

Whitehorse Manor Infant School

Newsletter Friday 11th January 2018



Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back! I hope you had a restful holiday and would like to wish you all a Happy New Year.

Reception applications

REMINDER- The closing date for applications for reception intake September 2019 is **Tuesday 15th January**. You must apply online at www.eadmissions.org.uk. If you need any help, please contact the school office.

Year 2 application for year 3 place for September 2019

REMINDER- The closing date for applications for year 3 closes on **Tuesday 15th January**. If you have not completed your online application yet, then please do so at www.eadmissions.org.uk. If you need any help, please contact the school office.

Book amnesty

We have noticed that our stocks of the class reading books that go home with the children are greatly depleted. Please can everyone have a good look through their reading books at home and check if you have any school ones? These can easily be identified as they have the school stamp on the inside cover. It does not matter how many you find at home we just want to get as many back as possible. So no questions will be asked!

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. In colder weather, 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 have a **LOST PROPERTY BOX** in the library and parents are welcome to have a rummage through to find anything that has been lost. **Remember: If it has a name label in it we can return it without you having to search for it!**

Punctuality and attendance

The school opens at 8:45am for reception, year one and two to allow children to filter in from this time. 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 your child is late please bring them to the school office to be signed in. 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.

Where possible we ask that you make medical appointments for your child outside of the school day. It is important for children to maximise their time in school so that they have the best outcomes.

Contact details

If you have changed your contact details over the holidays please let the school office know so we can update our records. We have a school parent texting service so please ensure we have your current mobile phone details too.

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>

You can keep up to date with news and up and coming events by keeping an eye on our website pegausacademytrust.org.

Key dates for this term are on the reverse of this newsletter

Thank you for your continued support

Sharon Russell
Head of School

Key dates for this term

Date	Event
Tuesday 29 th January	Year One Toy workshop
Friday 8 th February	Museum Day. Visit the school to see your child's work. More details to follow.
Wednesday 13 th February	Monument trip- Ash Class
Friday 15th February	Last day of half term- Return Monday 25th February
Monday 25 th February	Year Two- workshop from London Fire Brigade
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day
Tuesday 12 th March 3:30-6:30pm	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 13 th March 3:30-6:30pm	Parents' Evening
Friday 15 th March	Red Nose Day
Thursday 28 th March	All infant classes-Team GB athlete assembly and workshops
Tuesday 12 th March 9:15am	Rowan Class assembly
Tuesday 26 th March 9:15am	Willow class assembly
Friday 5th April	Last day of term. Return Tuesday 23rd April