



# Whitehorse Manor Junior School

## Newsletter Friday 4th October 2013



Dear parents and carers,

Time for some general reminders. Please ensure that your children arrive at school on time. Our doors open at 8.45 and the register is taken at 9.00. **From 8.45, early work is provided which supports your child's learning.** If you aim to get your child into school at 8.45 they will benefit from this extra work and you will be sure that they are registered on time. We also need to know of any changes to your contact details in case we need to contact you during the day because of illness or accidents. Finally, after many years of battling, we now have a zebra crossing outside the school. Please make sure that your children use it. We still see pupils and parents trying to cross where the lollypop man used to stand, which is no longer a safe crossing place. It would be truly awful if something happened to one of our children for the sake of walking a few feet, so please encourage your children to cross the road where it is safe.

**Harvest Festival** We are beginning to collect tinned and dry goods for Harvest Festival, which will then be collected by the Salvation Army who distribute them amongst the elderly and those in need. Please look in the back of your cupboards and send anything that you can spare to the school office. 4H will lead our Harvest Assembly on Friday 18th October from 11.00 to 11.20 and all parents are most welcome to attend.



**New house and vice captains** The votes have been collected and verified and the new house captains and vice captains have been elected. Olympia's house captain is Nico Lawrence, with Jasmine Henderson as vice captain. Corinth's house captain is Kai Chee-a-tow, with Trevon Dowie as vice captain. Sparta's house captain is Stephen Chase, with Zerda Burlut as vice captain. The house captain for Athens is Rochelle Meadon, with Jay-Jay Soggee as the vice captain. Many thanks to all the candidates who put themselves forward for election and spoke so eloquently during the campaign.

**Lunchboxes** Can parents please remember that we have a healthy lunchbox policy and we are a 'nut-free' school to safeguard our pupils with nut allergies. Sweets and confectionery bars are not allowed and will be returned home. A small, 30g bag of crisps as part of a balanced lunch is acceptable, but family sized bags are not. Children are expected to take all their left overs and packets home with them. This gives you the opportunity to monitor what your child is actually eating, and reduces the school's waste bill. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

**Appropriate PE kits and school uniform** It's lovely to see so many pupils wearing the correct PE kit of a white t-shirt and black shorts. Remember that, as the weather gets cooler, children can wear black jogging bottoms for games sessions, with their normal school jumper. PE kits should be left in school for the whole week. Children should have appropriate footwear for PE. Trainers are recommended for outside games. If children wear black plimsolls, these need to be ones for PE that have laces, Velcro or an elasticated panel, rather than 'Mary-Jane' style straps and buckles. All items of uniform should be clearly labelled with your child's name.

**Family Support Worker** We are pleased to announce that Mrs Caesar has now been appointed to work as our Family Support Worker at the Whitehorse schools. She will be holding a coffee morning on 22nd October to explain her role more fully, but if you need any advice related to family issues, please make an appointment to see her.

Ms N Achenbach  
Head of School

**Friday 18th October** Harvest (led by 4H)  
**15th and 16th October** Parents' Evenings  
**Week Beginning 21st October** Black History Week  
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