



Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2023

### **Newsletter 4 - February 2023**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our school motto is *“Learning for Life”* and we are determined that all our children through our strong curriculum offer will develop the knowledge, skills and character traits to prepare them for life both now and in the future. In our recent parental *“Book Look”* sessions I hope that you were able to see how much your children are learning during the school day across all subject areas. It was lovely to witness how excited, animated and proud the children were when they were sharing their learning. In our assembly last week I reminded the children of the need for them to do their very best in everything that they do and to strive for excellence. In fact, the whole PSHE focus for this half term has been all about improving and believing in yourself and not giving up even when things are challenging.



#### **Milkshake Monday**

A new initiative in school this half term is *“Milkshake Monday”*. Every week our School Parliament members choose someone in their class who has made our school a nice place to be by following the school Golden Rules. The chosen child then gets to have a milkshake and treat with me. Don't worry if your child is dairy intolerant we have an alternative to milkshake. Here are a couple of photos of the first Milkshake Monday sessions.



#### **Safer Internet Day February**

Earlier this week, Mr Young delivered an assembly to the children about keeping safe online. In addition to other computing activities the children will create online safety posters in school. It is important that parents/carers revisit this at home. Some children have been talking about viewing inappropriate material at home or playing games which are not suitable for Infant age children so please monitor what your children are watching on their devices and who they are communicating with, especially if there is a chat function on their device.

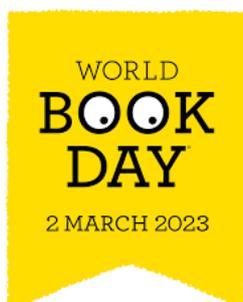
Below are some useful websites for parents/carers:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

### **Lunar New Year 2023**

Thank you to our Mandarin Teacher Mrs Cui for coming to school and sharing with the children how Lunar New Year is celebrated by families in Asia. The children found out all about the customs linked to the festival. Some children helped me to tell the story of The Great Race.



### **World Book Week 2023**

At Black Horse Hill Infants we pride ourselves on promoting a love of reading all year. We do however recognise the enormous benefits of participating in World Book Day and how the initiative further raises the profile of reading for pleasure.

Always popular with the children is the dress-up day, which this year is on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**. Please send your child to school dressed up as a character from a book. Please come and see us in school if you would like help organising a costume for your child.

### **World Book Week Competition time!**

At Black Horse Hill we love reading so much that we will read absolutely anywhere! Take a photograph of your child reading a book in an unusual place. The pictures will be used to create a fabulous display in school. It would be fantastic if every child could take part. We will ask our Governors to pick four winners-one from each year group. Get snapping over the half term!

**All entries should be in school by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March.**

### **Foundation 1 Places**

Do you have a child born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020 ? We are currently taking applications for places in our Foundation 1 provision. Please contact the school office for an application form.

### **Parent Governor**

I am delighted to inform you that Mr Lofthouse (Nancy Lofthouse F2SL) has been appointed as our new parent governor. I am looking forward to welcoming him to his first meeting in the near future.

## **PE days for next half term**

**Wednesday F2 PE day**

**Thursday Year 2 PE day**

**Friday Year 1 PE Day**

## **Industrial Action by the National Education Union**

Further industrial action is planned by this union for:

**28<sup>th</sup> February**

**15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March**

As soon as I know how Black Horse Hill Infant School will be affected by the strike action then I will let you know.

### **February**

- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February - Non Uniform Day (£1 donation). Donations can be made via ParentPay. Children finish for half term break
- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February - Children return to school after half term

### **March**

- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March - World Book Day (Children dress up as story book characters)  
Full Governing Body Meeting @6pm
- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March - Non Uniform (FOBHHS) Chocolate donation
- w/c 13<sup>th</sup> March - Neurodiversity Week
- 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March - School Art Exhibition (Due to industrial action this may have to be re-scheduled)
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 6pm - FOBHHS Chocolate Bingo event @BHHIS
- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March - Commando Joe Teamwork and Resilience Workshops (All year groups)
- W/C 27<sup>th</sup> March - Parent/Teacher Week
- Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March - Rock Steady Concert (Invited guests only)
- Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March - Non Uniform day (£1 donation) and Easter Bonnet Parade  
Finish for Easter Holidays

### **April**

- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April - Children return to school

### **May**

- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May - Bank Holiday
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May - Additional Bank Holiday for King's Coronation day
- Year 2 Statutory Assessments
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May - Finish for half term

### **June**

- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June - Staff Development Day
- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June - Children return to school
- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June - Breakfast Judo club
- w/c 12<sup>th</sup> June - Year 1 Phonic Screening Check
- w/c 19<sup>th</sup> June - Healthy Body, Healthy Mind Week

- Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June Sports Day - (9-10am Yr2 parents, 10-11am Yr1 parents, 11-12 F2 parents)

**July**

- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July - Reports out to parents/carers
- Monday 17<sup>th</sup>- Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Remote Learning in place

Yours sincerely,

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