

Newsletter 17th December 2010

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our consultation on the move to become an Academy Trust is nearly halfway through now and ends on the 14th January. If you have not responded yet please consider doing so on the response form which was part of the consultation document. If you need another copy you can find it on our website at www.whitehorse.croydon.sch.uk.

As part of the consultation process you are invited to meetings for parents and carers as detailed here:

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Blue Friday for NSPCC

We had a wonderful day on Blue Friday and had fun as well as raising awareness of the school's anti bullying message. We raised **£455 for the NSPCC** - a very worthwhile charity protecting children's interests nationally and locally. The winner of the balloon race was Rayhaan in 6K who won a bike that was presented to him in assembly this morning. His balloon travelled 596 miles to Langenburg in Germany and we got a lovely message from Herr und Frau Goetschalchx who tell us they found the balloon in their fields. School council will be writing to all the finders of blue balloon tags to tell them about the event.

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 5th January — First day back for children

Thursday 6th January — Meetings for parents regarding Academy Trust (see above)

Friday 7th January - 5S to British Museum

Thursday 13th January—First swimming sessions of 2011

Friday 14th January (midday) - Final day to respond to consultation on Academy Trust

Wednesday 26th January — Governors' day

'We would like to invite you to attend one of the two meetings that we are holding on **Thursday 6 January 2011** to discuss our proposals for an Academy Trust, outlined in the consultation document circulated to you on Monday 22 November 2010, and to try and

answer any questions that you have.

The first meeting will take place at 5.00 p.m. at Ecclesbourne Primary School, Attlee Close, Thornton Heath CR7 7FA and the second one will take place at 7.00 p.m. at Whitehorse Manor Junior School, Whitehorse Road, Thornton Heath, CR7 8SB (Junior Hall). Please attend whichever meeting is most convenient for you.

In order to make the best use of the time available it would be helpful if you could let us have any questions you have in advance of the meeting. Please don't forget that if you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so by either completing the reply slip attached to the consultation document and handing it to one of the school offices or by emailing us at our email addresses given below.

Yours faithfully