



# Whitehorse Manor: Brigstock Site

## Newsletter Tuesday 9th January 2024



**H**appy New Year! It was so lovely to see the children looking smart and 'school ready' for 2024 this week. We are all looking forward to a great term of learning. On the back of this newsletter are the spring term dates. This is NOT a definitive list as staff are still firming up dates for visitors and visits and Year Group leaders will send dates out on their newsletters, but I hope that it helps you with some forward planning. I apologise in advance if any dates change for reasons beyond our control and any changes will be communicated to you as soon as possible (on the website, in newsletters and via studybugs if we have a correct mobile number or email address for you). Welcome back.

### **Punctuality and attendance**

The school opens at 8:45am. Any child who arrives after **9:00am** is late for school and **must be brought to the office by a parent or carer 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 record this on Studybugs or inform the office as soon as possible. Where possible we ask that you make medical appointments for your child outside of the school day. It is important for children to maximise their time in school so that they have the best outcomes. If your child is unwell and you are unsure if you should send them to school please follow this useful link for NHS advice about common childhood illnesses <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

### **Contact details**

If you have changed any of your contact details over the holidays, please let the school office know so we can update our records. It is really important that we have an emergency contact number should we be unable to contact the primary parent/carer.

### **School Uniform and PE kits**

On PE days the children are expected to wear their PE kits to school. They should still wear their school sweatshirt or jumper over their PE t-shirt. Now that the weather is getting colder, a pair of plain black jogging bottoms would be preferable to shorts. Please do not send your child in with non-uniform track suits.

**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. School shoes should be plain black. Brightly coloured footwear or white stripes/ticks on shoes etc is not part of the school uniform policy. We expect the children to be smart in their uniform at all times.

### **Parent Consultation Meetings**

These are taking place on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March. KS2 parents will receive a letter closer to the time. EYFS and KS1- Parents will be able to sign up outside your child's class.

### **Red Nose Day**

On Friday 15th March we will be taking part in Red Nose Day; raising money for Comic Relief, a UK charity with a vision of a world free of poverty. On this day please wear something red, or something with red in it and donate £1 to this very worthwhile charity. Official Red Nose Day merchandise that you can buy can also be worn if you want to. Please note that we will **not** be selling Red Noses at school. We look forward to seeing everyone dressed in their red/Comic Relief clothing to raise lots of money.

### **World Book Day**

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March, children will celebrate World Book Day. Children will be invited to come to school dressed up. Further details will follow shortly.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
<b>Wednesday 10th January</b>	Year 6– Trip to Croydon Fire Station
<b>Tuesday 16th January</b>	Reception-Professor Bubbleworks visit
<b>Tuesday 16th January</b>	Year 1– Toy Workshop
<b>Monday 22nd January</b>	Year 4– Swimming lessons <b><u>every day</u></b> for the next 2 weeks.
<b>Tuesday 23rd January</b>	Reception Height and Weight Check
<b>Tuesday 23rd January</b>	Year 1 Trip to the Science Museum
<b>Wednesday 24th January</b>	Year 2-Trip to the Croydon Mosque
<b>Friday 2nd February</b>	Year 6– Trip to the British Museum
<b>Friday 9th February</b>	Museum Day
<b>Friday 9th February</b>	<b>Last day of half term</b>
<b>Monday 19th February</b>	<b>First day of half term</b>
<b>Monday 26th February</b>	Year 2-Trip to London
<b>Monday 4th March</b>	World Book Week– Author Visit
<b>Monday 4th March</b>	Year 5– Trip to the Gurdwara
<b>Thursday 7th March</b>	World Book Day– Children to dress up (Further details to follow)
<b>Monday 11th &amp; Tuesday 12th March</b>	Parents’ Evening 3.30-6pm
<b>Friday 15th March</b>	Red Nose Day-Wear as much red as possible
<b>Thursday 28th March</b>	<b>Last day of term</b>

**Please put me up on your fridge!**