



# Whitehorse Manor Junior School

## Mathletics Newsletter

### Friday 26th September 2014



Dear Parents,

'Mathletics' is now up and running and all children have a username and password to access it online. This year we are asking children to access the site directly at: <http://www.mathletics.co.uk>, rather than through 'Fronter'. This means that your child will be able to use their password and username to access 'Mathletics' on a tablet device, as well as a computer, if you download one of the free apps which are available for 'Apple' and 'Android' tablets – not smart phones. Please remember that the password and username for 'Mathletics' should not be stored in a browser (such as in Google-Chrome). The program will not open properly when the password and username have been stored, and this is the main cause of technical problems, when activities don't open properly or behave 'strangely'.

'Mathletics' is an online resource that lets the children practise the skills that they will need to be successful in mathematics. The school pays for each individual child to have access to this programme. 'Mathletics' is the mathematics part of the children's set homework at Whitehorse Manor Junior School and teachers will pre-select activities that the children have to complete, linked to learning in class, before they can choose their own activities to earn points. If you are using a tablet device, please note that some of the activities are not yet 'tablet friendly' and, on some occasion, set work will need to be completed on a computer before access to the 'tablet friendly' activities works.

The expectation is that all our children go online every week and complete enough work to get a Bronze Certificate for 1000 points. This is roughly the equivalent of 10 activities which should take no more than 1 hour to complete. Children will need safe access to the internet to complete this homework. If you do not have these facilities at home, Thornton Heath Library has free internet access that can be used and there are several internet cafes along the High Street.

Every Monday, all the certificates for 'Mathletics', are counted up for each class and the results are announced in Wednesday's assembly. We also celebrate the 'top points' scorer in each class and some of our children regularly make it into the 'international rankings' which you can see when you open the 'Mathletics' front page. When a child achieves 5 Bronze Certificates, they earn a Silver Certificate, which we print and give to them for presentation in class. When a child earns 4 Silver Certificates (20 Bronze Certificates) they earn a Gold Certificate, which is presented in Assembly. We also report how many of each certificate children have achieved on their end-of-year report.

At Whitehorse, we are all convinced that doing 'Mathletics' regularly will really help your child to achieve. Please support us by helping to get your child to complete their 'Mathletics' homework every week and speak to their class teacher if you are having difficulties accessing 'Mathletics' for any reason.

Ms N Achenbach  
Head of School

<b>Thurs 2nd Oct</b>	PAT Year 6 Secondary Transfer Meeting
<b>Tues 14<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Parents' Evening from 3:30 pm
<b>Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Parents' Evening from 3:30 pm
<b>Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Harvest Assembly led by Lippizan-5TN
<b>Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Black History Week begins
<b>Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct</b>	Whitehorse Family Celebration
<b>Fri 24th Oct</b>	Last day of half-term