

Our Foundation 2 children had a fantastic time exploring Royden Park last week.



October 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has certainly been a busy eight week half term with lots of fantastic learning taking place across the school. Although our children are young, they never cease to amaze me with their ideas and attitudes to their work. In a recent assembly we travelled on a magic bus to London and met Boris Johnson! At the end, I asked the children what they would do if they were the Prime Minister of our country. One of our Year 2 pupils explained in detail why we shouldn't be leaving the European Union. To say I was astounded by his explanation is an understatement! Quite simply, our children are capable of great things and we must never underestimate what they are capable of.

Mrs J Morris.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



# Black Horse Hill Infant School

### NOVEMBER

Mon 4th	Children return to school (8.50am)
Fri 8th	Individual Photographs
Tues 12th	F2 Phonic Workshop for parents/carers (1.30pm)
Fri 15th	Children in Need Charity event (Non-Uniform ; children to wear spotty clothes)
Thurs 21st	Flu immunisations (nasal spray) F2, Yr1, Yr2
Fri 22nd	FOBHHS Mad Hair Day
Sat 23rd	FOBHHS Christmas Fair 1pm-3pm at the Infant School
Thurs 28th	Full Governing Body Meeting (5.30pm)

### DECEMBER

Tues 3rd	Year 2 to Peter Pan theatre production
Mon 9th	F2 to Chester Zoo
Wed 11th	Foundation 1 Christmas Crafts and Sing Song (9am)
Wed 11th	Rock Steady Concert (Invited guests only) 2.30pm
Fri 13th	Foundation 2 Christmas Assembly (Both classes) 2.15pm
Tues 17th	Year 1 Christmas Assembly (Both classes) 2.15pm
Wed 18th	Year 2 Mrs Fitzgerald's Christmas Assembly (2.15pm)
Thurs 19th	Year 2 Miss Murphy's Christmas Assembly (2.15pm)
Fri 20th	BHHIS Christmas Party- Non-Uniform day. (School closes for Christmas)

### JANUARY

Mon 7th	Staff Development Day (Teachers only)
Tues 8th	Children return to school (8.50am)

### NOTICE BOARD

#### Parent/Teacher meetings

Thank you to everyone who attended our parent/teacher meetings this week. We hope you found the information provided by our teachers helpful. Staff very much welcome the opportunity to talk about your child and their special qualities. However, they have reported that it is difficult to report more serious information if the child is present in the meeting. For our next parent/teacher meetings we ask that children do not go into the meeting with their parents.

#### Before and After School Clubs

At Black Horse Hill Infant School there are a variety of after-school clubs that children can access. We have strict safeguarding procedures in place and all coaches have had the relevant DBS checks. If the coach is new to the school it is our school policy that we observe the first session to ensure that there are high expectations of the children. However, I would like to make it clear to parents/carers that there are no school staff present at these clubs and the responsibility for the safety of children, including meeting any medical/physical needs, will be the responsibility of the coaches in charge. The contract is then between the company e.g. Full of Beans and the parent/carer. Parents/carers must make sure that all relevant information about their child is communicated on the registration forms.

#### Coats, Hats and Gloves

As the weather gets colder all children need to have a coat in school. If children are bringing hats, gloves and scarves to school please make sure that they all have names on them. We would be grateful if you could model to your child at home how to look after their cold weather clothes by bundling them together and placing them in the sleeve or hood of their coat. Unfortunately school staff will not be able to look for lost property. Our Lost Property Box is located in the school Entrance Hall and, as always, it is bulging with many lost items.

#### Rainy Day Bags

Please could all children have a rainy day bag in school for when they are unable to go outside to play. Children without a rainy day bag do become upset when they see their friends with their rainy day bag toys. Colouring pencils, colouring books, play figures, travel games, snap cards, dominoes, toy cars, loom bands, McDonald's toys etc. are some suggestions to place in a rainy day bag. Expensive items should not be included.

