



# Whitehorse Manor Junior School

## Newsletter Monday 20th May 2013



### **Dear Parents and Carers,**

We're almost at the end of the first half of the summer term and the year just seems to be flying by! I'd like to say a big 'well done' to all our children in Year 6 for the huge effort that they put into their SATs tests last week. Many thanks to all the parents who got their children into school in plenty of time for breakfast and revision before the tests began and to all the members of staff who supported the children. We now await the results of all our hard work. Year 6 went on a lovely trip to 'Chessington World of Adventure' to celebrate the end of SATs week and we now look forward to preparing for 'The Wind in the Willows' - our end-of-year production.

**Good Weather:** As the weather (hopefully!) improves, please remember that children are welcome to wear grey shorts whenever the weather permits, but that we ask that they wear school shoes as sandals don't offer sufficient protection from accidents during the school day. Please make sure that, on very hot days, your child is protected by sunscreen. Pegasus baseball hats are available via the website. We want your child to be safe in the sun.

**Choir and Arts events:** Well done to Mrs Matthews and the choir who entered the Croydon Music Festival choir competition on Saturday 11th May. Our children sang really well and their effort received a 'Commended' by the adjudicators. Their behaviour during the competition was exemplary, and I'd like to thank all the members of staff who accompanied us on this trip, and the parents who cheered our choir on. Mrs Matthews and Miss Brewer also led our 'Music and Arts' event at the school on 2nd May. It was a great opportunity to hear the children from both the Infant and Junior schools sing their competition songs and the sale of art work raised nearly £300 for the children that we sponsor in India through 'World Vision'.

**Building news:** Our children are now settled in the new building and Mr Gadd is still very busy ensuring that all the finishing touches are put in place in our new classrooms. Please remember that you are most welcome to come and have a look around the new building (so far!) when you drop your child off in the morning. We are all very grateful for your continued patience whilst the building work is on-going. The side walls have now been put on to the Junior Hall and we are hopeful that the building will be completed early in the next academic year.

**Sporting news:** When the sun comes out, we like to get sporty! Sports' Day is due to take place on the field on 3rd July, weather permitting. Parents are encouraged to come along to cheer the children on. The morning is dedicated to 'skills development', whilst the competitive events take place in the afternoon. Remember that your child will need a t-shirt in their 'House' colour to wear for the day: Athens=yellow, Sparta=red, Corinth=blue and Olympia=green. Mr Powell is currently working with the athletics team in preparation for Croydon Sports, which takes place from 24th to 26th at the Croydon Arena on. Please come along and support our children.

**Mathletics:** Mathletics is our main maths homework each week. Children are expected to earn 1000 points each week by completing their set homework. If there is any reason that your child can't access their Mathletics account, or get on a computer to complete their work, please tell their class teacher as we will try our best to ensure that they can get their work done.

**Enrichment:** Miss Smith had put up some lovely displays in the Year 3 corridor of the 'African Art' that the children completed during enrichment sessions last term. This term, children will be working on a 'Pop Art' theme in art, learning about French landmarks and basic French vocabulary in French and continuing to develop their typing skills during ICT.

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

WB Monday 20th May: Year 6 trip to the Isle of Wight  
Monday 3rd June: School starts after half term  
Friday 28th June: INSET day (school closed to pupils)  
Wednesday 10th July: Year 6 Summer Production (pm)  
Thursday 11th July: Year 6 Summer Production (evening)  
Wednesday 17th July Open evening  
Tuesday 23rd July: Leavers' assembly  
Monday 22nd July: Year 6 Leavers' Disco