

Newsletter 14th July 2009

Dear Parents and Carers,

This will be the last newsletter of this academic year as school will finish for the children this Thursday. This Friday 17th July is a training day for staff. Just to remind all parents that the first day back is Monday 7th September. This means a 7 week break for the children although the school staff will be in earlier. If you would like some ideas as to how to keep your children occupied in the holidays please look under 'summer holiday activities' on the school website as there are lots of ideas listed. We would like to take this opportunity to wish our Year 6 children good luck for September in their new schools and say what a pleasure it has been having them in our school. It is time for them to 'spread their wings' and move on and we are sure they will all do well.

1. School dinners

Unfortunately, from September 2009, the cost of school lunches is rising to £2 per day (£10 per week).

2. PE kits

In September we are being stricter about the rules regarding PE kit. In the school prospectus it says 'PE kit consists of a plain white T-shirt and black shorts for gymnastics and dance and because these sessions are held inside the children are barefooted. For games and athletics, the same kit is used, but with socks (no tights) and trainers. For outdoor games, black tracksuit bottoms and school sweatshirts may be worn. All children must change for indoor and outdoor PE. Clothes should be non restrictive, but baggy clothing is unsuitable and a potential safety hazard. We ask for a T-shirt with short sleeves and not a vest. This policy will be more strictly enforced in September and children who bring other kit to school will be asked to change into school kit. Please support us in this.

3. Leavers' assembly and disco

The Year 6 leavers' assembly will be held this Thursday 16th July at 11:00am. The Year 6 disco will be held tomorrow — Wednesday 15th July between 6:00pm — 8:00pm. Parents should collect their children from outside the school hall at 8:00pm or speak to the class teachers if they want the children to walk home by themselves.

4. School expansion

As Whitehorse Infants and Juniors are the most oversubscribed schools in the whole of Croydon we have been asked to expand from two to three forms of entry. The infant school is admitting an extra thirty children into reception this September and we are currently considering the development of the school site with staff from the council. We are only prepared to create a bigger school if there is sufficient funding to create better facilities for all our children, parents and staff. There will be further information in September when the plans for development are clearer.

5. Illness in school

We still have a number of children away from school with undefined illnesses. However, despite this bout of illness, we celebrated 39 children in assembly this morning who have 100% attendance. As you might expect this is down on previous years but we expect to be back to normal in September and wish everyone a happy and healthy holiday.

6. Nut allergies

In September there are children joining us from the Infant school who have quite extreme nut

allergies. As we already have some children in this category we are asking for parents co-operation in not sending in any food that contains nuts as part of their children's packed lunch.