



Whitehorse Manor Infant School

Newsletter Monday 8th September 2014



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 and on newsletters, as we will try to give you as much notice as possible. Now that our building works are finished we are looking to complete the final touches. Plans this year include furnishing the library and developing the playground space. 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.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

We will be running a fundraising Coffee Morning, in aid of Macmillan Cancer Care, on the morning of **Friday 26th September at 11:00am**. Keep an eye out for posters and letters giving more details of the event.

Other events in the coming weeks:

Tuesday 23rd September Year 1 curriculum meeting for parents **9:30am**

Friday 26th September Macmillan Coffee Morning **11:00am**

Tuesday 7th October Year 2 SATs meeting for parents **9:30am**

Wednesday 8th October Reception curriculum meeting for parents **9:30am**

Friday 10th October Harvest Assembly for year 1 and 2 parents **9:30am**

Tuesday 14th October Year 1 visit to Thornton Heath Library

Tuesday 14th October Year 2 trip to The Museum of London

Tuesday 14th, Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th October Parents' Evenings

Thursday 23rd October Family Celebration Evening **6:30- 8:00pm**

Friday 24th October Break up for half term holidays

Monday 3rd November Return to school