



Whitehorse Manor Infant School

Newsletter Monday 12th September 2016



Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back! As ever, it has been a busy start to the term but the children have all settled well into their new classes and made a good start to the year. It is lovely to see all the children returning to school and hear all their news. Many thanks to all the parents who have followed the guidance on school uniform and shoes; the children coming back look so smart and it creates a very positive feel in the school. Already there are lots of exciting events lined up for the school year so please keep an eye on the website www.pegasusacademytrust.org and on newsletters, as we will try to give you as much notice as possible. Important dates for this half term are noted at the bottom of this newsletter. Please put dates in your diaries. If you have changed any of your contact details over the holidays please let the school office know so we can update our records. We have a school to parent texting service so please ensure we have your current mobile phone details too. I am excited about the new year and look forward to working with you to build on the achievements of last year.

Jeans for Genes Charity Event

We are supporting Jeans for Genes this year. This charity raises money for families affected by genetic disorders. We are asking both staff and children to come dressed in their jeans with a donation of £1 to support the charity on **Friday 23rd September 2016**.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

We will be running a fundraising Coffee Morning, in aid of Macmillan Cancer Care, on the morning of **Friday 30th September at 09:00am**. Keep an eye out for posters and letters giving more details of the event.

Punctuality and Attendance

As ever, we are keeping a careful eye on attendance at the school and working closely with our Education Welfare Officer. While we are pleased that our attendance rate is above the national expectations we always strive to do better and improve on the previous year. Please note that, in line with the Department for Education guidance on absence, requests for holidays cannot be granted. The guidance makes it clear that headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. If your child is absent from school please let the office know and provide a written explanation on their return.

Dates for your diary:

Friday 23rd September- Jeans for Genes Day

Wednesday 28th September- Curriculum meeting for Year One parents 9:15am

Friday 30th September- Macmillan Coffee Morning 11am

Wednesday 5th October- Curriculum meeting for Year Two parents 9:15am

Thursday 6th October- Curriculum meeting for Reception parents 9:15am

Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th October- Parents' Evening 3:30-6:30pm

Thursday 13th October- Harvest Assembly 9:15am

Friday 21st October- Break up for half term

Monday 31st October- Return to school

Whitehorse Manor Infant School:

Sharon Russell- Head of School