



Newsletter 6 – June 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

The last half term of this academic year is here – hard to believe, I know! As always, it is a busy time, not only with our usual learning but also with lots going on, including sports day, themed weeks, end-of-year plays, and helping the children prepare for their transition to a new class. We'll send out regular reminders so you don't miss anything that's coming up.

Before I begin with other news, I would like to share that recently, we were pleased to welcome a visitor from a local waste management company who came to speak to the children about the importance of waste reduction and recycling. The session was both informative and engaging, helping the children understand how their actions can make a positive impact on the environment. Our visitor was incredibly impressed with the children's behaviour, their enthusiasm, and how attentively they listened throughout. In fact, he commented that it was the best school he had ever visited which of course was lovely to hear and I thought that you would like to know too!

Year 2 Assessment Tests

The KS1 Assessments are no longer mandatory for our Year 2 pupils. We have chosen to deliver the optional Statutory Assessment Tests to our children in order to support our teacher assessment judgements and to provide as much information as possible on where our children are working to support the transition to the Junior School. The information about where your child is working across the curriculum will be reported to you in your child's annual report which will be sent to parents on 4th July.

The government have a leaflet explaining the optional SATs for this year if you require any additional information.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/optional-key-stage-1-national-curriculum-tests-information-for-parents>

Phonic Screening Check

The phonic screening check for Year 1 pupils is still a statutory requirement. Pupils in Year 1 will take the phonic screen w/c 9th June.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/phonics-screening-check-information-for-parents>

Pupils in Year 2 who did not meet the expected standard last year will retake the check again this year.

Uniform

Children should wear school uniform at all times except when it is their PE day. PE day for everyone is a Friday and children should wear black or blue shorts/leggings and a white t-shirt. For safety

reasons children need to wear appropriate footwear to school. Sliders, crocs, flip-flops or strappy sandals are not permitted. Socks should also be worn.

Sun Hats

On sunny days all children are expected to wear a sun hat. If your child does not already have a sun hat in school please could a labelled hat be sent in, which can be left in school for the remainder of the Summer Term. If you wish to purchase a Black Horse Hill sun hat these are available to buy on ParentPay at a cost of £7.00.

Sun Cream

Parents are requested to apply appropriate sunscreen to their children. This should be applied before the children come to school in the morning. Children should not bring sunscreen into school. If you have any concerns about this please speak to your child's class teacher. We do encourage children to find a shady space on hot days and we do limit time outside if it is extremely hot.

Water Bottles

Children should always have a water bottle in school. These can be refilled throughout the day from the water cooler. As we are a health-promoting school children should only have water in their bottles.

Healthy Body and Healthy Mind week

During the week commencing 23rd June, our children will take part in a variety of activities focused on promoting physical and mental well-being.



To kick off the week, Monday will be our Dance Day, with the theme "Feeling Fit, Feeling Good." This fun and energetic event aims to highlight the importance of staying active as a way to support both body and mind.

Throughout the week, a number of additional activities will take place, each designed to help children learn more about how to take care of their health in engaging and age-appropriate ways.

On Wednesday, we will be holding a Toothbrush Workshop, where children will learn about the importance of regular toothbrushing and good oral hygiene. As part of this, we will be having a poster competition! Children are invited to design a poster that promotes healthy toothbrushing habits. Winning entries will be displayed around the school to help spread the message. We will send an A3 piece of paper home with every child after the workshop so that they can take part. All entries for the competition need to be returned to school by Monday 7th July.

On Thursday 26th June we will be having our annual Sports Day (weather permitting) and you will find below the times for your child's year group.

- 9am – 10.30am Yr1/Yr2 parents/carers
- 10.45am - 12noon F2 parents/carers

Parents/carers are invited to attend to watch their child take part in a carousel of sports activities. Those of you who have attended before will know that sports activities are set out on the field for children to attempt. They are set out in a circular shape and the children move round the activities on a given signal. Parents/carers can take photographs at the event but they should not be uploaded to social media. If any spectators require seating for the event then please contact the school office or bring your own camping type chair if you can.

If the weather is bad, a decision on whether the event will run will be made at 8.15am on the morning of Sports Day. Parents/Carers will be informed if the event is cancelled via our text to parents system.

