

## NOTICE BOARD

### Save the Dates!

On Thursday 2nd May ( 2pm) Mrs Honeybourne will deliver a presentation to Year 1 parents about our Jigsaw PSHE scheme. The presentation will look at the themes approached in the programme and parents/carers will have the opportunity to observe a Jigsaw circle time session.

The Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) will be offering a training session for parents on Thursday 6th June at 9.30am. The focus of the session will be on ways parents can support their child to develop resilience and positive emotional well being. A letter will be sent out for parents/carers to book a place. Feedback from other schools about this workshop has been extremely positive.

### Sickness/Diarrhoea

Before the holidays several classes/children were affected by a vomiting bug. If your child has been sick or had diarrhoea they must remain off school for 48 hours since the last episode of sickness/diarrhoea. Adhering to this advice from the Health Protection Agency will minimise the spread of illness. Do remember to reinforce the importance of good hand washing practices with your child.

### Uniform and Clothing

I know how frustrating it is when children lose clothing in school but often lost items are not labelled with the child's name. Clothing which is clearly labelled can be more easily reunited with its owner. Try to ensure all items of clothing are labelled with your child's name. This is particularly important if you are purchasing new summer uniform. Ideally, any school uniform request forms should be with the school office before Friday 26th April.

**As the weather improves children will be doing P.E. lessons outside; please could all children have a pair of pumps or trainers in their P.E. bags.**

### Water bottles

Please can all children remember to bring in a named water bottle. If children have access to water in their classes it avoids interrupting learning.

### Safeguarding Reminders

Just a reminder that adults should not accompany children into school at the beginning of the school day. If you need to speak to a member of staff please visit the school office.

Mobile phones should not be used inside the school building unless it is at a school event (school play) and the relevant form has been signed.

### School bags

It is becoming quite difficult to fit some of the children's school bags into their trays because there are lots of decorations and adornments attached to the bags. Could you please encourage your child to de-clutter their bags and keep attachments to a minimum?

### Holidays in Term time

The government advice is still that Headteachers should not authorise holidays in term time unless there are exceptional family circumstances. If you do have a request please ensure that you complete a school exceptional circumstances form which is available from the school office or on our school website.

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April 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to school for the final term of this academic year. It is a term for the children to further develop and consolidate all the knowledge and skills they have learned so far this year. At our Parent/Teacher Meetings in March you will have been informed of the ways you can support your child in doing this. Many thanks for completing the parent/carer feedback forms.

J.Morris

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



# Black Horse Hill Infant School

### APRIL

Mon 15th Children return to school (8.50am)

Thurs 18th Easter Bonnet Parade

Fri 19th Good Friday (school closed)

Mon 22nd Easter Monday (school closed)

### MAY

Thurs 2nd Jigsaw Presentation for Year 1 parents (2-3pm)

w/c 6th May-24th May Year 2 Statutory Assessment Tests

Mon 6th Bank Holiday (school closed)

Tues 21st Mrs Honeybourne's class assembly (9am)

Wed 22nd Mrs Bancroft's class assembly (2.15pm)

Thurs 23rd Mrs Lucan's class assembly (2.15pm )

Fri 24th School closes for half-term (3.05pm)  
Non-uniform day (£1 donation)

### JUNE

Mon 3rd Staff Development Day (Staff only)

Tues 4th Children return to school (8.50am)

Thurs 6th Child and Adolescent Mental Health Team presentation on "Building resilience and helping children thrive" (9.30 am – 11am)

Fri 7th FOBHHS Wine Tasting event (letter to follow)

w/c Mon 10th Year 1 Phonic Screening Check

Tues 18th Year 2 to Infant Music Festival at Wallasey Town Hall

Wed 19th Class photographs

w/c 24th June Healthy body, healthy mind week

Thurs 27th Sports Day (10am start)

Fri 28th Deeside Coast to Country litter pick

## Thank You!

It is quite possible that I could fill my newsletter with many of the wonderful learning opportunities from last half term but instead I will signpost you to our school website (gallery section) so you can see for yourself.

I would however like to express my thanks to some members of our school community. First and foremost I would like to thank our parents and carers for their support over the past term. By trying to provide first-class learning experiences we need your help and you certainly helped last term by providing World Book Day costumes, participating in sponsored events, attending our art exhibition and book fair. Thank you. Lana (Year 2TM) and Evie-Rose (F1) and their families deserve a special mention because they raised the most money in our sponsored read/sponsored listen.

My second thank you is to Miss Murphy (Year 2 teacher and English leader) who worked tirelessly to co-ordinate our Reading week in March. A highlight of the week was a visit from the author/illustrator Rosie Wellesley who inspired the Year 1 and 2 children from our school and children from Greasby Infant School. Many of the children left the hall saying that they too would like to be an author!

Last and by no means least, I would like to say a big well done to Mrs Bancroft (F2 teacher and Art leader) for organising the art exhibition which was held in the hall on 27th March. The children were very proud of their self-portraits and having their work displayed in the hall truly acknowledged their artistic efforts. We are also very grateful to Abbie Cowan for organising the refreshments that

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available on  
night too!



## Easter Bonnet Parade

Our annual Easter bonnet parade will take place on Thursday 18th April. The children will have the opportunity to show off their creations to the other children in the hall. Please don't send in the Easter bonnets until Thursday as we have nowhere to store them. Remember to name your child's hat and to send in the 50p entrance fee. It's soooooo eggciting!



## Coast to Country Project

Our school is taking part in an exciting project with 19 other schools located in the Deeside area of Wirral. The project is focussing on appreciating the world around us (especially Wirral) and looking at ways we can protect our world for future generations. The venture will involve a community clean up (28th June), a 3D art sculpture and a plastic reduction strategy for our schools. Staff from our school and the Junior school are getting together in the next few weeks to plan the learning opportunities for the children. We will keep you informed.

## Statutory Assessment of Pupils in Year 1 and 2

### Year 1

Many of you will already know from attending our curriculum evenings in September that the Government require all Year 1 children to sit a statutory phonic screening check. The screening this year will take place during the week commencing 10th June 2019. Children who are now in Year 2 and did not meet the expected standard in Year 1 will re-take the assessment in this week too.

The screening check is designed to confirm whether children have learnt phonic decoding to an appropriate standard. Our children are familiar with such phonic assessments so this should not cause any distress. The screening sessions will take place on a one to one basis with a class teacher. Parents/carers will receive the results in their end of year report.

Leading up to the phonic screening check the Year 1 staff will be sending out homework and games related to phonics. It would really help your child if these activities are completed.

### Year 2

During May, assessment tests will be administered to Year 2 pupils. The test will be incorporated into normal classroom practice so we hope the children will be unaware that the assessments are taking place. We would be grateful if parents/carers also do not focus too much of their child's attention on these assessments because they form only a small part of the child's assessment profile. Once completed our teachers will use the Key Stage 1 test results to help them to reach an overall judgement of the standards children have reached in English Reading, English Writing and Mathematics. You will also receive a teacher assessment judgement for Science, but there is no science test. You will receive this information in your child's end of year report.

Information leaflets and videos have been produced for parents/carers by the Standards and Testing Agency. If you would like to watch the video or read the leaflets for parents please visit [www.gov.uk/government/publications/key-stage-1-and-2-national-curriculum-tests-information-for-parents](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/key-stage-1-and-2-national-curriculum-tests-information-for-parents) and search for videos about SATs for Key Stage 1. If you require any further information please speak to your child's class teacher.