



Whitehorse Manor Junior School

Newsletter Friday 4th April 2014



Dear Parents and Carers,

Some of you may have noticed that the building work is finished at last and we have begun to move into our new building. I apologise to those of you who found it difficult to find your way to the front office this morning, but as the phones and IT had been transferred on Thursday night, keeping the old office open this Friday, which was our original intention, was no longer an option, hence the hasty sign making and frantic re-directing. From now on all office enquires need to go to the new main office. This is situated between the infant and junior schools, under the golden roof (from the front of the building) or under the play deck and past the astro-turf (from the playground side). The entrance/exit by the old office is locked and is no longer in use. If you have come into the school with your child and then wish to visit the office, you will need to exit the building via the door that you came in through, and walk outside to the new office as there is no public route through the school to the office for obvious security reasons. Our new office is shared by both the infant and junior schools, so we hope you will be able to get all your enquiries answered without having to walk the length of the school site. The new office area is also where parents will need to come and wait to collect children from clubs. Over the Easter break, Mr Gadd and his team will continue to move bits and pieces around and find everything a new home. We will also work on the signage to better indicate where new areas are. The builders are also going to be working on a new side entrance to the school for pupils to use in the mornings. It is so nice to feel that this building project is finally winding down and we will begin planning an official opening ceremony towards the end of the academic year. Enjoy the Easter break and we look forward to seeing you for a cracking summer term.

Charity and fundraising: Sport Relief was very successful and we managed to raise £250 for this worthy cause and all enjoyed our mile-long jog around the field. Also many thanks to all of you who brought in Easter eggs for our annual raffle and well done to all the lucky winners. Yum Yum!



More good news: We have recently purchased a minibus for the Pegasus Academy Trust, and this has really helped us to take our children to sporting events, both within and outside the borough. Mr Powell took a group of children to a tag rugby festival hosted by the Harlequins, with our teams coming in second and third place. Miss Richards took our gymnastics team to the Keysteps gymnastic competition in floor work and vaults, at Harris Crystal Palace, and our team won! They will now compete at the Crystal Palace Sports Centre in the next leg of this competition. Well done to all the children who took part.

Easter homework This is just a little reminder to encourage your child to read every day during the Easter break. It is amazing how quickly children get rusty if they are not using their reading skills every day, and simply encouraging reading is a very effective way to improve your child's attainment at school. Times tables revision is also a great way to improve maths skills and Mathletics is accessible throughout the holiday for children wishing to fine-tune their maths skills.

Other events in the coming weeks:

Tuesday 22nd April: Children return from Easter
Monday 12th May: SATs week in Year 6
Monday 19th May: Year 6 to the Isle of Wight
Friday 23rd May : Half term break

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