



Newsletter July 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

I can't believe how quickly another year has flown by and that this is my final newsletter of the year – I'm sure every year goes by a bit faster! The children have been an absolute pleasure to work with and it is my privilege to be Headteacher of such a fabulous school community. Your ongoing support means so much to the BHHIS team. We wish all of you a great summer.

It seems appropriate to express my gratitude to all members of our governing body who have all made a significant contribution to the work of the school this year by attending meetings, observing learning and conducting parental surveys.

Good luck to all of our Year 2 children as they begin the next stage of their journey at the Junior School. We will miss the children and also their families. It is always so hard saying goodbye!

It is not only children who we are bidding farewell to at the end of term. Some of our staff are also embarking on new chapters in their lives.

Mrs Astbury has decided to take a sabbatical for the next academic year. Mrs Astbury has done a wonderful job of developing our geography and art curriculums across the school this year. She was also responsible for organising the Art Exhibition held earlier this year. Good luck Mrs Astbury and enjoy your adventures this year. Don't forget to send us a postcard!

Mrs Stewart, who has worked in Year 2, this term is starting a new job at Greenleas Primary School in September. We wish her the very best for the future.

Our teaching assistants Mrs Myers, Miss Darcy and Miss McGowan will also be leaving in the summer. They have done an incredible job of looking after our children and supporting their learning in class. They will also be missed. Thank you for everything you have done for BHHIS and good luck to you all!

Finally, we wish Mr Young and Miss Morrison all the very best because they are both getting married (not to each other!) in the summer. Miss Morrison will return as Mrs Ball. We hope that you both have a wonderful day and the weather is good for your special day.

Home Learning

Every child will receive a home learning pack for the week commencing 17th July. There will be three days of work for the children to complete.

Reading

Please can any books belonging to school be returned to school by **Wednesday 12th July**. Please try to continue to read with your child over the summer holidays. Reading for 5-10 minutes every day will make a huge difference. Perhaps you could look at some of your child's favourite books or you might like to join the summer reading challenge which is run by local libraries. This year the reading challenge is called Ready, Steady, Read. You can sign up for the challenge by visiting a library or online at summerreadingchallenge.org.uk. In September, the children who have read six or more books during the holidays are awarded a certificate and medal. It is completely free!



Staffing for 2023

This is the staffing structure for September.

Year Group	Teacher	Teaching Assistant
Foundation 1	Mrs Lucan	Mrs Boardman
Foundation 2	Mrs Bancroft	Miss S Barnes
Year 1	Mrs McLeod	Mr Dagnall/Mrs Gill
	Mr Hamm	Miss Morrison/Mrs Underwood
Year 2	Miss Murphy	Miss Cross
	Mr Young	Miss M Barnes

The children will be visiting their new teachers and classes this week.

School Day

Following our consultation we will be extending the school day for children in F2, Yr1 and Yr2 by five minutes from September. The school day will end at **3.10pm**.

Our school opening time will remain the same 8.40am but we will close the door at 8.50am instead of 8.55am.

National Review of Governance

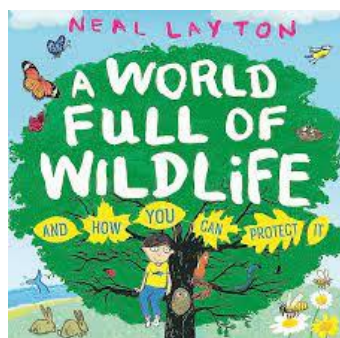
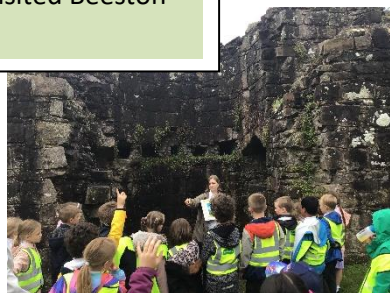
This term we have been involved in a review of school governance. An external professional from the National Governors' Association has been reviewing the effectiveness of our board by interviewing governors and looking at documentation. The evaluation will be completed in the autumn term and I will let you know the outcome.

Black Horse Hill Has Talent!

It has become a bit of a tradition that on the last day of the summer term the Year 2 pupils put on a talent show for the younger pupils to show off their skills and talents before they leave us. We have had magic tricks, dancing, singing, skateboarding, karate, football and instrument playing. The children can be in the talent show as an individual or in a group. There is however no obligation for the Year 2 children to join in. If your child needs something to showcase their talents this can be dropped off in the morning.

Events This Half Term

Year 2 visited Beeston Castle



Our whole school used this inspiring book to learn about how to look after our environment. These Yr2 children took part in a film made about this text with other local schools. We can't wait to watch the film!



All year groups had a turn at playing golf.

F2 had a fabulous time at Chester Zoo.



Year 1 visited Ness Gardens and found out about plants and habitats.



Everyone had great fun on Sports Day.



Sheema from the Multi Ethnic Advisory Service (MEAS) came to speak to the children and share stories about how some families have to leave their home or their country during Refugee Week.

School Uniform

Often, parents/carers buy new uniform ready for the start of the academic year. Please remember to label your children's clothing so any lost items can be returned easily to their owner. Due to a shortage of space on children's pegs we would be grateful if you would not buy large school bags. Our purple school bags or similar are ideal; they fit into trays in the classroom and are easily accessible for reading books etc. during the day. Our PE Kit is a white t-shirt and black/navy shorts.

Furthermore, please remember that children should not wear earrings to school.

Attendance Matters!

Please do not book holidays during term time - term dates for 2023-2024 are on the school website. A copy is included with this newsletter. Attendance at school is important for ensuring your child makes good progress across the year. Holidays will only be authorised under exceptional circumstances.

Staff Development Days 2023-24

Monday 4th September 2023
Wednesday 8th January 2024
Monday 3rd June 2024
Monday 22nd July 2024
Tuesday 23rd July 2024

Diary Dates 2023

July

Monday 10th July Mrs Lucan's class assembly @2.20pm
Tuesday 11th July Mrs Bancroft's class assembly @2.20pm
Wednesday 12th July Mr Hamm's class assembly @2.20pm
Thursday 13th July Mr Young's class assembly @2.20pm
Friday 14th July Non Uniform day (£1 donation on ParentPay)
Mon 17th-Wed 19th Home learning

September

Monday 4th September Staff Development Day
Tuesday 5th September - Children return to school
Wednesday 20th September - Foundation 2 Curriculum Evening for parents @5pm
Thursday 28th September – Year 1 Curriculum Evening for parents @5pm

October

Tuesday 3rd October Year 2 Curriculum Evening for parents @5pm
Monday 9th October Anxiety Workshop for parents 9-10am
w/c 16th October Parent/Teacher meetings
Friday 20th October – Non Uniform Day Children finish for half term break

I hope you all have a wonderful summer and I look forward to seeing you in September!

Yours sincerely,
Julie Morris