

Whitehorse Manor Infant School

Newsletter November 2017



Dear parents and carers,

What a busy start to the school year we have had. Year two visited Morden Hall Environmental Centre to support their work in science. They really enjoyed pond dipping and looking for insects. Year one have been learning about the local environment. They visited Thornton Heath Library and noted key features on their walk there and back. Follow up work will include drawing their own maps and making models of the High Street. This half term year two will be going to the Monument in London to see where the Great Fire of London started. They will also look at famous London landmarks to support their thematic work about London. Reception have an 'Alien Slime' science workshop to look forward to this half term.

Uniform and PE kits

Please ensure your children have plimsolls, a white tee shirt and black shorts for PE lessons and these, along with all items of school uniform, are named. As the weather becomes colder, children can wear tracksuits when doing PE outside. **Stud earrings** are the only jewellery, which can be worn at any time in school. I would like to remind you that if children wear boots to school then they need to change into black school shoes when they arrive. We now have a Pegasus branded woolly beanie hat for sale from Wovina £3.95.

Punctuality and attendance

The school opens for reception to year 6 at 8:45am to allow children to filter in from this time and start their early work. Any child who arrives after **9:00am** is late for school and must be brought to the office where the lateness can be noted. Children should be collected promptly at 3:15pm by an adult who is known to us. If anyone different is going to collect your child please let us know. We will not let a child leave school with an adult we do not know. If your child is absent from school please inform the office as soon as possible and provide a written note of the reason for the absence when your child returns to school.

Year Two admissions application to Year Three

A reminder for all year two parents to complete and submit their online application form. The form can be found at www.eadmissions.org.uk

Extreme weather warnings

We need to remind parents that in the event of extreme weather such as deep snow, it may be necessary to shut the school. We will always endeavour to keep the school open but sometimes, if staff cannot get in to school or the site becomes unsafe, it may be necessary to close. We will inform parents of any closure by sending a text and by updating the school's website. Please ensure that your mobile number for the 'text to parents' service is up-to-date. Parents can also check for school closure details at <http://map.lgfl.org.uk/opencheck>

Dates for your diaries:

Friday 8th December- Christmas Lunch

Tuesday 12th December 9:15pm- Christmas Production years one and two

Thursday 14th December- School choir performing Christmas carols outside of Tesco

Friday 15th December 9:15am - Willow Class Family Celebration

Wednesday 20th December - Last day of school

Thursday 4th January 2018 - First day back for children

Thank you for your continued support

Sharon Russell
Head of School