



Whitehorse Manor Junior School

Newsletter Monday 18th May 2015



Dear parents and carers,
The year is flying by and we are half-way through the summer term already! Next half term is very busy, with sports days, open days and the Year 6 leavers' production and assembly. I include some dates for your diary below, but please check the website regularly to keep up-to-date with what's going on. Well done to our choir who came second (with distinction) at the Croydon Music Festival and to our Year 3 and Year 4 tennis team who are now through to the final to find Croydon's representatives for the School Games in July.

Building update: The new library arrived as anticipated and we are now only waiting for some soft furnishings to arrive to make it complete. Ms Smythe took on the mighty task of sorting through all the books that have been hidden away in storage for the last 4 years and adding the books from the old Infant library. Well done Ms Smythe! When we finish labelling the books we will be able to start really using this valuable resource. We are awaiting quotes on remarking the Junior playground and installing equipment, which is now looking likely to happen in the summer holidays.

Fundraising for World Vision: Connemara Class, 4W, held a very successful cake sale on Wednesday 29th April, to raise funds for two children that the school sponsors in India through the 'World Vision' charity. They raised just over £70 for this worthy cause. There were a few concerns raised about crowding and pushing in the queue so we will endeavour to keep some extra staff on hand at our next cake sale, in the hopes that this will keep things safe and fair.

Reporting on pupil progress: We report on your child's progress at termly parent-teacher meetings and through the end-of-year report. However, if at any time you want to know how they are getting on, you are welcome to speak to their class teacher – this is what we mean by an 'open door' policy. You can also communicate with your child's class teacher through the comments section of the homework diary. Please don't ever feel that you don't know enough about what is going on with your child's learning – they are your child and we want you to know all about them!

Dates for your diary

Monday 1st June - First day back after half term break
Friday 5th June - Camargue (4I) class assembly 11.00 am
Friday 12th June - Connemara (4W) class assembly 11.00 am
Friday 19th June - INSET day (school closed to pupils)
Friday 26th June - Percheron (5B) class assembly 11.00 am
Tuesday 30th June - Sports' Day (Year 3 & 4)
Wednesday 1st July - Sports' Day (Year 5 & 6)
Wednesday 8th July - Year 6 Production (1.30 pm)
Thursday 9th July - Year 6 Production (7.00pm)
Friday 10th July - End of year reports go home
Saturday 11th July - Family Fun Day at EPS 11-2pm
Tuesday 14th July - Open evening
Monday 13th July - Year 6 leavers' disco 6pm-8pm
Thursday 16th July - Year 6 leavers' assembly 11.00 am
Thursday 16th July - Last day of academic year

A very big 'well done' to all of Year 6 and the staff who supported them during SATs week, with a special 'hats-off-to-you' to the children who kept on going during the afternoon level 6 papers. Everyone stayed calm and did their best, which is all we would ever ask. Year 6 are off to the Isle of Wight for a well deserved rest (and Mrs Byrne has plenty planned for those who can't join us). We'll keep you up-to-date with our daily blog on the website.

Ms. N Achenbach - Head of School

In other news: Mrs Jules, who has been working as a TA in Connemara (4W) class will be leaving us after half term and we wish her our very best and thank her for all her hard work. Mrs Shepherd will be taking over and working with the children as their class TA until the end of the year.