



Whitehorse Manor Junior School

Newsletter Tuesday 18th December 2012

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I'm very pleased that we managed to put on a Christmas Production this year, despite the restricted space due to the on-going building work. Many thanks to all of you who brought your children back for the evening performances of 'Magic in the Air' - there were hardly any children who didn't return and all parents who waited to see if spaces became available in the gym were happy when they did! It seems amazing that this is already the last newsletter of 2012. I hope that you enjoy the festive season with your family and take this opportunity to rest and recuperate. I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year and look forward to seeing you in 2013.

New uniform opportunities: We are keen to encourage our children to look smart for school, and thank parents for ensuring that their children are properly attired each day. From the new year there will be two new items of uniform available. A black 'Pegasus' baseball cap (which will be the only baseball cap that children will be permitted to wear) and a new black 'Pegasus' coat (which will be optional, but is waterproof, with a hood, a reversible fleece lining and very good value). These items will be available directly from the manufacturer via a link on our website from the beginning of next term.



Mufti Day: The last day of term, Thursday 20th December, will be a Mufti Day. The children are welcome to wear their own clothes on this day. We are not asking for any money for this, but if parents want to make a donation to LUPUS UK, the collection box is in the office.

Medicines in school: Please remember that only medicines that have been prescribed by a doctor, with a label from the doctor on the bottle or box as evidence of this, can be administered in school. Unfortunately, any medicines bought 'over-the-counter' need to be given at home, and can not be given by school staff during the day. If your doctor thinks that your child has an on-going medical need for paracetamol, cough medicine and the like, they will happily write you a prescription and prescriptions are free of charge for children under 16 years of age.

Extreme weather warnings: We need to remind parents that in the event of extreme weather such as deep snow, it may be necessary to close the school. We will always endeavour to keep the school open but sometimes, if staff cannot get in to school or the site becomes unsafe, it may be necessary to close. We will inform parents of any closure by sending a text and by updating the school's website. Please ensure that your mobile number for the 'text to parents' service is up-to-date. Parents can also check for school closure details at <http://map.lqfl.org.uk/opencheck>.

Changes to club registration: After school activity clubs will now be allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis. Please look out for the separate letter about how to register your child for a club next term from Mrs Christopher.

Parental survey: Our annual parental survey questionnaire is now available for parents to complete at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/K5K7T9V>

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Other events in the coming weeks:

Thursday 20th December Last day of term
Monday 7th January INSET day - school closed
Tuesday 8th January Children return to school
Friday 18th January 5C class assembly
Friday 25th January 4P class assembly

