



Whitehorse Manor Brigstock Site

Friday 17th September 2021



Welcome back! As ever, it has been a busy start to the term but the children have all settled well into their new classes and made a good start to the year. It is lovely to see all the children returning to school and hear all their news. I hope that their onsite education continues uninterrupted this year. Teachers will continue to use class 'Blogs' to post homework tasks and messages so that we keep up this set of skills and although 'bubbles' are no longer in use, we are endeavouring to keep our school community safe by continuing to keep year groups separated from each other for the majority of the time. Many thanks to all the parents who have followed the guidance on school uniform and shoes; the children coming back look so smart and it creates a very positive feel in the school. Already there are lots of exciting events lined up for the school year so please keep an eye on the website www.pegasusacademytrust.org and on newsletters, as we will try to give you as much notice as possible. **Important dates for this half term are on the reverse of this newsletter. Please put dates in your diaries.** If you have changed any of your contact details over the holidays please let the school office know so we can update our records. We have a school to parent texting service so please ensure we have your **current mobile phone details** too. If your child is absent from school please let the office know by phone or email to brigadmin@pegasusacademytrust.org. If we have not got a reason for the absence, it goes into our system as an unauthorised absence.

Birthdays and celebrations- Due to the high number of food allergies in our school, we will only give out birthday bags which contain **non-food** items. Our preference would be a book donation for the class to share to celebrate a child's birthday.

Covid-19: What are the new rules? We have received a new 'flow diagram' to indicate what should happen if there is a positive case of Covid-19 in your household or in the school. Unfortunately, the Director of Public Health for Croydon has confirmed that Croydon still maintains one of the highest seven-day rolling averages for infection rates, so we are not out of the woods yet and must remain vigilant. Children under 18 are no longer required to self-isolate if they are a close contact of anyone else with confirmed Covid-19. If your child is identified as a 'close contact' (through Test and Trace or any other means) they must get a PCR test to see if they have the virus. This is the test that is sent off to a lab, not the Lateral Flow tests, such as those used in secondary schools and some work places, that give results at home. You can find where to get a free, NHS PCR test here: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>. Whilst your child is waiting for their result, they can continue to attend school as normal. The same rule applies to adults who have been double vaccinated. Your child only then needs to self-isolate for 10 days if their result is positive. If your child has any of the symptoms of Covid-19 (cough and/or high temperature and/or loss of taste and smell) you should get a PCR test to see if they have Covid-19. If your child is unwell, we wouldn't expect them to be in school when they are sick with anything and we will continue to send children home if they are not well - sending a child into school when they are ill with any virus puts the whole school at risk.

Charity Events:

We are supporting the following charities this term- Jeans for Genes on Friday 17th September (we raised £157 today). We are holding a raffle to raise money for Macmillan. Any donations of new unwanted gifts e.g. toiletry sets, scented candles etc. or new unwanted toys would be welcomed to help raise money for this worthy charity. Please drop them at the school office. We will also be collecting non-perishable food gifts for Harvest. Details will follow at a later date. We hope that your families can support these charities.

Applications for admissions to reception in Sept 2022-23

If your child was born between **1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018**, then you must apply asap for a reception place. Contact- www.croydon.gov.uk/admissions

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Nicola Hall- Head of Site

DATE	EVENT
Friday 17th September	Jeans for Genes Day
Tuesday 28th September 9am	Year 1: curriculum meeting for parents
Tuesday 5th October 9am	Year 2: SATs and curriculum meeting for parents
Thursday 7th October 9am	Reception: curriculum meeting for parents
Thursday 7th October 1:20pm	Year 2: Diwali workshop
Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th October 3:30-6:30pm	Parents' Evening
Friday 15th October	Harvest Festival
Wednesday 20th October	Year 2: Hampton Court Trip
Thursday 21st October	Year 3: RE trip to the Church
Friday 22nd October	Last day of half term
Thursday 4th November	First day back after half term
Tuesday 14th December 2:15pm	Year 1: Christmas Concert/Family Crafts
Wednesday 15th December 2:15pm	Reception: Christmas Concert/ Family Crafts
Thursday 16th December 2:15pm	Year 2: Christmas Concert/ Family Crafts
Friday 17th December	Last day of term

More dates will follow as year groups confirm bookings for trips, visits and the year 6 secondary transfer meeting for parents.

School PE kit: One of the success stories from our arrangements last year, was pupils coming to school already wearing their PE Kits on their PE day. This cut down on all the disruption and, for older pupils, sometimes embarrassment, of getting changed in the classroom. As we would like this to continue, can I remind you that we have a school specific PE kit which is part of our school uniform - children should not come into school wearing other sports clothing and we monitor this kit in just the same way as we monitor uniform. The school PE kit consists of: Any plain white T-shirt, any plain black bottoms (shorts or jogging bottoms depending on weather), any trainers or black plimsolls and the normal school sweatshirt or jumper. Items are generic and can be bought from any shop to keep the cost low. Coats are worn as needs be on PE days. When pupils have fitness sessions as part of Enrichment afternoons, children can wear trainers to school and do not need to wear full PE kit. We expect the children to be smart in their uniform because all the best secondary schools have similar rules and we want the best for our children.