Mrs McLeod will be organising activities for F1 across the whole week so that children attending on different days will not miss out.

Please can all children come to school in PE kit on **Monday 23rd, Thursday 26th and Friday 27th June.**

The List

There have been many rumblings around school about who is “on the list”. The list is our Milkshake Monday list and to earn your place on the list you have to be following our school rules all of the time and making our school a great place to be. Many children have joined me for milkshake and a treat over the past few weeks and I’m looking forward to welcoming more children before the end of term.



Summer Fair

We're excited to announce that FOBHHS will be holding the School Summer Fair on Saturday 28th June, from 12–3pm at the Junior School. It promises to be a fantastic afternoon for all the family, with games, stalls, food and lots of fun! A huge thank you to everyone who donated confectionery – your support is greatly appreciated. FOBHHS are still looking for volunteers to help on the day, so if you're able to lend a hand, please let the school office or someone from FOBHHS know. Every bit of help makes a big difference and means we can raise more money for resources.

If anyone would like a stall at the fair, please get in touch.

Caretaker Vacancy

You may be surprised to hear that our wonderful caretaker Mr Pritchard turned 70 last month. On reaching this milestone age, he has decided that it is time to retire from his position as caretaker. We are advertising the position on the Wirral Council website -<https://www.wirral.gov.uk/jobs-and-training/job-vacancies>. If you know anyone that is looking for a rewarding part-time job, (20 hours per week) then please highlight the vacancy to them.

Parent Governor Vacancy

I am delighted to share that Jenn Merrin will be continuing in her role as Parent Governor for another four years. During her term of office, she has made a significant contribution to our governing body, offering thoughtful insight and a strong commitment to supporting our school community. Jenn has acted as a valuable link between parents and the governing body, ensuring that the views of families are represented and considered in our decision-making. We are very pleased she is continuing in this important role.

Attendance

I would like to remind parents and carers that, in line with Department for Education (DfE) guidance, we are unable to authorise holidays during term time except in exceptional circumstances. Good attendance is vital to every child's education, as each day builds on the last within our carefully sequenced curriculum. Missing even a few days can disrupt learning and make it harder for children to keep up with their peers.

Year 2 Talent Show

Year 2 children are invited to perform in the end of year Talent Show. This will take place on the last day of school and will be performed in front of the younger pupils.

June

- w/c 9th June - Year 1 Phonic Screening Check
- Monday 9th June - Breakfast Judo club
- Tuesday 10th June- Photographer in school for class photographs
- Tuesday 17th June- New F1 and F2 children classroom visit 3.30pm-4.30pm
- w/c 23rd June - Healthy Body, Healthy Mind Week
- Thursday 26th June Sports Day - (9-10.30am Yr1/2 parents, 10.45-12 F2 parents)
- Saturday 28th June Summer Fair @Black Horse Hill Junior School 12-3pm
- Monday 30th June Open Classroom for F2, Yr1 and Yr2 Parents 2.30pm

July

- Friday 4th July - Reports out to parents/carers
- Tuesday 8th July - F2 Class Assembly at 2.15pm
- Wednesday 9th July - Yr1 Class Assembly at 2.15pm
- Thursday 10th July F1 Crafts and Summer Sing Along at 9.15pm
- Thursday 10th July - New F1 and F2 children classroom visit 3.30pm-4.30pm
- Friday 11th July - School Disco
- Monday 14th July Year 2 Class Assembly at 2.15pm - 2TM parents
- Tuesday 15th July Year 2 Class Assembly at 2.15pm - 2CY parents
- Wednesday 16th July Rock Steady Concert at 2.15pm (invited guests only)
- Friday 18th July – Year 2 Talent Show
- Friday 18th July Finish for Summer- Non Uniform Day/Break the rules day

September

- Monday 1st September - Staff Development Day
- Tuesday 2nd September - F1, new F2 pupils, Yr1 and Yr2 children return to school
New F2 children will start school on this day (those who are in our current F1 class will start Wednesday 3rd September)
- Tuesday 16th September at 5pm - F2 Curriculum Evening

Staff Development Days for academic year 2025-26

- Monday 1st September 2025
- Friday 24th October 2025
- Monday 5th January 2026
- Monday 1st June 2026
- Monday 20th July 2026

Yours sincerely,

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