



Newsletter October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is difficult to believe that we have nearly come to the end of our first half term. The children's days are full of learning and do go by quickly. Our staff have been really pleased with how many children are reading at home and completing homework activities. This additional practice really does pay off and helps children retain key knowledge, making a noticeable difference in the classroom. This will be something that will be celebrated with parents at our first parent/teacher meeting this week. I look forward to seeing you at the meetings.

Curriculum Evenings

Thank you to all those parents/carers who attended our Curriculum Evenings a couple of weeks ago. The meetings were well attended and we have received lots of positive feedback about the information presented.

If you were not able to attend, the presentations have been placed on the school website under the Curriculum section.

Just a little reminder that every time your child reads at home with a grown-up they can write their name on a raffle ticket and each half term a winner will be chosen in Celebration Assembly to receive a lovely new book.

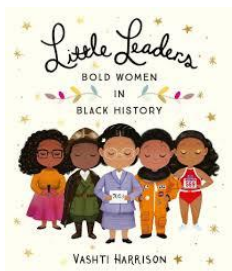


In the playground we also have our Beach Hut reading shed. This will be re-opening after half term. Children can bring a book to school from home that they have finished with and swap it for a book in the Beach Hut. It will be open each morning before school.

Behaviour Policy

The Department for Education has released new guidance on managing behaviour in school. Our school Behaviour Policy is reviewed annually and has been updated to reflect this new guidance. For us there were few changes that needed making. The policy has been placed on the school website and any comments from parents/carers are welcomed.

Fundamentally, our approach is that everyone in school should be treated kindly, feel safe and respected. We praise and reward good behaviour choices in many ways. If wrong behaviour choices are made then there is a consequence and this will ordinarily mean missed Golden Time or playtime. If your child has missed Golden Time then you will receive a yellow slip home that outlines the behaviour that occurred. Children will always receive a warning to change their behaviour before their Golden coin is removed. If a child is regularly losing their Golden Time or seriously breaching our behaviour policy then parents will be contacted by a member of school staff.



Assemblies

In assembly we deal with lots of important themes and the children understand that there is always a special message. This term we have focused on understanding why we have rules, inclusion, respect, equality and democracy (voting for our School Parliament members).

October is Black History Month and the children have found out about people from history who have made a significant contribution to our world.

Children in Need

Children in Need this year takes place on **Friday 18th November**. We ask that children come to school dressed in spotty/colourful clothes and that a donation for the charity is made on ParentPay. The children will take part in Pudsey related activities in their classes which will include baking for a cake sale. The cake sale will take place after school Friday 18th November. We would also be grateful for any cake donations on this day to boost the number of cakes in the cake sale.

School Events

Here are some of the lovely experiences the children have had this half term.



Visitors from St Michael's church acted out a story from the Bible in assembly.



Mosh Tots performed a variety of songs in the school hall.



We really enjoyed our Yoga and meditation sessions with Bee-You Wellbeing.



Each class went to the Tennis Roadshow.



Our Year 1 children had a talk from Mrs Morris (my mother-in-law) about being a child in the 1950s. They asked her lots of interesting questions.



Year 2 enjoyed developing their food technology skills with the Fun Food chef. I'm not sure whether they enjoyed making the food or eating it best!

Lost Property

I know it is really annoying when your child loses an item of their property, especially when it is expensive like a cardigan and jumper, but it is more likely to be found if it is named. Please label all items of your children's clothing clearly with their name, so if found then the item can be easily returned to the rightful owner. Please remind your child that they must take responsibility for their property too.

Don't forget to label hats, gloves and scarves when your children start wearing them as the weather becomes colder. A top tip to keep these items safe with the coat is to teach your child to pop the gloves in the hat and then push the hat down the sleeve of the coat. Works a treat!

FOBHHS

Thank you to all our hardworking volunteers at FOBHHS who raised £9700 last academic year for our schools. More recently, the school disco raised £1120 and the photo shoot raised £250.

PE days for the next half term

Monday- 2EA PE day

Tuesday- F2 PE day

Thursday – 2TM PE day

Friday- Yr1 PE day

As Friday 11th November is school photograph day, please can all children come to school that day in their school uniform and not their PE kit.

Christmas Events

Please see below for our Christmas Events for this year. We will be limiting numbers for the Christmas performances to two audience members per child.

Golf Open

Schools in the West Kirby/Hoylake/Meols area have expressed concern about the impact on schools of the Golf Open which is to be held week commencing 17th July 2022. When the Golf Open was last held on the Wirral, schools were closed. I have been in discussion with the Assistant Director for Wirral and the Headteachers of local schools and there may be some small changes to our term dates. As soon as a decision has been made then I will let you know.

Diary dates

October

- W/c 17th October Parent/Teacher meetings
- Friday 21st October School finishes for half term
Non-Uniform day – Please make a £1.00 donation to School Fund on ParentPay or bring in cash on Friday
- Monday 31st October Staff Development day (Staff only)

November

- Tuesday 1st November Children return to school after half term
- Friday 4th November Non-Uniform day (chocolate donation for School Fair)
- Wednesday 9th November F2 Reading Workshop for parents/carers 9.15am
- Friday 11th November Photographer in school for Individual photographs
- Wednesday 16th November Flu Vaccinations F2-Yr2
- Thursday 17th November Full Governing Body Meeting
- Friday 18th November Children In Need event (**Wear spotty clothes and send in cakes if you can**)
- Friday 25th November Mad Hair day (donation of pre-loved books and toys for School Fair)
- Friday 25th November/Saturday 26th November cake donations for School Fair
- Saturday 26th November Christmas Fair 1-3pm at BHHIS

December

- Sunday 4th December Breakfast with Santa at BHHIS
- Friday 9th December Christmas Jumper Day (£2 donation to Stick and Step)
- Tuesday 13th December @2.15pm F2 Christmas Play
- Thursday 15th December @2.15pm Yr1 Christmas Play
- Friday 16th December @9.15-10.15 F1 Christmas Craft and Sing-a-long (parents invited)
- Friday 16th December @2.15pm Yr2 Christmas event
- Tuesday 20th December School closes for Christmas Holidays

January

- Wednesday 4th January Staff Development day (Teachers only)
- Thursday 5th January Children return to school after the holiday

Yours sincerely,

Julie Morris
Headteacher