

Whitehorse Manor Infant School

Newsletter November 2016



Dear parents and carers,

What a busy start to the second half of the autumn term we have had. Year two visited London and climbed up 311 steps to the top of The Monument. They were rewarded for their efforts with a spectacular view over London and saw famous landmarks to support their work in class learning about The Great Fire of London. Year one have been learning about the local environment. They visited Thornton Heath library and noted key features on their walk there and back. On their return to school the children drew maps and made models of the High Street. They also visited Selhurst Park to find out more about this key feature in their local environment. In the coming weeks reception classes are going to 'Build a Bear' in Croydon to choose and make their class bear. Children will take turns to take their class bear home and write a diary entry.

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. As the weather becomes colder, 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 now have a Pegasus branded woolly beanie hat for sale from Wovina £3.65.

Punctuality and attendance

The school opens for reception to year 6 at 8:45am to allow children to filter in from this time and start their early work. 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.

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>

Dates for your diaries:

Tuesday 13th December 1:45pm- Christmas Production years one and two

Wednesday 14th December 9:30am- Christmas Production years one and two

Friday 16th December 10:45am - Gold Class Family Celebration

2:00pm - Reception Family Celebration

2:45pm – Silver Class Family Celebration

Wednesday 21st December - Last day of school

Wednesday 4th January 2017 - First day back for children

Thank you for your continued support

Best wishes

Sharon Russell
Head of School