

## Whitehorse Manor Junior School Newsletter Friday 26th October 2012



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy start to the year and all classes have settled in well and begun working hard. Children in all year groups have enjoyed a range of special events, visitors and trips, including the Year 6 team building day at Broadstone Warren and the Year 4 trip to the National Maritime Museum in Greenwich. Our annual Remembrance Day service will be held on Friday 9th 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.

<u>Charity at Whitehorse:</u> We have done a great deal for charity this half term, and I'd like to thank parents, pupils and staff for their generosity. Our Macmillan Coffee Morning helped raise £228.20 for this worthy cause and Year 6 held a very successful cake sale and raised £170 for our sponsored school children in India. May I also take this opportunity to thank everyone who donated goods for our Harvest Festival. These have now been passed on to local charities to be distributed within the community. We will be raising money for Lupus UK next term and Christmas cards which support this charity are currently on sale in the school office.

<u>Possible Polling Day:</u> The Council has not given us a confirmed date as yet, but Thursday 29th November 2012 has been strongly suggested as a possible polling day for the by-election to replace Malcolm Wicks who died recently. This means the school will be used as a polling station and will be closed. I know that parents prefer to be forewarned as early as possible, so please keep this date in mind. As soon as we are given a confirmed date by the Council, we will let you know. I apologise in advance for the inconvenience.

<u>Mathletics:</u> The technical problem which has prevented us from registering existing pupils in their new classes, and putting our new Year 3 pupils onto the system, has now been resolved. Mathletics will be fully up and running after the half term break. Ms George will lead an assembly when we return to remind children how to log on.

**Boots and trainers:** Please remember that boots and trainers are not part of our school uniform. As school shoes should be robust and comfortable enough for all eventualities, there should be no need for children to change their footwear to walk to or from school.

## **Up coming dates:**

Tuesday 6th November: Children return to school Friday 9th November: Remembrance Day Assembly

Friday 16th November: 3I class assembly

Monday 19th November: Maths and Friendship Week

Friday 30th November 4P class assembly

Wednesday 12th December: Year 3 & 4 Christmas Production (evening) Thursday 13th December: Year 5 & 6 Christmas Production (evening)

Tuesday 18th December: Crafts and Carols Thursday 20th December: Last day of term

Don't forget to visit our website at www.pegasusacademytrust.org for all important dates and events!

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