

Whitehorse Manor Infant School

Newsletter Thursday 5th January 2017



Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back! I hope you had a restful holiday and would like to wish you all a Happy New Year. Many thanks to all of you who came to our Christmas production last term and donated money to our chosen charity - The Multiple Sclerosis Society. Across the main site and Brigstock we raised £276!

Nursery applications

If your child is going to be three years old by 31st August 2017 then you can apply for a nursery place by completing an application form which is available at the school office.

Reception applications

REMINDER- The closing date for applications for reception intake September 2017 is 15th January. You must apply online at www.croydon.gov.uk

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!

Lunchtime supervisor vacancies

We are currently looking for additional lunchtime supervisors to work in our school. We have vacancies on our main site on Whitehorse Road. If you have experience of working with children and are interested and would like more information please contact the school office.

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** by the lift 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 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 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.

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

Thank you for your continued support

Best wishes

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Head of School