

Whitehorse Manor Infant School

Newsletter Thursday 19th December 2013



Dear parents and carers,

Many thanks to all of you who came to our Christmas production and donated money to 'Mind' which is the charity we are supporting this year. I will let you know in the New Year how much we have raised. I hope that you enjoy the festive season with your family. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and look forward to seeing you in 2014.

Uniform and PE kits

Please ensure your children have plimsolls, a white tee shirt and black shorts for PE lessons and these, along with all items of school uniform, are named. As the weather becomes colder, children can wear tracksuits when doing PE outside. **Stud earrings** are the only jewellery which can be worn at any time in school. I would like to remind you that if children wear boots to school then they need to change into black school shoes when they arrive.

Drop In

Our weekly drop in for parents, carers and young children is held every Friday afternoon from 1:00-3:00pm at Ecclesbourne Children's Centre in Attlee Close. Come along and meet Kelly, our Drop In Leader and Nicola and Delores our Drop In staff and enjoy a range of play activities with your child.

Punctuality and attendance

The school opens at 8:45am to allow children to filter in from this time. Any child who arrives after **9:00am** is late for school and must be brought to the office where the lateness can be noted. Children should be collected promptly at 3:15pm by an adult who is known to us. If anyone different is going to collect your child please let us know. We will not let a child leave school with an adult we do not know. If your child is absent from school please inform the office as soon as possible and provide a written note of the reason for the absence when your child returns to school.

Extreme weather warnings

We need to remind parents that in the event of extreme weather such as deep snow, it may be necessary to shut the school. We will always endeavour to keep the school open but sometimes, if staff cannot get in to school or the site becomes unsafe, it may be necessary to close. We will inform parents of any closure by sending a text and by updating the school's website. Please ensure that your mobile number for the 'text to parents' service is up-to-date. Parents can also check for school closure details at

<http://map.lgfl.org.uk/opencheck>

Dates for your diaries:

Tuesday 7th January first day of term

Wednesday 15th January Maths Parental Workshop (addition and subtraction strategies) 5:45-7:00pm

Wednesday 29th January Maths Parental Workshop (multiplication and division strategies) 5:45-7:00pm

Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th March Parents' Evenings 3:30-6:30pm

Thursday 13th March Parents' Evening 3:30-5:00pm

Last day of term Friday 20th December

Thank you for your continued support

Best wishes

Sharon Russell
Head of School