



Whitehorse Manor Junior School

Newsletter Friday 16th November 2012



Parental support needed for 'Pegasus High': We are currently in the early stages of proposing a Pegasus Academy High School in Thornton Heath. The first part of the application process is to conduct a survey to see if any local parents would be interested in this school and support it. Completing the survey does not bind you to choosing the Pegasus Academy High School in the future, but merely suggests that you would be happy to have it as a choice. Please complete one of our surveys and support us in this venture and feel free to come and ask us any questions about this proposal.



School closed for Polling Day on 29th November 2012: The school is being used as a polling station on 29th November 2012 and will be closed to pupils on this day. We apologise for any inconvenience. PLEASE NOTE, The Year 5 trip to the Museum of London **will still go ahead as planned**. Year 5 pupils should come into school for 9.00am, using the main entrance by the office, and are asked to wait in the DT area for their teachers.

Appointments and punctuality: If your child has a medical or dentistry appointment during the school day you are expected to bring evidence of this, such as an appointment card or hospital letter to show the office. In addition, please be aware that punctuality is monitored by our Educational Welfare Officer (EWO), in much the same way that attendance is. The school is open from 8.45am and the bell for registration goes at 9.00am. If a child is late, not seated in class when the 9.00am bell rings, they report to the office and it is our policy to ask for a reason, as this information is used by the EWO to decide what action to take if persistent lateness becomes an issue. If you do not feel that your child is able to verbally express a reason for their lateness, please accompany them to the office to tell Mrs Kissi or Mrs Soggee, our attendance officers, the reason yourself. It is also the schools' policy to send a text message home if a child has been late and to report punctuality on the end of year report.

New admissions criteria: Please visit our website to read a proposed change to our admissions criteria.

Magic in the Air: Tickets for our Christmas Productions will be available from Monday, 26th November in the school office at a cost of £1. Due to the size of the gym, there will only be 120 tickets available for each evening performance. We are opening our dress rehearsal to parents and offering this as a free afternoon performance, ideal for those with younger children. Parents wishing to attend the dress rehearsal need to collect a free ticket from the office. Please remember that children in all classes are expected to return for their evening performance. Also, owing to the staging situation in the gym, late arrivals to performances will not be admitted, so please arrive on time to avoid disappointment.

Ms. N Achenbach - Head of School
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The Christmas Production dates and details:

Year 3 & 4: Dress rehearsal on Tuesday 11th December 9.30-11.00am
Year 3 & 4: Performance on Wednesday 12th December 7.00-8.30pm
Year 5 & 6: Dress rehearsal on Wednesday 12th December 1.30-3.00pm
Year 5 & 6: Performance on Thursday 13th December 7.00-8.30pm

All tickets are available from the office on a first-come, first served basis.