

# Whitehorse Manor Infant School

## Newsletter November 2014



### Black History Family Celebration

Thanks to everyone who attended our Black History Family Celebration which this year was shared with the juniors. It was great to have more space and a stage for the performers to use. Thank you especially for those of you who made such delicious food for us to share. The choirs and drumming club performances were fantastic. We also thoroughly enjoyed the IDMC gospel singers and the Neeman Dance and Acrobat group. What a fantastic evening to mark the end of the half term!

### Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you for making our Macmillan Coffee Morning such a success. It was great to see so many families. We managed to raise £93 which will be greatly appreciated by this very worthwhile charity.

### Harvest

It was great to receive so many generous donations for Harvest. The contributions were collected by The Salvation Army to distribute among families in need in Croydon.

### 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**. If uniform is named and goes missing it usually makes its way back to the owner. 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.

### 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.

### A birthday book

Although we are a healthy school, I accept that parents sometimes like to send in a 'sweet treat' to mark their child's birthday. Treats are always sent home, so that individual parents/carers can decide if they want their child to eat them. Ms Achenbach has recently shared with me a far better idea. It's called 'A Birthday Book'. If you want to mark your child's birthday in school, in a special way, send in a children's book for the class book corner instead of a sweets/cake. The whole class can sign it and then your child's birthday is remembered throughout the year when children borrow the book. This also has the bonus of being a cheaper option for parents/carers too!

### Dates for your diaries for the remainder of the autumn term are:

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December: Family Celebration:** Willow Class 2pm

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas Production (Rowan and Ash) 1:45pm

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December:** Last day of school

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January:** First day back for children

Thank you for your continued support

Best wishes

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Head of School