NOTICE BOARD

Job Vacancies

We are currently advertising two job vacancies for posts in our Out of School Club. We require a Deputy Out of School Club Manager and a Childcare worker. If you are interested in either of these positions please contact our school office or look at www.wirral.gov.uk/jobs-and-training for further information.

School Lunches

Our school menu is based on a three week cycle. Children are able to choose a hot meal or jacket potato each day. There is also a deli option on Tuesday and Thursday. If you would like to view the food choice on offer, you will find the menus on our school website, or alternatively pop into the school office and we can provide you with a copy. Next week (week commencing 30.9.17), we are on Week 2.

If you send your child into school with a packed lunch we would be grateful if you do not include any nuts, peanut butter or houmous as some of our children have <u>severe</u> allergies to these products. Small foods such as grapes, olives and cherry tomatoes should be cut in half. We also ask that fizzy drinks, chocolate bars or sweets are not included in children's packed lunches.

Playground

For Health and Safety reasons please do not let your child play on the outdoor play equipment before and after school.

School bags

Ideally, children should have a purple Black Horse Hill Infant School bag because it is easily stored in children's trays and readily opened. Teachers are reporting that children are struggling with other types of bags to get reading books, letters and other items out quickly plus they take up a lot of space on corridor pegs. If your child doesn't already have one, I would be grateful if you would consider your child using a purple school bag.

Parking

For the safety of our children, parents/carers are asked to park safely at all times when dropping off and collecting children. Please be respectful to the local residents and avoid parking across their drives. Parking in the staff car park is not permitted.

Audio/Vision Screening

All children in Foundation 2 will have their hearing and vision checked by the NHS. Consent letters will be sent out to all children.

School Nurse

We have a school nurse allocated to our school. The school nurse is able to talk to you about any medical concerns you have about your child. Speak to a member of school staff if you would like us to make a referral to the school nurse.

Illness

If your child is unwell please contact the school office before 9.30am to let us know why they are unable to attend school that day. Please be aware that we have guidance to say that following a sickness, vomiting or diarrhoea bug children should not return to school until 48 hours have lapsed since the last episode.

Medicines

Parents/carers need to complete a consent form (available from the school office) for all medicines administered in school. Please note that apart from continuous daily medication, only medicine which requires four or more doses a day will be given. Parents/carers must take responsibility for collecting the medicine at the end of the day.

Bikes and Scooters

We encourage our children to walk, cycle and scoot to school. However, once in the school grounds we ask that children refrain from cycling or scooting in the playground as there are too many people to manoeuvre around safely. Bikes and scooters may be stored in the cycle rack at the top of the playground but I would advise you to lock them

up. Baby Play

Children's Centre Services will soon be running sessions for babies and pre-school children from our school annexe on a Tuesday. For more information contact Pensby Children's Centre on 666-4819 or look at wirral.gov.uk website.

Dogs on site

We do not allow dogs to enter the school site even if they are being carried by their owner. Website

To visit our website please go to www.blackhorsehillinfant.co.uk

schooloffice@blackhorsehill-infant.wirral.sch.uk

Our school also has a Twitter account and school information/events are "tweeted" regularly.

<u>Contact us</u>

Tel: 0151 625 5238 Fax: 0151 625 9041 **Email:**





Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had an amazing start to our school year. The children look incredibly smart in their uniforms and they are approaching new learning in their classes with enthusiasm and positivity. I very much look forward to working in partnership with you over the forthcoming year. Do remember, like you, we want the very best for all our pupils and if you have any concerns about your child don't hesitate to contact us. The best time to speak to the teachers is at the end of the school day when they have seen the children out or alternatively you can contact the school office by phone or email to arrange an appointment. J.Morris

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



SEPTEMBER	
Wed 25th	Year 1 Curriculum Evening (6pm)
Thurs 26th	Year 2 Curriculum Evening (6pm)
Fri 27th	FOBHHS Back to School Disco (5.30-7pm)
OCTOBER	
8th October	St Michael's and All Angels church visit
19th October	Nearly new sale FOBHHS 11am-1pm
w/c 21st October	Parent/Teacher Meetings
Fri 25th	Non-Uniform Day (£1 voluntary donation to school fund) School closes for half-term holiday (3.05pm)
Fri 25th	Fun Food Chef (Yr2)
NOVEMBER	
Mon 4th	Children return to school (8.50am)
Fri 8th	Individual School Photographs
Tues 12th	F2 Phonic Workshop for parents (1.30pm)
Fri 15th	Children in Need Charity event (Non-Uniform—Wear Spotty clothes)
Thurs 21st	F2, Yr1, Yr2 Flu vaccinations
Saturday 23rd Nov	Christmas Fair at BHHIS (1-3pm)
Thurs 28th	Full Governing Body Meeting (6pm)
DECEMBER	
Mon 9th	F2 to Chester Zoo
Wed 11th	F1 Christmas Nativity (9am)

Please note a list of events for the school year are listed on our school website.



School Improvement Priorities

At Black Horse Hill Infant School we are very lucky to have a hard-working, committed staff, wonderful children, dedicated governors and highly supportive parents/carers. It is because of all of these factors that we have much to celebrate at our school. It was really pleasing to know from your parental questionnaires that you also feel that we are doing a good job. Here just a few of the positive comments we received in July.

