspiration try looking on www.worldbookday.com or Pinterest for ideas.

These are just a few of the things happening during this week. You will receive more details from our English Subject leader, Miss Murphy, in a letter which is coming home soon.

FOBHHS News

Recently we were thrilled to receive a cheque from FOBHHS for £6,500. This money has been raised by the committee members organising wonderful events and by you showing your support and attending them. This, along with the £500 raised from our Nativity performance collections, will be used to purchase some new ICT equipment (iPads) for the children to use in school. One of our school improvement priorities for this year is to improve the use of ICT across all curriculum areas. From all of us here at the school, a massive thank you to the committee and to all of you!

Art Exhibition

Save the date! There will be an art exhibition in school on Wednesday 27th March from 3.15pm-6.30pm displaying unique pieces of art work (created by your children!). More details to follow.