

## NOTICE BOARD

### Foundation 1 places for September 2019

If you have a child born between 1.09.2015 and 31.08.2016 and you require a place for Foundation 1 in September 2019 please contact the school office to register your interest in a place. We can offer up to 30 hours provision.

### Parking

There are an increasing number of parents/carers using the school car park to drop off children who are late for school. 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 around school who have reported that parents/carers have been parking across their driveway. Please park safely and respectfully when dropping off and collecting your children from school.

### Medicines

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

If your child is asthmatic, please ensure that they have an inhaler and spacer in school and relevant staff are informed.

### Illness

Please remember that if your child has been sick 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 handwashing techniques at home to keep those bugs and viruses at bay!

**Happy Christmas everyone!**  
**See you in 2019.**



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**December 2018**

**Black Horse Hill Infant School**

*Dear Parents/Carers,*

It is hard to believe that we are already in December because the weeks go so quickly in school. There has however been no lack of Christmas cheer at Black Horse Hill. The corridors and classrooms have been filled with Christmas songs, Christmas conversations and oodles of glitter (much to the dismay of Mr Pritchard and our cleaners!). I hope you enjoyed the new Christmas plays as much as I did. The children certainly made us all proud with their great acting, singing and dancing.

Many thanks for all your support this term. I wish you and your children a wonderful Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year. See you on 8th January!  
Mrs J Morris



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### DECEMBER 2018

Thursday 20th School closes for the Christmas holiday (3.05pm)  
Non-Uniform Day (Warm party clothes)

### JANUARY 2019

Monday 7th Staff Development Day ( Teachers only)

Tuesday 8th Children return to school (8.50am)

Friday 18th FOBHHS Games Night

w/c 28th Maths Week

### FEBRUARY 2019

Friday 1st Infant Disco 5.30-7pm

Friday 15th Children finish for Half-Term holidays (3.05pm)  
(Non-Uniform £1 donation)

Monday 25th Children return to school (8.50am)

### MARCH 2019

Thursday 7th World Book Day (Children dress up as story characters)

Friday 8th Non-Uniform (chocolate donation)

Friday 15th FOBHHS Chocolate Bingo (at Junior School)

w/c Monday 18th Parent/Teacher meetings

Thursday 21st Full Governing Body Meeting

Friday 29th Children finish for Spring Break  
(Non-Uniform £1 donation)

### APRIL 2019

Monday 15th Children return to school (8.50am)

Friday 19th-22nd Easter weekend

Tuesday 23rd Children return to school (8.50am)

### MAY 2019

w/c Wed 1st -24th Year 2 Statutory Assessment Tests

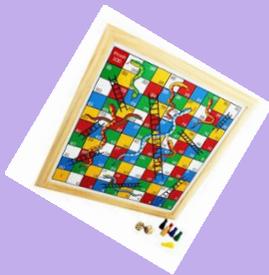
Thursday 2nd Yr1 parents Personal, Social and Health Education workshop

### Maths Week

Our whole school focus this year is on raising children's attainment in Maths. We continue to use a mastery approach to teach children Maths which starts in our Foundation 1 class and is built upon across the school. When teaching for mastery, children are given the opportunity to really understand the mathematical concepts by first using concrete apparatus such as numicon. This understanding is then developed through the lesson so pupils have a deep understanding of the maths being taught. In each lesson children will also develop their mathematical fluency and ability to reason about numbers.

In our Maths week, which will take place week commencing 28th January, we would like our parents/carers to come into school and find out about how maths is taught in school. There will be two opportunities: Monday 28th January between 3.20pm and 5pm and Tuesday 29th January between 1.30pm and 3pm so pencil these dates in your diaries. Further information about these sessions will be sent out in the new year.

Parents often ask how they can help at home with their child's maths. My advice would be to play games which involve using number in a fun way such as Snakes and Ladders, dominoes, darts (magnetic) plus other commercially produced games such as Pop to the Shop. Also great for fluency is using playing cards to recognise and order numbers, add one more/less, deal 3 cards and find the total (winner has highest total), deal two cards and find the difference (winner has the greatest difference), add 10/subtract 10, double numbers, multiply numbers by 2. There are huge benefits to quick recall of number facts too so do practise recalling number pairs for each number, one more/less and in Year 2 multiplication facts for the 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables. Finally, don't forget to use Mathletics because this really helps with quick recall of numbers.



### 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 on Wednesday morning. Do check if anything belongs to your child. Please remember to name your children's clothing and any belongings they bring to school.

### Staff news

Congratulations to Mrs Eccles who gave birth to her son Zachary Joel Eccles on Saturday 8th December. Both mother and baby are doing well.

### After School Sport Clubs

These are the sports clubs scheduled for next term. Letters will be sent out in January for you to register your child.

**Monday**– Tennis (Year 1 and 2)

**Tuesday**– Multi-skills (Foundation 2 only) starts 15th January.

**Wednesday**– Dance around the World (Year 1 and 2) starts 16th January.

**Thursday**– 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

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.**



I also very much appreciate the parents/carers who are informing us why their child is not at school on the first day of their child's absence. This follows the procedures set out in our Attendance Policy which is available on the school website.

This 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.

### Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone who attended our Christmas Fair and special thanks to everyone who helped out at the event. A spectacular £2,200 was raised for both schools. We want to buy new computing equipment for school.