

Whitehorse Manor Infant School

Newsletter Friday 17th April 2015



Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to the summer term. The children look refreshed and raring to go after the Easter break. Last half term was a short but busy one. The children enjoyed fundraising for Comic Relief on Red Nose Day and the schools raised £678.12. Thank you for your support to help raise money for this very worthy cause. The local fire brigade came to visit the reception children as part of their topic 'People Who Help Us'. Not only did the children learn about fire safety but every child had the opportunity to sit in the fire engine and use the hose pipe! Fifteen year two pupils were selected to take part in the Croydon Schools' Dance Association Festival at Fairfield Halls. This was a great opportunity for children to perform in a real theatre to a packed audience. They should be proud of their achievements. Thank you for all your Easter egg donations. We raised about £400 across the schools. I will be meeting with the School Council to discuss ideas for spending the money to enhance playtimes.

Parental Questionnaire

Many thanks to all who responded to our annual parental questionnaire last term. We had over 109 responses and I am pleased to say that the outcome was overwhelmingly positive. Thank you for all the lovely comments about the school and staff. Your constructive comments on how we can improve things are very useful and we will endeavour to work hard to address some of the issues raised. The main area of concern related to the development of the playgrounds on the Whitehorse Road site. This is something that we have been working on with the input from the School Council. Now the building works are finished and finances have been secured for this project we can press ahead. The nursery have already had a gazebo installed and there are plans to install a larger area of soft surfacing. The picnic tables, that were requested for the large playground, have arrived this week and children have been enjoying playing games, drawing and reading quietly at these. Parasols have been ordered to provide shade. We have some companies working on a design for a purpose built climbing frame incorporating requests from the children for particular features, such as a slide, fireman's pole and cargo netting. We hope to have the work completed by the end of the summer term.

Asthma pumps and Epipens

If your child has an asthma pump or Epipen kept in school please ensure that these medicines are in date as we are unable to administer medication which has expired.

Uniform and PE kits

Please ensure your children have plimsolls, a white tee shirt and black shorts for PE lessons and these, along with all items of school uniform, are named. **Stud earrings** are the only jewellery which can be worn at any time in school. With the warmer weather approaching I would like to remind parents that black shoes are the only footwear allowed in school. Open toed sandals should not be worn. Also the only baseball hat allowed to be worn at school is the Pegasus baseball hat available on the website, although the office has a few in stock to sell.

Dates for your diary

Monday 20th April- Gold Class to Ladyland Farm (no school for Silver Class)

Thursday 23rd April – Silver Class to Ladyland Farm (no school for Gold Class)

Thursday 7th May- Polling Day- **School Closed**

Last day of term Friday 22nd May

Thank you for your continued support

Sharon Russell
Head of School