



Whitehorse Manor Junior School

Newsletter 21st December 2018



A huge thank you to all the parents who brought their children back for the evening performances of 'Can You See The Wind'. This was the first production written by Mrs Ehiemua and was a fantastic success, with everything from Bollywood to the Victorian era and some angels thrown in for good measure! What a festive extravaganza. I'd like to say thank you to Mrs E who auditioned and coached all the parts herself and to all the children and staff for the hard work that they put into the performances. Crafts and Carols was also a great success and it was lovely to hear the dulcet tones of the choir and to sing along. I hope you all have a restful festive period and look forward to seeing you all in the new year.

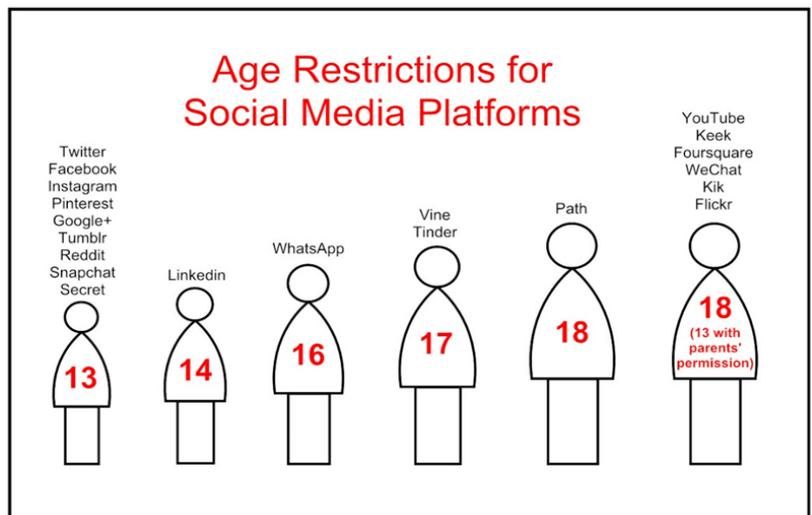
Correction to last newsletter: Please note that children return to school on Tuesday 8th January 2019.

PARENT MACs needed: Further to my last appeal, the MACs (Members of the Academy Council) form our governing body. We are looking for at least one more parent to become a MAC. If you are interested in how the school is run and can attend 4 evening meetings per year to discuss how the school is doing, please come and see me to find out what is involved.

Well done to the Choir who raised funds for Water Aid by singing at the Whitgift Centre in Croydon and at Tesco in Thornton Heath.

Healthy Packed Lunches: Please remember that we promote healthy lunch boxes and ensure that, if you choose to provide your child with a packed lunch, it does not contain sweets or fizzy drinks. I have had to confiscate a few of these items this term.

Social Media: We still occasionally deal with issues that arise in school from cases of unkind contact that children make with each other outside of school, when they are on your watch. We deal with these issues as far as we can, but I reiterate: this 'cyber bullying' happens when your children are in your care. **EVERY** child in this school is officially too young to have any type of social media account. Please see this illustration which states the age restrictions and keep your child safe on-line this holiday season.



Attendance and punctuality: Please remember to get your children to school on time every day. We know that they rely on you for this. The doors open at 8.45am. Make the most of the early work tasks. Please also remember that schools are only allowed to agree leave in exceptional circumstances and it is our policy to rarely agree leave that is attached to a school holiday.

Ms. N Achenbach - Head of School

Some key dates next year

- Monday 7th January: INSET day (school closed for children)
- Tuesday 8th January: Children return to school
- Friday 8th February: Museum Day (come and see our thematic work!)
- Monday 18th February: Half term break
- Week beginning 4th March: Book Week (World Book Day: 7th March)
- Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th March: Parents' Evening
- Friday 15th March: Red Nose Day