



Whitehorse Manor Junior School

Newsletter Friday 5th September 2014



Dear Parents and Carers,

It's so lovely to see all of our pupils again after the summer holidays, looking well-rested and ready to learn. There are, as always, lots of exciting things planned for the year ahead. Our teachers and team leaders have been busily planning an assortment of educational visits to enhance our curriculum, Mr Powell will be ensuring that there are sporting events galore and Mrs Christopher is making sure our after-school clubs are of the highest quality. Now that our building is complete, putting the 'finishing touches' to our new school will continue to be a priority in the coming year. We will be working on furnishing the library and restoring the playground to an interesting and vibrant play space. We also hope to hold our official opening ceremony at some point in the coming academic year and look forward to inviting you all to that. Welcome back!

School uniform and lost property: It was good to see how smart the children looked returning to school. Our uniform supplier, 'Bubblegum' on the High Street, have assured me that they will take delivery of more of our 'new badge' sweatshirts next week, if you still needs to update your child's uniform. Even though only three days have passed since we returned to school, there is already lost property accumulating in the storage boxes by the lift in the front entrance. Please, please ensure that all clothing is clearly marked with a name and surname (or class) and we will always be able to re-unite owners and lost articles. Unfortunately, we can't keep lost property for long periods of time (it becomes a fire hazard) and have to clear the boxes out regularly. If something has gone missing, check the boxes as soon as possible. As I've said, *labelled clothing usually returns to its rightful owner quite quickly.*

Starting the day well: The school doors open at 8.45 am and teachers have various types of early work available in class from this time. It is a really good idea to aim to get your child into class by 8.45 am, as this ensures that they are never late for school and they are calm and settled when they begin the day. Take advantage of this, and your child will benefit from an extra 1 ¼ hours of learning a week.

Fri 26 th Sept	Macmillan Coffee Morning
Thurs 2nd Oct	PAT Year 6 Secondary Transfer meeting (at Ecclesbourne Primary)
Tues 14 th Oct	Parents' Evening from 3:30 pm
Thurs 16 th Oct	Parents' Evening from 3:30 pm
Fri 10 th Oct	Harvest Assembly led by Lippizan-5TN
Mon 20 th Oct	Black History Week begins
Thurs 23 rd Oct	Whitehorse Family Celebration
Fri 24 th Oct	Last day of half-term

The Pegasus Prayer: Before the end of last year, the children helped to write a non-denominational 'Pegasus Prayer', based on our mission statement: 'Pegasus People'. This serves as our thought at the end of assembly and I have been asked to include a copy so that parents can get to know it too:

*We thank you each day,
For challenges new,
As Pegasus People,
We know what to do.
Remind us to care
About things that we should,
Be independent and proud,
With manners so good.
Keep us safe, healthy and happy,
Let us achieve high,
May our Pegasus wings,
Help us to fly.*

Ms N Achenbach
Head of School

