

Dear Parents and Carers

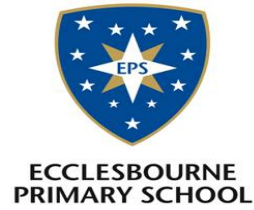
After months of hard work the Secretary of State finally approved the formation of our new Academy Trust yesterday and so, as from today, all three schools are part of the same group of schools which we are calling '**The Pegasus Academy Trust**'. Ecclesbourne Primary School, Whitehorse Manor Infant School and Whitehorse Manor Junior School will now be working much more closely together to ensure high standards and continuity for all the children in our part of Thornton Heath. You may have noticed new signs up at the schools this morning all incorporating the new Pegasus logo shown at the top of this newsletter. We hope that the children will have many more opportunities to work together as part of our partnership and we will be holding assemblies to explain our plans for the future. We are all excited about the new partnership and look forward to giving you more news about how our schools will be organised next year over the course of the summer term.

Building Works

Works have now started on both sites. Foundations have been laid for the new nursery and reception class at Whitehorse and enabling works have begun at Ecclesbourne with the contractors currently setting up their site compounds. Ecclesbourne will have 2 more temporary classrooms delivered in the Easter break and all staff there are working hard to ensure that the rooms are welcoming for when the children return. As there is a lot of work to do while the reception classes move into these new buildings the reception classes **AT ECCLESBOURNE** will return one day late after the holidays on Wednesday 27th April. All other classes at EPS return on Tuesday 26th. At the Whitehorse schools Tuesday 26th is an INSET day therefore **ALL CLASSES AT WHITEHORSE RETURN on Wednesday 27th**. We have aligned our calendars so that from September the INSET days at all three schools will take place on the same days. Copies of the term dates for next year are available at any of the school offices.

New badges

In our work to make our three schools feel more like part of the same 'family' we have made some slight changes to our school badges. At the Whitehorse Manor Schools we have changed the horse logo to one that the school used back in 1955. We are grateful to Janet Smith, a former pupil at the school, who returned to us the enamel badge that she was presented with as Head Girl and on which the 'new' design was based. The EPS badge has just had the shape of the shield changed and a slight change of colours. We are in dialogue with 'Bubblegum' on Thornton Heath High Street (near Tesco) about providing uniform with the new logos but at the moment there is **no need to change**. As the children get older and require larger sizes of school uniform they will be able to change to uniforms with the new branding. There will be no expiry date for 'old' uniforms.



Dates for your diary

Tuesday 26th April—All classes at EPS return to school except reception classes. INSET day at Whitehorse.

Wednesday 27th April—All classes at Whitehorse return. Reception classes at Ecclesbourne return.

Friday 29th April—Royal wedding. All schools closed.

Monday 2nd May—Mayday bank holiday. All schools closed.

Thursday 5th May—Schools being used as polling stations. All schools closed.
Year 6 pupils at all schools to attend morning lessons only.

Monday 9th May — Friday 13th May. SATs week for Year 6 pupils.