



Whitehorse Manor Junior School

Newsletter Friday 20th December 2013



Dear Parents and Carers,

It seems amazing that this is already the last newsletter of 2013! A lot has been happening this half term. We had our first week of hot meals from our new kitchens this week. It is wonderful having hot meals prepared by our own on-site chef again and the children were very happy to see the return of the salad bar and the introduction of separate trays, plates and bowls - although we had to do a bit of coaching on how to balance things! School lunches are available for £2.15 per day and they really couldn't be of a higher standard. Our re-vamped hall is also finished and we have held our first assembly in there, in nearly 2 years. From 7th January afterschool club will be held in the 'new' hall, giving the children some much needed extra space and the after-school staff access to the new servery kitchen in which to prepare the evening meal. The building project is very close to completion now and we are very happy that so many people are telling us how beautiful they think the school looks. I hope that you enjoy the festive season with your family and take this opportunity to rest and recuperate. I wish you all the best for the New Year and look forward to seeing you all in 2014.

Our Christmas production took place in the gym again this year, although with 3 performances we managed to provide all parents with the opportunity to see their child perform at least once. Many thanks to all of you who brought your children back for the evening performances of 'The Magical Christmas Jigsaw' - 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!

School Uniform: We are keen to encourage our children to look smart for school, and thank parents for ensuring that their children are properly attired for school each day. As the weather cools, don't forget that there is a black 'Pegasus' coat available from the manufacturer, 'Wovina' via a link on the website. The coat is waterproof, with a hood, a reversible fleece lining and very good value for money. The only shoes that children are permitted to wear are black school ones. If there is heavy rain or snow and children walk to school in boots, they will be expected to change into their shoes when they arrive at school.



Extreme weather warnings: Now that winter is here 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.lgfl.org.uk/opencheck>.

Don't forget to check the website on www.pegasusacademytrust.org

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'N Achenbach'.

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

Friday 20th December Last day of term
Monday 6th January INSET day - school closed
Tuesday 7th January Children return to school
Monday 3rd March Book Week
Tuesday 11th March Parents' Evening
Wednesday 12th March Parents' Evening