"Our daughter is incredibly happy at BHHIS. She literally skips into school every day! The school's ethos of kindness, consideration and hard work (fun) is evident in everything they do."

"We are really happy with ***'s progress at school. She truly loves going to school, her appetite for learning is growing and her teacher has done a fantastic job of keeping her engaged and continually learning more. My main priority is for my kids to be happy at school as from there they can learn well. At BHH, *** is so happy, she's learning brilliantly."

" I could not have been more pleased with the opportunities, care and support ***** has had in F1"

Also, during our Governor walk around our children across school spoke very positively about enjoying their learning and feeling safe in school.

However, we are always trying to improve what we do to achieve the best outcomes for our pupils and this year is no different. Feedback from parents/carers will be considered at our governing body meetings and any further actions needed will be taken.

Additionally, we review school data and compare ourselves against Wirral and National standards so priorities are set from this comparison too. In order for you to support us in achieving our priorities I have listed them below:

1. To review our whole school curriculum to ensure it is coherent and provides our children with the knowledge, skills and attitudes they need to be successful now and in the future.

- 2. To continue to improve standards in mathematics.
- 3. To ensure all learners achieve their potential.

Parents/carers often ask how they can help and my advice is to read to your child, talk to them about books and listen to your child read as frequently as possible because this will help them develop a love of reading and widen their vocabulary. Vocabulary

development is key to understanding all subjects of the curriculum. Completing the maths activities on your child's homework will consolidate key mathematical concepts taught in school.

<u>Uniform</u>

Thank you. The children look very smart in their school uniforms. I do feel it is important that our school uniform is adhered to. Variations in colours of cardigans, jumpers and footwear can lead to children wearing inappropriate attire for school and unsuitable footwear may compromise their safety. I also know that if children are wearing "alternative" clothing it can be difficult for other parents/carers to reinforce that school uniform needs to be worn e.g. "but ——-wears a pink cardigan to school." Jewellery, including earrings, should also not be worn. Extreme hairstyles/ hair accessories are also to be discouraged.

As many of you will be aware our "Lost Property Box" is often overflowing with clothing. Please ensure that all clothing is labelled, including P.E. kits, so that property can be returned to its rightful owner. I would also request that every child has a water bottle in school.

*********************** Golden Rules At Black Horse Hill Infant School, the children follow the Golden Rules to make our ☆ school a safe and happy place to be. If children follow the Golden Rules all week they \checkmark are rewarded with Golden Time. Here are our Golden Rules: ☆ ☆ Always keep hands, feet and objects to yourself ☆ ☆ ☆ Always be kind and helpful Always work hard ☆ Always look after property ☆ ☆ Always listen to people ☆ ☆ Always tell the truth ☆ ☆ Super Golden Rule: Always do what a grown-up in school asks first time \checkmark \checkmark If your child has not followed any of the Golden Rules a letter will be sent home and they will miss some Golden Time. We will invite parents/carers into school of any child who is repeatedly missing Golden Time to identify ways we can improve behaviour. ☆ ☆ ☆ For further information please refer to our Behaviour/Assertive Discipline Policy which is available on the school website. ☆ *****

Celebration Assembly

As part of our Behaviour/Assertive Discipline Policy, on Wednesdays, we hold a special assembly to celebrate children's achievements at home and school. At this assembly children are awarded special trophies for kindness, excellence or for setting a good example to others in the hall. To raise the profile of maths across the school (in line with our school priorities) teaching staff are also acknowledging children's efforts in Mathematics so we now have a Maths Award. Please can we ask that if your child is awarded a trophy that they return it to school on a Monday or Tuesday of the following week. If the trophy is not returned it does mean another child misses out on the opportunity to take home the trophy. If your child has been awarded a certificate for swimming, gymnastics, dancing, football or any other activity, please bring them to school on a Wednesday so that they can show the rest of the school.

Attendance and Punctuality

Soon you will receive our "**Attendance Matters**" leaflet which outlines how important it is for children to attend school. I would also like to remind parents/carers that, following a new government policy, holidays cannot be authorised in term times. Authorisation will only be given when the circumstances for requesting the absence from school are exceptional.

May I take this opportunity to convey to parents/carers that punctuality is also very important and children should be in school for registration at 8.55am. Repeated lateness has a significant impact upon children's reading skills because our Letters and Sounds phonics programme is taught first thing each morning. If children are late on ten or more occasions a Fixed Penalty Notice may be issued by the Local Authority and the Education Social Welfare Officer will become involved.

School doors open at 8.40am (8.45 for F1) and they will be closed at 8.50am. Registration will take place at 8.55am.

Keeping children in our school safe is of paramount importance to us and I appreciate your co-operation in adhering to the following guidelines at the beginning of the day:

- Ensure your child is inside the school building before leaving the playground. Once your child is in the school building staff will take responsibility for your child's safety.
- Try to avoid speaking to the class teachers at the beginning of the school day. Instead ask to speak to them at the end of the day. If the matter is urgent please telephone school and arrangements will be made for you to speak to a member of school staff.
- Report to the main office if you need to come into the school building.