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Newsletter 5 – March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of the half-term, we would like to say thank you for your continued support. It was great to welcome so many of you to our Parent/Teacher meetings and we hope you found them informative. If you have any questions or would like to discuss anything further regarding your child, please feel free to contact the school and we will be happy to help.

During the Easter break, we encourage children to keep reading regularly. You might also enjoy trying the Easter Reading Bingo activity included at the end of this newsletter.

We hope you have a restful and enjoyable spring break.

Best wishes,
Julie Morris

World Book Week

World Book Week was a positive experience this year with both children and staff putting in a noticeable effort to take part. It provided a good opportunity to highlight the importance of reading and encourage an interest in books across the school. One of the most successful parts of the week was the book buddy sessions, where younger children listened carefully as the older pupils read aloud and demonstrated their reading skills. These sessions were a simple but effective way to support reading development while also bringing different age groups together.



Outdoor learning

With the weather improving, we are spending even more time learning outdoors at BHHIS!



Feeling Safe

The focus of our assemblies this half-term has been on feeling safe. Using NSPCC resources, we explored with the children their right to feel safe both at home and at school. They were introduced to a character called Buddy, who encouraged them to speak to a trusted adult if they ever feel unsafe. We also discussed bullying in a way that was appropriate for each age group.



In a separate assembly, the children met another NSPCC character, Techosaurus, who helped them understand how to stay safe online. The film is free to watch and is particularly suitable for EYFS and KS1 children:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/advice-for-families/techosaurus/>

It reinforces the importance of starting conversations about online safety early and setting clear boundaries around technology use.

Finally, on the staying safe theme, we spoke about Road Safety and safe ways to cross the road. We listened to a song which helped us think about road safety.

<https://www.think.gov.uk/resource/safer-journeys-anthem/>



LFC – Game On sessions



The children enjoyed working with Coach Anthony from the LFC Foundation this half-term. They worked with Anthony to develop their hand-eye coordination by playing lots of different games.



Design a School Competition

Following a visit and presentation from Ramona's Dad, who is an architect, we had a competition to design a new school. It was fantastic to see all the entries. They are displayed outside my office and the children have enjoyed looking at the designs. I'm pleased to announce the winners were:

- First Prize Charlie Smit (Yr1)
- Runners up Emily Carr and Millie Tudor-Deam (both from Yr2)



Easter Bonnet Parade



Our Easter Parade was **EGG**CEPTIONAL this year! Mr Bayley and Jane our cook had a very difficult time choosing the winners of the competition.



When we were all in the hall, we had a special visitor and they left chocolate eggs for every class.

Exciting News

Everly from Year 1 and her sister Riley in Year 4 of the Juniors are both competing in the Summer in the USAIGC Worlds Gymnastics Championships in Orlando Florida with other members of the New Brighton Gymnastics club. Her parents are raising funds towards kit and equipment for the girls and their teammates by organising a sponsored litter pick over the Easter holidays. Gymnastics has been a big part of Everly's life and she is following the footsteps of her big sister constantly cartwheeling and doing handstands and they are both very excited to showcase their skills on an international stage.



The girls will be doing the litter pick in the local area to raise funds on Good Friday. They will be doing a 2 hour litter pick and for every £100 they raise, their parents will add an extra hour of time, so the more they raise the more they clean up our wonderful Wirral.

If you would like to support Everly, Riley and New Brighton Gymnastics Club then here is the link.

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/jennifer-hughes-982?utm_medium=CF&utm_source=CL

Social Media

Working with young children certainly helps you feel young... although if I'm being honest, I'm well aware I'm not quite as "down with the kids" as I once might have been! One clear sign of this is my relationship with social media. TikTok, for example, isn't that what a clock does?

That said, I know many of our school community use it in really positive ways, and it's something we'd like to make better use of. We do have a Facebook account, so please do follow us if you can.

We're aiming to post a little more regularly. If you have any suggestions for how we can be a bit more "with the times" then I'd be very happy to hear them.

