

Whitehorse Manor Infant School

Newsletter Friday 19th December 2014



Dear parents and carers,

What a busy autumn term we have had. Year two visited The Museum of London and climbed to the top of The Monument to support their work in class learning about The Great Fire of London. Year one have been learning about the local environment and explored Grange Park and the High Street to support their work in science, geography and DT. Reception classes went to 'Build a Bear' in Croydon to choose and make their class bear. Our year two choir entertained passers-by singing Christmas carols at Tesco. All year groups watched an exciting performance of The Hobbit, which really captured their imaginations. Many thanks to all of you who came to our Christmas production 'Prickly Hay' it was thoroughly enjoyable. It was great to use the junior hall this year and be able to utilise the stage, lighting and sound system which really enhanced the production. Our charity collection this year was for The Dame Vera Lynn Trust, a very worthwhile charity which supports children with cerebral palsy. Thank you for all your generous donations. I will let you know in the New Year how much we 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 back for the start of the new term on Tuesday 6th January in 2015.

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. We now have a Pegasus branded woolly beanie hat for sale from Wovina £3.65.

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 6th January first day of term

Friday 13th February- Museum Day –Year one and two

Half term - last day of half term Friday 13th February, return Monday 23rd February

Friday 6th March- World Book Day

Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th March Parents' Evenings 3:30-6:30pm

Wednesday 11th March Parents' Evening 3:30-5:00pm

Friday 13th March- Comic Relief

Thank you for your continued support

Best wishes

Sharon Russell
Head of School