



# Whitehorse Manor Junior School

## Newsletter Friday 25th October 2013



Dear Parents and Carers,

The half term has sped by and autumn is really upon us! Children in all year groups have enjoyed a range of special events, visitors and trips. Year 5 was invaded by Romans and Year 6 enjoyed their annual team building day at Broadstone Warren. Our annual Remembrance Day service will be held on Monday 11th November 2012 from 10.45 am, with a two minute silence at 11.00am. All parents are most welcome to join us. I hope that the half term offers you the chance to relax and recuperate before the count down to Christmas begins in earnest.

**Mathletics:** 'Mathletics' has been our maths homework at WHJUN for the last 5 years. Teachers set homework tasks for pupils and once these are completed pupils are then free to work on other areas of maths. It has always been our expectation that children earn a 'bronze certificate' worth 1000 points each week, where each activity usually earns around 200 points. There is a real link between progress in maths and regular completion of this homework. Children need access to a computer to complete this homework, but it can also be completed on a tablet such as an iPad, or on a smartphone. Unfortunately, there has been a drop in the number of pupils earning 1000 points, despite the fact that this achievement is celebrated in assembly every Wednesday, with classes competing against each other. Mathletics scores are also reported on end of year reports. Please make sure that your child is doing this homework. If your child does not have access to a computer, please see Mrs Vanner who organises our lunchtime homework club to see if we can help with computer access.

**Charity at Whitehorse:** Our Macmillan Coffee Morning was a great success and helped raise £130 for this worthy cause. I'd also like to thank everyone who donated goods for our Harvest Festival. These have now been passed on to local charities to be distributed within the local community. Well done to 4H for a memorable Harvest Assembly.

**Packed lunches and fruit snack:** Many thanks to all parents who are supporting our healthy lunchbox policy. Please remember that the school is unable to re-heat food, so if you want to send your child in with a hot lunch then please use a thermos flask to keep it warm. Children are welcome to bring a piece of fruit in for a mid-morning snack, or apples are on sale each day for 20p.

**Could you be a MAC?** We are still in need of two parents to be members of our Academy Council (MACs). MACs serve the same purpose as parent governors do in Local Authority schools. They support and advise the directors of the Pegasus Academy Trust, ensuring that we are doing a good job. The main commitment required of MACs is that they attend 4-5 meetings per year and give an honest opinion, as a parent, of how we are doing. I have sent application forms out to all parents today, so please complete one if you are interested or come and see me for more Information after half term.

### **Up coming dates:**

Monday 4th November: Children return to school

Friday 8th November: 3I class assembly

Monday 11th November: Remembrance Day Assembly from 10.45 am

Friday 15th November 5C class assembly

WB Monday 18th November: Maths Week

Wednesday 11th December: Year 3 & 5 Christmas Production (evening)

Thursday 12th December: Year 4 & 6 Christmas Production (evening)

Friday 20th December: Last day of term

Ms N Achenbach  
Head of School

**Don't forget that PAT winter coats are available from 'wovina' via the link on our website.**

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