



# Whitehorse Manor Junior School

## Newsletter Monday 25th March 2013



### Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy spring term and we've managed to get lots done. Year 6 have been on a trip to the Science Museum and Year 5 have visited a 'haunted house' at EPS to inspire their creative writing. Year 4 visited the Museum of London to meet 'Charles Dickens', whilst Year 3 have visited a local church and entered their sculptures in the national '4th Plinth' competition. Most importantly, we have finally moved into our new classrooms. It is such a great relief to have all our classes back together again under one roof. Please remember that you are most welcome to come in and have a look at our new classrooms before the start of school or at the end of the day. Mr Gadd is still working tirelessly to get display boards up and the last bits of finishing done, but it feels like our children have finally come home! Enjoy the Easter break and don't forget to look on the website for pictures of all the events that have been happening at school over the last term.

**Punctuality and attendance:** The current figure for attendance is just over 95%. This is a concern as it represents a drop in our attendance levels and is close to Ofsted's lowest limit of acceptable attendance. Although the cold weather has contributed to a host of illnesses, please remember that parents whose children are repeatedly absent from school can ultimately expect court action and a fine - it is a parental duty to ensure that children attend school. Our Educational Welfare Service is particularly concerned by children who have 'odd days' on an almost weekly basis. In addition to this, please remember that the doors of the school open for 'early work' from 8.45 am. If you aim to get your child to school by 8.45 they will not only have the opportunity to do 15 minutes of additional work each morning, they will also be on time for the bell at 9.00 am.

**Charity and fundraising:** Red Nose Day was very successful and we managed to raise £277 for the charity. Well done to the best dressed 'superheroes' in each class and to Jakub Hoffmann in 6H for winning Mr Powell's charity table tennis tournament. Meanwhile, Miss Holt is just over half way towards her £2000 target for fundraising for the London Marathon on April 21st and is currently selling Mr Men key rings given by the charity she will be representing, 'Children with Cancer UK', to raise more funds towards this target.

**Annual Easter Egg Raffle:** We will be holding our annual Easter Egg Raffle on Thursday 28th March 2013. Please, please donate an Easter egg to this worthwhile cause. All funds raised will go into our school fund and be used to benefit our children. Tickets will be on sale from Tuesday 26th March from the school office at a cost of 20p per ticket. **You've got to be in it to win it!**



**So long and farewell:** We are saying goodbye to two members of staff this term. Ms Spinks, who shares 5S with Ms Smythe, is leaving to work at a school closer to home, whilst after 12 years at the school as a Teaching Assistant, Mrs Walker will be leaving us due to a house move. We will miss both these members of staff very much and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them both for their hard work with the children and wish them well in their future endeavours.

### Other events in the coming weeks:

Monday 15th April: Children return from half term  
Tuesday 23rd April: Year 4 visit to the V&A  
Monday 13th May: SATs week in Year 6  
Monday 20th May: Year 6 to the Isle of Wight  
Friday 24th May : Half term break

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Ms. N Achenbach - **Head of School**  
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