

# Whitehorse Manor Infant School Newsletter Friday 11th September 2015



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. I am excited about the new year and look forward to working with you to build on the achievements of last year.

#### **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.

#### **Jeans for Genes**

We are supporting Jeans for Genes this year. This charity raises money for families affected by genetic disorders. If you would like your child to participate, please send them in with £1 on **Friday 18**<sup>th</sup> **September 2015**, wearing their blue jeans.

#### Macmillan Coffee Morning

We will be running a fundraising Coffee Morning, in aid of Macmillan Cancer Care, on the morning of **Friday 25th September at 11:00am**. Keep an eye out for posters and letters giving more details of the event.

### **Lunchtime supervisor vacancies**

We are currently looking for additional lunchtime supervisors to work in our school. We have vacancies on both the main site, on Whitehorse Road, and at our Brigstock Road site. If you are interested and would like more information please contact either school office.

## **Dates for your diary:**

Friday 18th September–Jeans for Genes Day
Wednesday 23rd September- Curriculum meeting for Year One parents 9:15am
Friday 25th September- Macmillan Coffee Morning 9.00am
Monday 12th October- Curriculum meeting for Year Two parents 9:15am
Wednesday 7th October- Curriculum meeting for Reception parents 9:15am
Thursday 8th October- Harvest Assembly for Year One and Two 9:15am
Tuesday 13th and Thursday 15th October- Parents' Evening 3:30-6:30pm
Wednesday 14th October- Parents' Evening 3:30-5:00pm

#### **Whitehorse Manor Infant School:**

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