



Whitehorse Manor Junior School

Newsletter Thursday 7th February 2019



Dear Parents and Carers, You may well have noticed that Ms Tye is pregnant and I can now tell you that she will be leaving us to go on maternity leave at half term. During her maternity leave, Mr Powell will be returning to the main site from Brigstock to take on her duties as Deputy Head of School. I'm sure you will join me in welcoming him back and offer him your support as he adjusts to Senior Leadership life. Mr Powell will continue as Year 3 Team Leader and will be working with 5S on Fridays, just as Ms Tye is currently. We wish Ms Tye all the best and thank her for her hard work and support. We can't wait to meet the new additions to her family.

Changes to the school field: We have been having some work done on the school field this half term. We are very fortunate to have such a wonderful green space for our children to enjoy, but there is a problem: We can only enjoy it when the weather is good. Acorn Landscaping have been working to put an Astroturf running track around the outside of the field so that children can run its circumference all year round. There is a small amount of 'making good' work to finish off before we can launch our 'AstroTrack' but we are looking forward to the children keeping fit and burning off some energy during break times.

World Vision Fundraising Cake Sale: Year 5 pupils will be holding a cake sale after school on Wednesday 13th February to raise funds for our children sponsored in India through the World Vision charity. We have been sponsoring a pair of school children there for several years and only need to host a cake sale occasionally to raise funds for them. Please donate any cakes or biscuits that you can to the sale and we look forward to seeing you there.

School Uniform and Footwear: Our uniform policy is clearly outlined in our prospectus, which is available on the website. Just a reminder, however, that black trainers are NOT acceptable school shoes and children should be wearing black school shoes. Trainers are permitted at playtime, but not for walking home in. Boots are not part of our uniform, although when the weather is really bad (snow or serious rain) children can wear boots to and from school, so long as they have acceptable school shoes to change into. Finally, any hair ornaments need to be small and either burgundy or black.

Healthy Snacks: I'm aware that there is a problem with children who walk to school stopping to buy sweets on their way. Sweets are not permitted in school. Children are welcome to bring a healthy snack in for mid-morning break. We ask that this fruit only (dried fruit such as raisins is acceptable too) We also sell apples for 20p. Some children are not bringing a snack and then getting hungry and trying to eat their packed lunch (or their friend's packed lunch) at break, so please do take the opportunity to send your child in with something to stave off hunger before lunchtime.

School Trip Helpers: We have noticed a decline in the number of parents offering to accompany children on educational visits. This is a shame as the decline in TA numbers means that the school has fewer adults who can go - it is likely that without helpers some trips might be cancelled in the future. Please look at the Team Leader's newsletter for dates to see if you can help out with your class trip and tell staff early. Alternatively, if you are a parent or close relative and are free to accompany another class, let the office know that you are available and we will add you to our 'parental support pool' and will call on you when we have need.

Date	Event	Details
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

Ms N. Achenbach - Head of School
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