

Newsletter 11

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News, Information and Reminders

Covid Update

There are currently two positive cases in school (classes 4 and 5). There is no requirement for close contacts to take LFD tests but if you are concerned, please get in touch or continue to test at home. We know that some families are affected with Covid too, we hope that everyone gets better quickly.

If your child does test positive, either after an LFD test or a PCR test, it is essential that they stay away from school. They can end their self-isolation after they have had 2 negative LFD tests taken on consecutive days from Day 5. They should stop testing after they have had 2 consecutive negative test results. The same applies to school staff.

You can still get free LFD tests until 1st April in the following ways:

- Go online to order for home delivery to www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests
- Pick one up from a local pharmacy or collection point – put in your postcode at <https://maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk> to find your nearest one. You can also call into a local pharmacy and ask if they have any LFD home test kits. • Go online to <https://test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/collect-lateral-flow-kits> and add your details to get a 'collect code' to give to the pharmacist for free home test kit. If you cannot go online, you can get a code by calling 119 (free from landlines and mobiles. Lines are open from 7am to 11pm.)
- Call 119 for free and request a LFD test kit

Please get in touch if you have any covid related query and we will do our best to advise and help you. Thank you.

PTFA Coffee Morning



Thanks to everyone who came to the coffee morning yesterday. This was a lovely way to restart our in school events and it was great to see people inside the building again! The next event is a cake sale and will be the last PTFA/whole school event at Broadway East so we really hope everyone can be included. The PTFA committee are planning this as an outdoor event and it will be at the front of school (depending on the weather) at home time. More details to follow from the PTFA soon!

Ukraine Appeal

We have been overwhelmed with your generosity for the Ukraine collection. This has been a Gosforth wide effort which was organised by Regent Farm First School. Let's hope that we have made a positive difference to people when they need it most and that the situation resolves soon. Thank you for your support. Thank you also to the parent who sorted out all of the donations to make the collection manageable.



Children's Visit to Havannah First School

We have planned our visit for all Children for next Friday. We are taking children in groups of 60 (two classes) so that they can explore the building, grounds and classrooms. They will all be able to see their new classrooms for the summer term. The children are extremely excited about visiting their new school.! If for some reason, outside of our control, we can't visit on Friday, we will reschedule for as soon as possible.

Red Nose Day

Next Friday is also Red Nose Day. As usual we will have a non-uniform day. However, instead of wearing red, we are going green to celebrate the new school! It's OK to wear something with green in or to just wear green socks, a green hair accessory etc. If you can't locate anything, please don't feel you have to buy anything new, just come in non-uniform – we will all blend in! Donations can be made via ParentMail and we will send these on.

Cost of Educational Visits

We have come across huge increases in the price of coach hire and this means that there will be an unavoidable increase in the cost of visits and trips from school. We supplemented the increase for the Beamish trip as it was rescheduled. However, you will notice that the cost for Woodhorn (KS1) and Hall Hill Farm (Reception) are more than we would have expected in the past. These visits are a really important part of the curriculum and we think that the children need them more than ever, after two years of cancellations so we hope that you will support the costs. If your child is entitled to a benefits-related free school meal (not the Reception and KS1 universal offer) then we can meet the cost of visits. If you are not able to pay or cannot meet the full cost, please let the office know and we will do our best to find a solution with you.

Y4 Leavers' Hoodies



Parent and carers of children in year 4 are usually invited to purchase a leavers' hoodie from school in the summer term. This year, as a special, one-off treat for our wonderful Year 4 children, we are going to buy them all a leavers' hoodie as their leaving gift! We made this decision because we think that the Year 4 children have been so patient about the new school and will only get one term there, after such a long wait! The text on the hoodies will reflect that they started at BEFS and left from HFS and will have both logos on the front. These are grey and the children can wear them for school as soon as they have them! There is a form on ParentMail for you to complete for sizes. Thank you.

PTFA Jumpers and Cardigans

Everyone got their new HFS uniform jumper or cardigan this week and there was much excitement in school as we gave them out. We are really grateful to the PTFA for this gesture, especially at a time when we are all feeling the effects of rising bills and costs at home. Children can start wearing their new jumpers and cardigans as soon as we move. Other items of uniform are available from Tots to Teams. Please remember that there is no requirement for children to have all of the items or to stop wearing the old uniform.



Greggs Children's Cancer Run

We are really excited to be able to take part in the Greggs Children's Cancer Run again this year. Children have been learning about this in school and you have all received an email from school with the log in details. This is always a great event so please join us if you can!



2019 – our last Cancer Run

School Relocation Updates

On Monday this week, we had our staff meeting at the new school. For some staff, this was their first visit to the site and it gave everyone an opportunity to begin thinking about the curriculum for the summer term and beyond as well as preparing for the children's visit. The indoor and outdoor environment will make an enormous difference to teaching and learning and we are absolutely confident that the children will love it. I can also inform you that the staff loved it too – there were many 'oohs' and 'ahs' as we showed everyone around!

Our visit for children is still planned for Friday and we are looking for an opportunity for parents and carers to visit too. We hope to be able to do this before we start the summer term, we will keep you up to date with any arrangements.

Here are some outdoor images from our visit. Mrs Ward tried out the story teller's chair in forest school and Miss Storey couldn't resist playing on the climbing equipment and having a quiet moment in one of the reading pods!



Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Best wishes

Helen McKenna
Headteacher



Dates List

Friday 18 th March	Red Nose Day – Wear green or something green (non uniform)
	All classes to visit the new school
Monday 21 st March	Start of Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel
Monday 21 st March	Parents and Carers' Evening
Tuesday 22 nd March	Parents and Carers' Evening
Thursday 31 st March	Reception visit to the farm
Friday 1 st April	KS2 visit to Beamish
Thursday 7 th April	Last day of term for children – start of Easter Holiday
Friday 8 th April	School closed for decant
Monday 11th April – Friday 22nd April Easter Holiday	
Monday 25 th April	School closed for staff setting up
Tuesday 26 th April	School closed for staff setting up
Wednesday 27th April	Start of new term at Havannah First School!
Monday 2 nd May	Bank Holiday
Wednesday 11 th May	Y4 Residential to Robinwood
Thursday 12 th May	Y4 Residential to Robinwood
Friday 13 th May	Y4 Residential to Robinwood
Friday 27 th May	Break up for half term
Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June Half term Holiday	
Monday 6 th June	GST holiday for the Platinum Jubilee
Tuesday 7 th June	Back to school
Friday 22 nd July	Break up for summer holiday

