

Staff Development Days for the Academic Year 2019-2020

- **Monday 2nd September 2019**
- **Tuesday 3rd September 2019**
- **Monday 6th January 2020**
- **Monday 1st June 2020**
- **Monday 20th July 2020**

Attendance Matters!

Please do not book holidays during term time– term dates for 2019-2020 are on the school website. Attendance in school is important for ensuring your child makes good progress across the year. Key events for the year will be listed on the website early in September.



School Uniform

Often, parents/carers buy new uniform ready for the start of the academic year. Please remember to label your children's clothing so any lost items can be returned easily to their owner. Due to a shortage of space on children's pegs we would be grateful if you would not buy large school bags. Our purple school bags or similar are ideal because they fit into trays in the classroom and are easily accessible for reading books etc. during the day.

In addition, please remember that children should not wear earrings to school.

Parent/Carer Questionnaires

Thank you to all the parents/carers who have taken the time to complete our end of year parental questionnaires. The questionnaires will be reviewed over the Summer and feedback will be given to parents and our Governing Body in the Autumn term. We will of course use your views to further improve school life for the children at Black Horse Hill Infant School.



Stay safe and have a fabulous summer holiday everyone!
See you on 4th September!

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July 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

The summer holidays will soon be upon us. May I take this opportunity to thank parents/carers, governors, FOBHTS and of course our staff for the part that they have played in ensuring that we have had another successful year at Black Horse Hill Infant School. By working closely together we are able to secure the best possible outcomes for our children. Sadly, we have to say goodbye to our Year 2 children and their families as they move to the Junior School. They have been a fantastic year group and they will be missed by us all.

Enjoy your summer, wherever you go or whatever you are doing and I look forward to seeing you all refreshed in the new term.

J.Morris

Diary Dates



July

Wed 24th School closes for Summer holidays
3.05pm

September

Monday 2nd Staff Development day (Teachers only)

Tuesday 3rd Staff Development day (Teachers only)

Wednesday 4th Children return to school (8.50am)

Wed 18th Foundation 2 Curriculum Evening (6pm)

Wed 25th Year 1 Curriculum Evening (6pm)

Thurs 26th Year 2 Curriculum Evening (6pm)

October

Fri 25th Children finish school for half-term (3.05pm)
Non-Uniform £1 donation

November

Mon 4th Children return to school (8.50am)

Fri 8th Individual School Photographs

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Coast to Country Project



Our school has been involved with an amazing project this term. The Coast to Country project involves not just our school but nineteen schools from the Deeside area. In summary, the aim of the project was to raise our children's awareness and appreciation of where we live and how we can make a difference to the world by reducing our single plastic use.

To launch the project in our school, every child had the opportunity to create a creature from the sea. Gradually, the children's fish were replaced by plastic. Although upsetting to see their creation disappear, it was even more difficult for them to hear the message in an assembly that by 2050 there will be more plastic in the ocean than fish. The children also heard a story about a sea turtle who became ill because of plastic pollution. We will continue working on our plastic pledge in school.

In each year group the children have been participating in the project. Here are a few of the things that the children have been doing. Our Foundation Stage children have been learning all about hedgehogs and how they are becoming endangered. F1 even had a visit from a real hedgehog called Herman. Whilst in Year 1 the children have visited B+M Waste to learn about recycling. They have also studied the bird life in our school grounds and visited Ness Gardens. Moreover, our Year 2 children, as part of the project, have visited Hoylake beach and found out about the RNLI. They have also worked with the Year 3 children from our Junior School to create posters to ask people to not drop litter. Finally, they wrote a persuasive letter to McDonald's to ask that they stop putting plastic toys in their Happy Meals. The children have really impressed us all in school with their views about the issues we have discussed and many parents have shared that the children have been talking at home about it too.



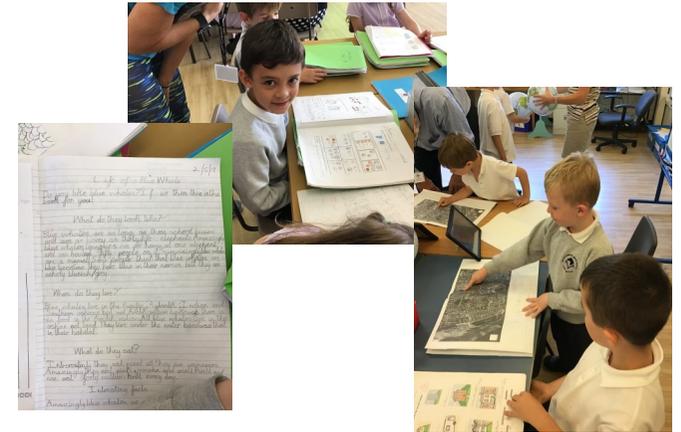
In addition, every school contributed to an Art Exhibition at the Williamson Art Gallery which linked with the project themes. These children represented our school and they met the Mayor at the event. The exhibition is open until September.

And finally, a short film involving all of the schools and the work they have done has been compiled and is on our school twitter feed/website. It really is worth a watch.

Governor Walk Around

On Tuesday 16th July several members of our Governing Body came to visit school.

The main purpose of the visit was for governors to look at the standard of children's work in books and to look at how we meet the requirements of the National Curriculum. During the visit, the children from Foundation 1 to Year 2 showed their work and talked about what they had enjoyed learning about during the year. The children were, quite rightly, very proud of what they had achieved and they really enjoyed sharing this information with governors. Pleasingly, every child our governors spoke to said that they enjoyed school and that they felt safe. It was a lovely morning for all involved. Thank you to our governors.



Summer Reading

Please try to continue to read with your child over the summer holidays. Reading for five-ten minutes every day will mean that the reading skills they have learned over the year will stay with them. Perhaps you could look at some of your child's favourite books in their school Bug Club account or you might like to join the summer reading challenge which is run by local libraries. This year the reading challenge is called Space Chase which celebrates the 50th Anniversary of the moon landings. In September the children who have read six or more books during the holidays are awarded a certificate and medal. For more information pop into the library or visit www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk. It is completely free!

Staff Goodbyes

It isn't just our Year 2 children leaving us at the end of this term. Mr Dagnall is leaving us to take up a teaching position at Irby Primary School. Good Luck Mr D! Mrs Wilkinson, one of our Midday Supervisory Assistants, is also moving on to work at Black Horse Hill Junior School. We wish them both the very best of luck in their new roles.