



Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2020

### **Newsletter 1: September 2020**

Dear Parents and Carers,

The return to school for all of our children and Black Horse Hill families has been very successful. Thank you all for adhering to the new procedures that we have put in place for the beginning and end of the school day. Although quite complicated, most families have been in the right place at the right time. Phew!

Similarly, I couldn't be more proud of the children! They appear to be skipping into school, ready for learning, absolutely delighted to be reunited with their friends. All classes are very settled, even the newest children to school in Foundation 1 and 2. Amazing.

#### **Before and after school**

One of our systems that we have in place for our F1 and F2 children is that they are accessing the building via the school car park. Please can I ask parents/carers to keep their children near and closely supervised in case of any cars coming into the car park.

Please can I remind parents/carers of the following guidelines for the main school playground:

- There is a one way system in place at the beginning and end of the school day.
- If you are running late please contact the school office 625-5238 and we will instruct you on which access door to use.
- Children should not play on the play equipment either before or after school for safety reasons and also because this equipment is for use of a designated class (bubble).
- Scooters and bikes should not be used in the playground. They can be left in the scooter/bike rack or pushed into the playground.
- Children should not open the sheds in the playground and access the sports equipment.
- Leave the playground as soon as possible after you have dropped off/collected your child.

#### **Uniform, Book bags, Rainy Day bags**

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.

**Jewellery, including earrings, should not be worn.** School staff will not be able to tape children's earrings. Parents/carers will be contacted if their child is wearing earrings and they will be asked to come into school to remove or cover their child's earrings. 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. Do ensure that all clothing is labelled so that property can be returned to its rightful owner. I would also request that every child has a named water bottle in school.

From Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September children can bring in their purple book bag to transport their reading books and any home/school correspondence.

Could parents/carers of children in F2-Yr2 also provide a small bag containing some toys, colouring books etc that children can leave in school and play with when it is a rainy day. The toys should be small and inexpensive.

### **School Lunches**

I am pleased to report that from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September (Week 1 menu) we will be able to provide children with a hot meal. Children can still order a packed lunch if they prefer. The meals will be prepared in the school kitchen and taken to the classes. The menu is attached for your information so you can talk to your child about the meal choices.

### **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 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**

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.

### **Assemblies**

Perhaps one of my favourite jobs as Headteacher is delivering whole school assemblies. Unfortunately, government guidance does not permit us to gather in the school hall. I have tried to deliver whole school assemblies via Zoom which has not been without challenges but as we do at our school - I will keep trying!

Instead of whole school celebration assemblies, children will be having them in their classes. Year 1 and Year 2 will have their celebration assembly on a Wednesday so if your child has any certificates or medals to bring in, this is the day. If your child is awarded one of our trophies for Excellence or Kindness please remember to return them on Tuesday.

Foundation 1 and Foundation 2 will have their class celebration assembly on a Friday so again if your child has any certificates or medals that they have been awarded out of school they can bring them into school on this day.

## Reading



We have continued to develop lovely spaces in the classrooms for children to read in. The children are thoroughly enjoying using them. Please remember to read regularly with your child at home. It is so important.



Our school library is also being developed by Friends Of Black Horse Hill Schools (FOBHHS/PTA) group.

I'll include some photos next time when it is finished. Thank you Martina and Amy!

## Diary dates

Ordinarily at this time of year I would be providing you with diary dates for the year ahead for example curriculum evenings, nativity plays, sports days. However, due to the unusual circumstances with Covid-19 I am reluctant to plan too far ahead and then have to cancel events. Below are key dates for your diary.

### September

- W/c 21<sup>st</sup> September F1 children attend school for their allocated hours.
- W/c 21<sup>st</sup> September F2 children all in for the morning and stay at school for lunch.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> September Full Governing Body meeting
- W/c 28<sup>th</sup> September F2 children in full time.

### October

- Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October School Census Day
- W/c 19<sup>th</sup> October Parent/Teacher meetings ( I will let you know how we plan to do this)
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October- School finishes for half-term.

## **November**

- w/c 2<sup>nd</sup> November Curriculum presentations available to parents/carers\*\*
- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – Children return to school after half-term
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November -Special Bonfire Lunch
- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November- Photographer in school for Individual photographs
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November- Flu Immunisations F2, Yr1,Yr2

***\*\*As we are unable to invite parents/carers into school each year group will provide a presentation to parents/carers about their curriculum after the half term holiday. You will also receive an overview which outlines the topics and themes the children will cover during the year.***

## **Twitter**

Each class in school now has their own Twitter feed. We will be sharing learning and class achievements. Of course we will only place children on Twitter if we have parental permission to do so. Here are the Twitter handles for each class.

Foundation 1- F1@BHHInfant

F2BE-@BHHIS\_F2BE

F2SL- F2SLP@BHHIS

1DH-@BHHISyear1DH

1CY-@BHHIS1CY

2TM-@BHHIS@2TM

2EA-@BHHIS@2EA

## **Out of School Club Provision**

Our before and after school care provision has resumed this week. Child-care can be provided from 7.15am in the mornings and up to 5.45pm in the afternoon. All necessary precautions have been taken to meet government guidelines. There are places available and if you wish to book your child in please contact the Out of School Club Manager Sam Connor by calling 07935342521.

## **Recycling**

For the time being we are not accepting items for recycling such as pens, crisp packets etc. Our Junior School are continuing to collect recycling and they are happy to accept items from our school.

Yours sincerely

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