Trophies

In our weekly celebration assembly we give out trophies to children. Unfortunately, many of our trophies have not been returned and we are now missing some. I would be grateful if you could check at home whether you have any of our trophies and return them to school as soon as possible so other children can experience the delight of receiving one.

Annexe Rental

Our annexe is currently used for our Before and After School Club. This operates Monday to Friday from 7.15-9.30am and 2.30-5.45pm. The building is, however, available for hire between these times. If you are interested in using this building, then please contact our school office for rental costs and more information.

Attendance

A reminder that (school) holiday requests cannot be approved in term time. Holiday leave may be granted in exceptional circumstances. The principles for defining exceptional are: 'rare, significant, unavoidable and short', with 'unavoidable' meaning an event that could not reasonably be scheduled at another time and proof of these elements would need to be obtained.

Parents/carers taking children out of school for an unauthorised holiday, which exceeds five days, will be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Family Toolbox

<https://familytoolbox.co.uk/>

This site provides families with a wide range of services which they can access in one place. Resources and support are available for a range of concerns or worries such as challenging behaviour, sleep, ADHD and Autism.

Lost Property

As we begin to transition into summer uniform please continue to 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.

PE Days

There are no changes to PE days for next term. All year groups will continue to have PE on a Friday.

We have noticed that on a Friday that there are more slips, trips and falls than on other days in the playground. After a little bit of investigation, we think this is because children are wearing lace up shoes on a PE day. Many children, particularly in F1, F2 and Yr1, can't do their laces so leave them trailing. Please consider when your child has grown out of their current PE trainers buying Velcro shoes because the children can fasten them without help and they are safer.

Foundation 1 Places

Do you have a child born between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023? We are currently taking applications for places in our Foundation 1 provision. Please contact the school office for an application form.

Dates for your diary

Please note the summer fair date has changed from the date published on my previous newsletter. It is now on Saturday 6th June.

March

- Thursday 26th March – Easter Bonnet Parade
- Friday 27th March – Non-Uniform day and children finish for Spring Break.

April

- Monday 13th April - Children return to school after the Easter holidays

May

- Monday 4th May - Bank Holiday
- Friday 22nd May - Children finish for half-term holiday

June

- Monday 1st June - Staff Development Day
- Tuesday 2nd June Children return to school
- Saturday 6th June (11am – 1pm) FOBHHS Summer Fair at Black Horse Hill Juniors
- w/c 8th June - Year 1 Phonic Screening Check
- Tuesday 9th June- Class Photographs
- Friday 12th June- Year of Reading Pyjamarama event (Children to come to school in their pyjamas on this day)
- w/c 22nd June - Healthy Body, Healthy Mind Week
- Wednesday 24th June Sports Day for F2, Yr1 and Yr2- (9 -10.30am Yr2 and Yr1 parents, 10.45-12pm F2 parents)
- Monday 29th June at 2.40pm Open Classroom - opportunity to look at your child's work

July

- Friday 3rd July - Reports out to parents/carers
- Summer Class assemblies - final dates to be confirmed after Easter break.
- Friday 10th July - School Disco
- Friday 17th July - Year 2 Talent Show
- Friday 17th July Finish for Summer holidays (Non-Uniform Day)
- Monday 20th July Staff Development Day

Yours sincerely,

Julie Morris
Headteacher



Easter Reading

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Can you complete a row, column or even a full house of reading challenges this Easter?

Go outside and read next to some spring flowers



Read a book on Easter morning



Read at the park

Read really slowly



Read in bed



Read something funny



Tell a story using the pictures



Read (and follow!) a recipe with a grown-up



Find a sweet treat to snack on whilst reading a book



Buy a packet of seeds, read the instructions, and get planting!



Read with a friend



Read a book with yellow on the cover



Read a book with a character who would have hatched from an egg

Read with a grown-up



Draw something from a book



Build a reading cave and read a book inside