



# Whitehorse Manor Infant School

## Newsletter Monday 16th September 2013



Dear parents and carers,

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 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 amendments to Department for Education guidance on absence, requests for holidays cannot be granted. The amendments make it clear that headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.

### **Macmillan Coffee Morning**

We will be running a fundraising Coffee Morning, in aid of Macmillan Cancer Care, on the morning of **Friday 27th September at 11:00am**. Keep an eye out for posters and letters giving more details of the event.

### **Other events in the coming weeks:**

\*please note some earlier start times and date changes from previous newsletter

**Tuesday 24th September** Year 1 curriculum meeting for parents **9:15am**

**Friday 27th September** Macmillan Coffee Morning **11:00am**

**Monday 7th October** Year 2 SATs meeting for parents **9:15am**

**Tuesday 8th October** Year 2 to Museum of London

**Wednesday 9th October** Reception curriculum meeting for parents **9:15am**

**Wednesday 9th October** Year 1 to Thornton Heath Library

**Tuesday 15th, Wednesday 16th and Wednesday 23rd October** Parents' Evenings

**Friday 18th October** Harvest Assembly for year 1 and 2 parents **9:30am**

**Thursday 24th October** Family Celebration Evening **6:30- 8:00pm**

**Friday 25th October** Break up for half term holidays

**Monday 4th November** Return to school

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