



Whitehorse Manor Junior School

Newsletter 6th January 2017



Welcome back and a very Happy New Year to you all! I hope that the festive season has been kind to you and that you feel refreshed and ready to embrace 2017. We had a great end to a very long term and it was really wonderful to see so many parents and pupils at the 'Crafts and Carols' event on the last Tuesday of term. I'd like to thank Mrs Ehiemua and the choir for all their hard work and also thank our school caterers, Harrison's, for providing the delicious refreshments. It's lovely to see all the children back, bright-eyed and bushy-tailed. It's a busy term, as usual, and we will try our utmost to keep you well informed about all relevant dates and events. Please check the website regularly for up-to-date information and make sure that we have your correct mobile phone number for our 'text to parents' service. Here's to a good half-term of learning!

Parent Meeting on Secondary School applications: The Parent MACs are leading a meeting on how to apply to secondary schools. This meeting is specifically aimed at parents of pupils in Years 4 and 5 to give you a better understanding of how the application process to both local state schools and selective schools works and when you need to apply by so you can get started in plenty of time. The meeting will be on **Tuesday January 17th from 6pm to 7pm** in the Junior Hall.

Uniform matters: As the winter gets underway, just a brief reminder about our policy on footwear. Boots and trainers are not part of our school uniform and children should not come to school wearing them. Children's school shoes should be robust enough to deal with rain, the walk to school and playtimes. In times of really adverse weather, such as snow or torrential rain, children can wear suitable boots to school, but are expected to change out of them and into their normal school shoes once at school. If your child has an orthopaedic medical condition that requires them to wear supportive, lace-up boots in order to correct this, please give a copy of the letter from their specialist to their class teacher and we will make an exception, based on their medical need.

Please, please, label all clothing. We have a lot of lost property that wouldn't be lost if it had a name!

Charity work in Kenya: One of Year 6 pupils, Vanessa Sam, has been accepted as a volunteer for the 'hgiving charity' in Kenya. She will be flying out to Nairobi in the coming week, with her mother, for a short stay to help build an orphanage with money that she has raised in her own time on the 'gofundme' website. Hgiving is a charity that very much ensures that funds raised actually get used by the people who need them most. Vanessa has shared her news with other Whitehorse pupils in assembly today and has set the children the task of each completing a self-portrait that she will take with her, so that the children over there can learn a little bit about our children over here. For more on this story you can look at the hgiving website on: <http://www.hgiving.com>

Friday 13th January: 5P (Percheron) Class Assembly

Monday 6th January: TfL vising Yr 6

Tuesday 17th January: MACs Secondary School Application meeting

Friday 20th January: 3M (Shetland) Class Assembly

Monday 23rd January: Yr 4 to British Wildlife Centre

Friday 27th January: 4M (Morgan) Class Assembly

Friday 3rd February: Museum Day

Friday 10th February: 5D (Lippizan) Class Assembly & Last day

Monday 20th February: First day back and Yr4 to British Museum

Ms. N Achenbach - **Head of School**

Safe, healthy and happy reminders: Children are encouraged to bring in fresh fruit for their break time snack at 11.15am each morning. Please send your child in with a fresh fruit snack as it's a long time from breakfast to lunchtime! We also sell apples at a cost of 20p.