



Whitehorse Manor Junior School

Newsletter Tuesday 15th January 2019



Welcome back to the spring term! A change happened on the playground over the break and you will notice that we now have green tarmac to replace the astroturf, which was becoming worn and encouraging a bit too much wrestling! Watch this space for further improvement to the school field this term. We are all looking forward to a great term of learning. I include below a list of spring and summer dates. This is NOT a definitive list as staff are still firming up dates for visitors and visits and Year Group leaders will send dates out on their newsletters, but I hope that it helps you with some forward planning. I apologise in advance if any dates change for reasons beyond our control and any changes will be communicated to you as soon as possible (on the website, in newsletters, by text if we have a correct mobile number for you).

Scooter and Bike parking: We now have two areas for children to park their 'vehicles' - one by the school field and one behind 4B. If you are leaving your child's scooter or bike, can you please ensure that they are locked up to prevent theft and the huge temptation for other pupils to play on them. Also, for our bike riders, pupils on bikes should be cycling proficient and wear proper safety gear, such as a helmet.

Changes to behaviour policy: This term we will be trialling small changes to the behaviour policy at the main site. Children who receive a Rainy Day will now also be expected to attend 'Think Tank' the following playtime, where they can reflect on what happened and how they could have made a better choice. I have also asked children to speak to their House Captains (who are the School Council) and suggest ways that pupils who do the right thing every day can be rewarded. We have stickers, stamps and certificates, but I hope that the children can give us some more ideas about how we can better encourage children to make the right choices every day.

Lunches: Please remember that we are a Healthy School and if children have packed lunches these should be healthy. Children are not allowed chocolate bars (such as Snickers/Mars/Dairy Milk) or sweets and candy and these will be returned to you. Packed lunch children are also asked to take their left-overs home so you can see what your child has and hasn't eaten. School dinners are reasonably priced and very, very good. I eat them every day and they are ideal if keeping on top of the lunch box thing is getting too much - they follow strict 'healthy eating' guidelines so you don't have to worry.

| Date | Event | Details |
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| Fri 18th Jan | 5S (Jutland) class assembly | 11.00-11.15 am. All welcome |
| Fri 25th Jan | 3H (Exmoor) class assembly | 11.00-11.15 am. All welcome |
| Fri 1st Feb | 4S (Camargue) class assembly | 11.00-11.15am. All welcome. |
| WB 4th Feb | Thematic Week | Classwork and activities related to thematic work. |
| Fri 8th Feb | Museum Day | Visit the school to see your child's thematic work. |
| Fri 15th Feb | Last day of term | Children return to school on Monday 25th Feb |
| WB 4th Mar | Book Week | Look out for the book tokens! |
| Thurs 7th Mar | World Book Day | Event letter to follow |
| Tues 12th Mar | Parents' Evening | Appointment letter and details to follow. |
| Weds 13th Mar | Parents' Evening | Appointment letter and details to follow. |
| Fri 15th Mar | Red Nose Day | Watch this space for charity events |
| Fri 22nd Mar | 5D (Lippizan) class assembly | 11.00-11.15am. All welcome |
| Fri 29th Mar | 4B (Connemara) class assembly | 11.00-11.15am. All welcome |
| Fri 5th April | Last day of term | Children return to school on Tuesday 23rd April |

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Children can bring in fresh fruit as a breaktime snack every day. Apples are also usually on sale for 20p. Please send in exact money only.

