



Whitehorse Manor -Brigstock Site

Newsletter Friday 31st March 2023



I can not believe that another term is at an end! The spring term is often when staff see children making the greatest strides with their learning. At this point in the year, the children are now well settled into their classes and have a very clear understanding of the expectations of their year groups. It has been a pleasure visiting classrooms, across the term, full of purposeful children who are excited to share their work with visitors. This term Brigstock hosted teachers from across the Academy Trust for a science curriculum day and it was lovely to have such positive praise and feedback from colleagues about our children and the wonderful teaching on offer at Brigstock.

Attendance

If your child's attendance falls below 94% this is of concern and if attendance falls below 90% we will have serious concerns. Below 90% is regarded as persistent absence by the DFE. In our Trust, we aim for every pupil to achieve attendance levels of at least 95%. We monitor attendance and identify all pupils whose attendance has fallen below 95% and may issue a letter or make telephone calls informing parents. We then monitor the pupil's attendance on a weekly basis and hope to see a pattern of unbroken weeks developing. There are 365 days in a year, but only **190 school days**. This leaves 175 non-school days to spend on holidays, family time, visits and other appointments. Unbroken attendance at school is important for learning. Education is also about more than just learning: it's about opportunities, experiences, people, play and community. To experience these things children need to be in school.

PE Uniform

Can I remind parents that children should be wearing plain black shorts, jogging bottoms or leggings and a plain white T-shirt for PE. I have noticed a few children wearing branded track suits to school and these are not permitted. Please ensure that your child has the correct uniform to return to school in after half term.

Bikes and scooters

Unfortunately, we have had two instances of scooters going missing from the bike shelter at the front of the school this term. This is a polite reminder that bikes and scooters are left, in the school bike shelter, at your own risk. Please use a lock to ensure your scooter or bike's safety if you wish to leave it in the bike shelter.

Dangerous Parking

The Parking Enforcement Officers have continued to make regular visits over the course of this term with the hope of deterring dangerous parking outside of our school. We issued three £65 fines to parents this term who dropped off or parked on yellow lines or zig zags outside of the school. Unfortunately, parents and staff are still reporting poor parking choices that include some parents parking fully up on the pavement obstructing the safe passage of pedestrians.

We are on a main road and there are limited legal parking opportunities. We encourage families who can, to walk to school but if you have to drive and park please leave enough time to **find an appropriate and legal parking** space that does not endanger the safety of our community. I would ask parents who witness illegal parking to report it to Croydon Council here: <https://www.croydon.gov.uk/parking-streets-and-transport/parking/report-parking-offence>. Please be aware that school staff are taking note of licence plates and using the link to also report illegal parking.

The neighbours driveways

Our neighbour's driveways are private property. I have been asked by our neighbours to make it clear that **parents do not have permission** to park on their property.

Easter Raffle

Thank you to all the parents and carers who donated Easter eggs and brought raffle tickets. We raised well over £100 for school funds. The School council will be using this money for some exciting school projects.

Have lovely Easter Holiday break and we look forward to seeing you on the 17th April to start the summer term.

Miss Hall- Head of Site

Date	Event
17th April	First day of term
21st April	Year 5 - Saatchi Gallery Trip
25th April	Whitehorse Family Celebration (event held at the main site)
1st May	May Day Bank Holiday
8th May	Coronation Bank Holiday
9th-12th May	Year 6 - SATS Week
23rd May	Year 1-Horniman Museum Trip
26th May	Last day of term (May half term)
5th June	First day of term
5th-16th June	Year 4 - Swimming Lessons (30 minute session every day)
7th June	Reception - Zoolab visit
9th June	Whole class school photos
22nd June	Year 2 - Trip to Morden Hall Park
28th-30th June	Year 6 - School Journey
4th July	Year 2 to 3 transfer meeting for parents
7th July	Reception-Trip to Crystal Palace Farm
11th July	Year 2 - Trip to the beach
14th July	Sports Day
17th July	New class swaps
21st July	Last day of term

Please put me up on your fridge!

Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

What is the minimum age for account holders on these social media sites and apps?