#### P.E. Kits

All children need a P.E. kit in school which is clearly labelled with their name. Children without the proper P.E. kit are not permitted to use the gymnastic apparatus as there is a risk of injury. Please could children with long hair have it tied up on P.E. days.

#### Earrings

Earrings should not be worn to school. If your child has to keep their earrings in then they should be taped up. If children arrive at school wearing earrings that are not covered up we will call parents/carers to come in to remove or cover them. School staff will not be able to tape up earrings.

### Contact us

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### Children In Need– Friday 16th November



Our Year 2 children will be planning for our Children in Need charity event on Friday 15th November. The Year 2 children design and make games, bake cakes and plan for the whole event. This introduces the children to enterprise and business at a level they can easily understand. In addition, children also get the opportunity to handle money.

We would like all children to come to school dressed in spotty clothes/accessories. In addition, we ask that they bring £1, in loose change, to school on Friday 15th November so that they can choose which Year 2 games/stalls to spend their money on. The games will be set up in the hall and the teachers will take their classes down during the day.

At the end of the day there will be a cake sale in the school playground. If you wish to send in any cakes to boost the stock we would be very grateful.

### Attendance and Punctuality

Good attendance is important wherever your child is on their school journey. Often parents/cares will assume that because our children are young they are not missing much if they are off. This is not true. All lessons across the school are important and build upon previously taught knowledge. A good example of this is our phonic lessons because everyday a new phoneme (sound) or spelling pattern is introduced to the children.

96% is classed as good attendance at school. We have a new school Attendance Officer who works for the Local Authority who will be supporting our school and any families where there is a concern about a child's attendance. Please also remember that holidays can't be authorised in term time unless the circumstances are exceptional.

Thank you to all of those parents/carers who ensure that their child arrives at school on time each day. Did you know that if your child arrives late for school 5 minutes each day it equates to 3 days of learning lost over a year?

If you need support or wish to talk about your child's attendance or punctuality please contact the school office to make an appointment.

### Handwashing

Sadly, over the past few weeks we have had several children, particularly in Foundation Stage, who have been absent from school due to illness. I would be grateful if you would reinforce with your children the importance of washing their hands especially after visiting the toilet and before eating food. Some children are being asked to wash their hands before lunch and going straight to line up. We have reinforced the message in school but staff can't supervise every child to ensure that they are washing their hands. Do show the children correct hand washing techniques including using soap.



If your child has been sick or has had diarrhoea they must stay off school for 48 hours as stated in the Health Protection Agency guidance. In addition it is always helpful if children know to cover their nose and mouth when coughing and sneezing. Hopefully this might prevent the spread/transfer of some germs!



### School Crossing– Frankby Road

Following several road collisions involving Hilbre school pupils, the Council has decided to relocate the school crossing patrol. The crossing will move from directly outside our main play ground gates to just north east of the junction of Frankby Road/Wirral Mount where the patrol can be shared between both schools. Hopefully this will enable all pupils to cross the road safely.

### Foundation 2 Phonic Workshop

As a school we feel that one of the most important things we can do for our children is to teach them to read. Developing an understanding of phonics and the sounds that letters make in words is one of the first steps in being able to decode and blend words to read.

On **Tuesday 12th November (1.30pm)** Mrs Eccles will deliver a workshop for the parents of our Foundation 2 parents and carers so they have an understanding of how phonics is taught at Black Horse Hill Infant School. Parents/carers will also get the opportunity to work with their child to play some phonic games and activities. I would urge all parents/carers to attend this session.

### Our Visit to St Michael and All Angels Church

Thank you to Reverend Cheryl and the Open the Book helpers for making our visit to the church so enjoyable. The children were told a story from the Bible and then they had the opportunity to ask questions about the Church. Thank you to all the adults who came along to help too!



It is lovely to see how thrilled our children are when they are awarded a trophy in Celebration Assembly. If your child does receive an award please ensure it is returned to school on Tuesday or another child will miss out on the chance to take the trophy home.

