

# **Whitehorse Manor Infant School**

## **Newsletter September 2012**

Dear parents and carers,

It is lovely to see all the children back after the summer break and to welcome new pupils to our nursery and reception classes.

Attached to this newsletter you will find a list of dates for this term. More details of each event will follow nearer the time.

### **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 Atlee 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.

### **After school club**

The club offers great value childcare from 3:15-6:00pm for a charge of £9. The children are given refreshments including a light supper. There is a range of great activities including outdoor games, art and crafts, computers and construction. If you would like more information please ask at the school office or see Kimberley Neill any day from 2:00pm.

### **Macmillan coffee morning**

Our annual coffee morning in aid of Macmillan nurses who provide cancer care will be held on Friday September 28<sup>th</sup>. On that day the children are asked to bring a donation to buy biscuits or cakes to have with their morning drink. There will also be a raffle with tickets at 20p each. We would welcome any new items which we can use as raffle prizes for children and adults such as boxes of biscuits and chocolates, bottles of alcohol, toys and books. Please send anything you would like to contribute to the school office. You are invited to come into your child's class between 11:20am-12:00pm. More details will follow

### **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.

### **Nut allergies**

We have a few children in school who have a severe nut allergy. If they were to eat, or in some cases even touch nuts, they could have a very serious or fatal reaction. For this reason we want to make our school a 'nut free zone' and are therefore asking all of you to ensure your child does not bring any food or drink into school which contains nuts. We do talk to the children and explain why it is so important that we are all 'nut aware'.

This is a special plea particularly to parents and carers whose children bring packed lunches. Although children in the dining hall are supervised and asked not to share food, they may occasionally offer something to a friend not realising how dangerous this could be. We realise that we could be stopping some children from bringing healthy items to school such as coconut juice or chewy nut bars but obviously we want to work together to ensure a child's life is not at risk. Thank you

### **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.

Dates for your diaries for the autumn term are on the reverse of this letter.

Here's to a happy and successful term for everyone at Whitehorse.

Best wishes

Sharon Russell

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Here are some dates for the autumn term 2012. More information will follow nearer the time of each event.

Friday	28-Sept-12	Macmillan coffee morning 11:20am-12:00 pm
Thursday	04-Oct-12	Phonics Workshop for year one parents 9:15-10:00am in hall (information about reading and end of year Phonics Screening Test)
Wednesday	10-Oct-12	Curriculum Workshop for reception parents 9:15-10:00 in hall
Friday	12-Oct-12	Harvest Assembly for year one and two 9:30am (parents welcome)
Wednesday	17-Oct-12	SATs meeting for year two parents 9:15-10:15am (information about end of year tasks and tests)
Thursday	18-Oct-12	Black History Family Celebration 6:30pm-8:00pm
Tuesday	23-Oct-12	Parents' Evening for year one and two 3:30-6:30pm
Wednesday	24-Oct-12	Parents' Evening for year one and two 3:30-6:30pm
Friday	26-Oct-12	School closes for Half-Term 3:15pm
Tuesday	6-Nov-12	School opens for children 8:45am
Wednesday	14-Nov-12	Parents' Evening for nursery and reception 3:30-6:30pm
Thursday	15-Nov-12	Parents' Evening for nursery and reception 3:30-6:30pm
Tuesday	11-Dec-12	Christmas Production year one & two Parents welcome
Wednesday	12-Dec-12	
Thursday	13-Dec-12	
Friday	14-Dec-12	Family Celebration am- gold class pm- silver class and reception Parents welcome
Thursday	20-Dec-12	Children's parties
Thursday	20-Dec-12	Last day of school term
Tuesday	08-Jan- 12	Pupils return to school 8:45 am

**Whitehorse Manor Infant School Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2012**  
**Coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Relief Fund**

This Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, we are holding a coffee morning as part of a national fundraising event in aid of the Macmillan Cancer Relief Fund. On Friday, please can your child bring a donation and/or money to buy tickets for our raffle which will be drawn during the day?

The raffle tickets will be on sale before school and during the coffee morning priced 20p each. You are invited to join your child in their classroom from 11:20am until 12:00pm for coffee/tea and biscuits.

We would be really grateful to receive any items which could be used as a raffle prize for children or adults e.g. a box of sweets, chocolates or biscuits, a bottle of wine, a plant, a toiletries set, a new story book or toy. Thank you

We look forward to seeing you on Friday!