

NOTICE BOARD

Parking

There is an increasing number of parents/carers using the school and Annexe car park to drop off children at the beginning and end of the school day. This is causing difficulties for staff members who start around this time to get into the school car park. From now on our school gates will be closed daily and only those people who have a prior arrangement with school will be allowed access. Sadly, I have recently received a couple of complaints from some of the residents and other parents who have reported that parents/carers have been parking across driveways and driving inconsiderately. Please park safely and respectfully when dropping off and collecting your children from school.

Illness

Please remember that if your child has been sick or has had diarrhoea they should not attend school. The Health Protection Agency guidance, which we follow, says that 48 hours should pass after the last bout of sickness before a child should return to school. Keep reinforcing good hand washing techniques at home to keep those bugs and viruses at bay!

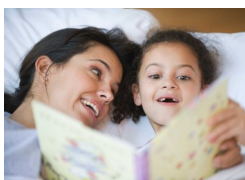
Learning Mentor

Miss Tracy Cross is our school Learning Mentor. She works with children across the school to support their emotional well-being. Miss Cross can also offer support to parents with a range of issues such as behaviour and anxiety. If you would like to talk to Miss Cross please contact the school office.

Reading

Remember to keep reading with your child over the holidays. It is important that new skills are continually reinforced.

**Happy Christmas.
See you in 2020!**



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December 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

The end of term is quickly approaching. Black Horse Hill Infants is bursting with festive cheer as the children practise their Christmas plays, make Christmas decorations/cards and talk about the antics of the naughty elves at home. I am quite shocked at the behaviour of some of your Christmas elves!

May I take this opportunity to wish you and your children a wonderful Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year.

Mrs J Morris

Black Horse Hill Infant School

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



DECEMBER 2019

Friday 20th

Dates for Christmas plays/activities listed on a separate letter.

School closes for the Christmas holiday (3.05pm)
Non-Uniform Day (Warm party clothes)

JANUARY 2020

Monday 6th

Staff Development Day (Teachers only)

Tuesday 7th

Children return to school (8.50am)

FEBRUARY 2020

Tuesday 4th

NSPCC Stay Safe assembly

Tuesday 11th

Safer Internet day

Friday 14th

Children finish for Half-Term holidays (3.05pm)
(Non-Uniform £1 donation)

Monday 24th

Children return to school (8.50am)

MARCH 2020

Thursday 5th

World Book Day (Children dress up as story characters)

w/c Monday 23rd

Parent/Teacher meetings

Tuesday 24th

Full Governing Body Meeting

APRIL 2020

Wednesday 1st

Rock Steady Concert 2.30pm

Thursday 2nd

Easter Bonnet parade

Friday 3rd

Non-Uniform (£1 donation to school fund)
Children finish for Spring Break

Monday 20th

Children return to school (8.50am)

w/c 27th April

Cultural week (details to follow)

MAY 2020

Saturday 2nd May

FOBHHS VE Day Street Party

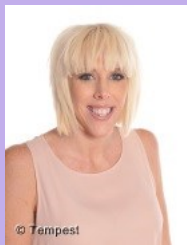
Mon 4th– Fri 22nd

Year 2 Statutory Assessment Tests

Staff News

Mrs Eccles, one of our Foundation 2 teachers, is leaving us at the end of this term to take up a position at West Kirby Residential School. Mrs Eccles has worked at the school for thirteen years and has made a significant contribution to the Early Years curriculum at Black Horse Hill. She will be greatly missed by both the children and staff at school but we wish her every success in her new role. Good luck Jess!

From January, Mrs Bancroft will return to Foundation 2 to teach F2BE.



Many of you will know that Mrs Honeybourne has been absent from school this term because sadly she lost her husband to cancer in the summer holidays. She is hoping to return to work in the new year and I know our Black Horse Hill family will be supportive of her.

Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone who attended our Christmas Fair and special thanks to everyone who helped out at the event or provided raffle prizes. A spectacular £1,800 was raised for both schools.



Children in Need

Mrs Harris sent off a cheque for £468.42 to Children in Need last month. This money was raised by the Year 2 children designing games for the rest of the school to play and a cake sale held at the end of the school day. Well done!

Lost Property

I know how frustrating and expensive it can be when children lose things at school. Our children are encouraged to look after their property and place jumpers, cardigans etc on their pegs. In assembly we have spent time modelling how to keep hats, gloves and scarves together to prevent them getting lost. Unavoidably, items do end up in the Lost Property Box and at the moment it is overflowing. It is impossible, however, to return lost items to children if they don't have a name in. There are brand new items of clothing in the box that we can't return to their owner. Items of lost property (weather dependent) will be on display in the playground next week so do check if anything belongs to your child. Please remember to name your children's clothing and any belongings they bring to school.

Extra Curricular Clubs

These are the clubs scheduled for next term. Letters will be sent out in January for you to register your child. If your child is on the Free School Meals Register and you require financial support for your child to attend one of the clubs listed below, please contact the school office.

Monday 3.05pm – Tennis (Year 1 and 2)

Tuesday 3.05pm – Dance Around the World (starts 14th January)

Wednesday afternoon 1pm onwards – Rock Steady Music

Wednesday 3.05pm - Multi Skills (starts 15th January)

Thursday 3.05pm – Football

These clubs are delivered by private providers and any issues arising from your child's attendance at these clubs should be discussed with the provider.

Attendance and Punctuality

Every day in school can make a difference to a child's future, which is why regular and high attendance in school is vital.

The #EveryDayCounts campaign is a council and partner campaign to improve school attendance in Wirral to achieve better outcomes for children and young people.

Wirral Council, along with a number of partner agencies, community organisations and schools are working together to encourage parents to do all they can to encourage regular attendance, or speak out if they need advice or support.

The benefits of regular school attendance includes:

- learning and exploring a variety of subjects and topics
- chance of making friends
- gaining skills for life that create opportunities to succeed and enjoy life in adulthood
- higher chance to gain qualifications
- positive impact on mental and physical well-being

Next week you will receive your child's attendance report for the term. Here is a quick reminder of what it means. **Green = Good—96% attendance or above**, **Amber = Cause for concern 90-95.9% attendance** and **Red = Serious concern—Below 90% attendance**. Attendance will be reviewed and parents of those children with attendance below 90% will be invited to a meeting next term. I do understand that some children have been ill this term and this will be considered when reviewing all attendance.

Thank you to all our parents and carers who ensure that their child is in school on time in the morning. This means that your child starts the day positively, in the right frame of mind for quality learning, hearing the key morning messages from the class teacher. **Please note if children are late more than 10 times after registers have closed a Fixed Penalty Notice (£60) may be issued to parents/carers.**

Occasional lateness is also acceptable when collecting children at the end of the school day. We fully understand that parents/carers may get stuck in traffic or that there is an unforeseen circumstance. However some parents/carers are regularly late and teaching staff are waiting up to 15 minutes for some children to be collected at the end of the school day. As it is becoming an issue it was discussed at one of our Governors' meetings and a decision was made that if children are regularly not collected on time, a letter will be issued to parents and if there is no improvement then children will be collected by our Out of School Club and parents will be charged a late collection fee. **School finishes at 3.05pm.**

