

# Whitehorse Manor—Brigstock site Newsletter Wednesday 10th June 2015



### Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move into the last six weeks of the school year we begin to think about arrangements for the future and the sharp eyed amongst you will have noticed that there are some changes planned for next year. A new school called 'Chestnut Park Primary School' is set to be built in St James' Road, Croydon over the next year. This school is run by another Academy Trust called the Glyn Learning Foundation (GLF) who already run a number of Academies in Surrey. Their premises will not be ready for September and so we have made an agreement with Croydon Council that we will host this school between September 2015 and July 2016. They will have up to 90 reception aged children who will be taught in the classrooms upstairs on the Brigstock site. This arrangement is purely for accommodation and no staff other than premises staff will be involved in working with these children. Chestnut Park has its own Headteacher, Esther Brooks, and its own staff. You can learn all about this new school by visiting their website—www.chestnutparkschool.org. The children and staff at Chestnut Park will be staying with us for one year and then departing to their new site. Some of you will have noticed new signage at the front of the school which will remain in place for 12 months. Ms Brooks has been on site already and we are sure the two schools will enjoy a positive relationship as they share the premises next year.

In terms of practical arrangements there shouldn't be too many changes from how the Brigstock site has been organised this year. All times will remain the same and the children will access all the school's facilities in the same way. However, the present Year 2 'Ash' class will not move upstairs but will occupy the fourth classroom downstairs which means that all the Whitehorse children will be together on the ground floor. Miss Hall will remain the senior leader on site and all queries about anything on site should be addressed to her in the normal way. The Pegasus Children's Club before and after school will cater to children from both schools to their normal high standard and you can be assured that places will be available for everyone. The children at Chestnut Park will wear a grey uniform and you will see them all on the playground on the first day back in September. If you have any further queries about how this 'School Share' will work next year you should speak to Miss Hall but we know that the school was built for 210 children and that there is plenty of room for everyone. I am sure you will make them welcome.

#### Science and Healthy eating week

We had a fantastic start to our last half term of school with children taking part in an Academy wide Science and Healthy Eating Week. The children experienced a range of science and healthy eating activities including lots of fun science experiments, a 'life bus' work shop, a mass Zumba class, smoothie making and a salad competition. Please visit <a href="www.pegasusacademytrust.org">www.pegasusacademytrust.org</a> to see news stories and photographs of these events.

#### **Parents connect**

We would like to invite parents to attend our next Parents' Connect meeting on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July from 9.00am. This meeting gives parents a chance to network over a cup of tea.

J. Meeks

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## Other events in the coming weeks:

Rowan- Horniman Museum Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June Willow- Science Museum trip Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June Ash- Broadstairs trip Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June Sports Day 7<sup>th</sup> July 9.30-11.00am Willow- Class assembly 9.30am Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July Ash-Year 2 disco Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July 3.30-5.00pm