



Whitehorse Manor Junior School

Newsletter Thursday 26th May 2016



Dear Parents and Carers,
The family celebration event was a real success and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the parents who brought food to share and Ms Ehiemua and the choir children who came back to perform for us. Although the weather wasn't quite as sunny as we would have hoped for (is it ever?) moving the event to the summer term did mean that we could use the outside spaces in daylight which meant that we didn't have to limit numbers. We had a great line-up of professional acts: Endurance steel pans, the Blema African dancers, the Bollywood Co dancers and Lottie Jade, a young up-and-coming local singer who attends The Brit School. It was also great to see so many people in their traditional dress. A thoroughly enjoyable event! Remember, if you know anyone who might like to perform at a future celebration event please tell myself or Mrs Russell, as we are always keen to add as many acts to the evening as possible.

School Uniform: I spoke to the children recently to remind them that our school uniform colours are burgundy and grey. Trousers, shorts, skirts and pinafores should all be grey in colour and this has been the case for many years and is stated clearly in our prospectus on the school website. It has come to my attention that many of the children, particularly the boys, are wearing black trousers. As we are coming into the last part of the summer term, please remember that if you are buying shorts for your child, that these need to be grey. Shorts with cargo pockets and the skirt-like shorts that the supermarkets are currently selling are both fine, so long as they are grey. I know it's late in the term to throw out the black trousers, so please just make sure that you buy grey trousers ready for next year when you refresh your child's uniform over the summer holiday.

SATs are over! Given the poor publicity that the new testing regime has had and stories in the press about Year 6 pupils breaking under the pressure of it all, I was really pleased that our children acquitted themselves with such calm, demonstrating that they 'strive to be independent learners'. We only ask that our children try their best. I am grateful to the Year 6 team and support staff who helped make SATs week, if not enjoyable then 'tolerable' – I particularly enjoyed breakfast! Year 6 now have their trip to the Isle of Wight and end of year production to look forward to and they will get to enjoy spending some quality time together before they go off to secondary school.

Challenge Week: Children will be participating in various class and year group challenges during the first week back. Please look out for the Challenge Homework set for half term.

Job opportunities: We are currently recruiting midday meal supervisors. If you have experience of working with children and would like to find out more information please email recruitment@pegasusacademytrust.org or ask at the school office.

The parental questionnaire is still open until the end of half term. If you would like to complete it please follow the link on our website www.pegasusacademytrust.org

Tomorrow (Friday 27th May) is Mufti Day!
Wear your own clothes and donate a gift
for the Family Fun Day

Ms. N Achenbach - Head of School

Dates for your diary:

Mon 13th June: Sports Day (Yr 3 & 4)
Wed 15th June: Sports Day (Yr 5 & 6)
WB 27th June: Year 6 to the Isle of Wight
Mon 4th July: Yr 2 transition meeting 6pm
Fri 8th July: Reports out/new classes announced
Tue 12th July: Open evening (3.30-5pm)
Wed 13th July: Yr 6 Production (1.45pm)
Thurs 14th July: Yr 6 Production (7pm)
Sat 16th July: PAT Family Fun Day 11-2 @ EPS
Mon 18th July: Yr 6 BBQ/Disco
Thurs 21st July: Leavers' Assembly 11am
Thurs 21st July: Last day of term