



Whitehorse Manor Junior School

Newsletter Tuesday 14th April 2015



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back. I hope you have enjoyed the Easter holidays and made the most of the break. The summer term seems to be kicking off with a bit of a heatwave and it's time to get active on the field and start working off some of those chocolate eggs! As usual, it's a busy term. Year 6 will be sitting their SATs tests in the week beginning 11th May and then it's time for their residential trip to the Isle of Wight from Monday 18th May. Year 4 are off to Walton Firs activity centre for some team building and broader PE activities. Year 5 will be visited by a rainforest expert later in the term and Year 3 are meeting a caveman this Wednesday! Please check the website for dates and remember that the school will be closed on Thursday 7th May due to the general election.

Parental questionnaire: Many thanks to all those of you who responded to our annual parental questionnaire last term. We had almost 70 responses and the outcome was overwhelmingly positive. Thank you for all the lovely feedback on staff and on the school in general and I will, of course, be taking on board your constructive feed back about how we can make things even better.

Building work: I'd hoped that I'd never have to type those words again, but in response to some parental queries (see above) I thought I'd keep you up-to-date with new works in progress. When we got our lovely, award winning building back at the end of the last academic year, there were still a couple of projects that needed completion: namely the library and the playground. We've been waiting for the finances to complete these works and, happily, both are set to get underway this term. The new library furniture is due to be fitted at the end of April and we hope to have the books out of boxes and back on the shelves by the May half term. The library will be a shared space with the infant school and we are all looking forward to getting this central learning area completed. Meanwhile, Mr Hill, our Facilities Manager, has begun the process of getting our playground re-furbished. We have already consulted with the children about the types of activity equipment they would like reinstated and have a few ideas to share with School Council. Mr Gadd has removed the broken trellis and old gazebo in preparation for new markings and new picnic benches have already arrived. We are hopeful that this project will be completed by the end of the summer term. As the children will be out on the field, this work shouldn't impact on playtimes or PE.

The Easter raffle: The Easter raffle raised over £400 shared between the two schools and Miss Ishmael and I will be meeting with School Council soon to discuss what resources they think we should use this money for.

Hats: As the sun is out, can I remind you that 'snap back' baseball hats are not permitted school uniform. A whole year's warning was given about this and the 'phase-out' period is at an end. The only baseball cap allowed is the Pegasus baseball hat available on the website, although the office often have a few to sell.

Congratulations: I thought I'd take this opportunity to offer my congratulations to Mr David Wood, who was the successful candidate in the recent Selhurst by-election. David has been a member of the academy council (governor) at Whitehorse Manor Juniors for 7 years, showing a total commitment to ensuring the best possible outcomes for our children. We all wish him well as he steps into the political arena.

Ms. N Achenbach - Head of School
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Other events in the coming weeks:

Friday 24th April: Jutland (5S) class assembly
Friday 1st May: Exmoor (3S) class assembly
Monday 11th May: SATs week in Year 6
Monday 18th May: Year 6 to the Isle of Wight
Friday 22nd May : Half term break

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