



# Whitehorse Manor Junior School-Brigstock

## Newsletter Friday 11th September 2015



**H**ello all and welcome to Whitehorse Manor Junior School! I hope that you've enjoyed the summer, soggy as it was. Miss Hall was happy to report on lots of smiling faces on the playground (in the bright sunshine!) on Monday morning. It's very exciting having the school on two sites now. You all know Miss Hall. She will continue to lead Whitehorse Manor Junior School at Brigstock Road, as she has been for the infant school. It was lovely to meet your children on Tuesday and I am already seeing some excellent learning behaviour. I look forward to getting to know you all better and I'm very much looking forward to the coming year and I hope you all are too.

**Jeans for Genes:** We are supporting Jeans for Genes this year. This charity raises money for families affected by genetic disorders. If you would like your child to participate, please send them in with £1 on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2015**, wearing their blue jeans.

**Uniform:** Please ensure that all items of uniform are clearly labelled with your child's name. We have already generated some lost property this week! Tracking down owners is time consuming for us, distressing for the child who has misplaced an item of clothing and expensive for you if you need to buy more – a name label makes all the difference. Although I understand that it's getting more and more difficult to tell the difference between black trainers and school shoes, please avoid 'school shoes' made by sporting brands, as these are often more trainer than school shoe. If your child has a medical reason for wearing trainers, please bring in a letter from your orthopaedic specialist, podiatrist or GP. This way we can ensure that all children are treated fairly. Our full uniform policy is in our prospectus which is available on the website.

**Reading homework:** The most important homework that your child can do every evening is to read. All the research suggests that children who read for 15 minutes per evening, and children who have stories read to them, do better at school in the long term. Children in the juniors have homework reading diaries to record what pages they have read and to make comments on what they have read. Please support your child with their daily reading homework.

Fri 18th Sept	Jeans for Genes
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Macmillan Coffee Morning
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> & Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Parents' Evening from 3:30 pm
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Black History Month begins
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Harvest Assembly
Fri 23rd Oct	Last day of half-term

**The Pegasus Prayer:** Last year, the children in the juniors 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

