



# Whitehorse Manor Junior School

## Newsletter 5th June 2017



**D**ear parents and carers, Welcome back to the last half of the summer term! It does seem that this year has just flown by and it is quite difficult to believe that our Year 6s will soon be moving on to secondary school. We have a very busy seven weeks ahead of us, with a host of trips, visitors and special events on the horizon. Please do check the website and your mobile phone so we can get a timely message to you if anything needs to change. This is especially the case with Sports Day (which is entirely dependent on the weather). If we have an up-to-date mobile number for you, you will automatically receive a text as soon as we need to contact you. If it's sunny, please make sure that your child is well protected with creams and a sun-hat or Pegasus baseball cap. We spend a considerable amount of time persuading children to take off their jumpers when it's already in the mid-20s outside, so please can you re-enforce the message about staying cool in the sun at home as well? We remind the children to drink water during the day and children should all have a water-bottle in school with replacement water bottles available in the school shop.

**Please remember that, due to the General Election and our school's use as a polling station, the school will be closed to pupils on Thursday 8th June 2017**

**Family Celebration Event:** It was lovely to see so many of you return for the Family Celebration Event bringing dishes to share and wearing some amazing traditional costumes. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you and all the members of staff who worked hard, both preparing children to perform on the evening and serving and managing the food tables. Please remember that if you have access to performers who might be available to perform at next year's celebration, we would love to hear from you.

**No sweets in school:** This is just a reminder that sweets are not allowed in school. It is one of our rules. There has been a growth in the number of children who have sweets in their school bags and this just leads to problems for us related to: who is eating the sweets; when they are eating the sweets and who they are sharing the sweets with. Please support us and ensure that sweets are saved for after school.

**Bikes at school:** We don't yet have a bike rack (we are working on it!) but if your child needs to ride their bike to school, we can keep it in the area outside 4B, by prior arrangement. Bikes kept here are unlocked and left at the owner's risk. Any child riding to school will be expected to wear a helmet and be cycling proficient (i.e. able to ride on the road). 'Dr Bike' will be coming to service pupils' bikes for free on Wednesday 21st June, so keep that date in your diaries.

**Sports Day:** Sports day will be organised as usual. In the morning (9am-11am) there will be non-competitive activities to earn house points. In the afternoon (1.30-3.00) there will be competitive races. Parents are welcome to attend both the morning and afternoon events. Children are expected to wear school PE kit and can wear a T-shirt in their house colour on the day. House colours are: Sparta (red), Corinth (blue), Athens (yellow) and Olympia (green)

Thursday 8th June: School closed (General Election)  
 Monday 12th June: Yr 3 & 4 Sports Day  
 Wednesday 14th June: Yr 5 & 6 Sports Day  
 WB 19th June: Croydon Sports  
 Friday 23rd June: School closed (INSET day)  
 Thursday 29th June: Year 6 production 7pm

WB 3rd July: Yr 6 in the Isle of Wight  
 Friday 7th July: 5P (Percheron) Assembly  
 Saturday 8th July: PAT Family Fun Day at EPS  
 Friday 14th July: Reports out/new classes announced  
 Tuesday 18th July: Open Evening  
 Thursday 20th July: Leaver's Assembly

Ms. N Achenbach - Head of School

**And finally... We raised £470 for Comic Relief on Red Nose Day between the Whitehorse Schools so well done and thank you for your generosity.**