



Whitehorse Manor -Brigstock Site

Newsletter Thursday 28th March 2024



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.

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.

End of the school day

Please can I remind all parents/carers that the school day ends at **3.15pm**. Children are to be collected from their class teacher on the school playground. If you are running late please call the school office to inform them as a matter of courtesy. It is important that your child/children are collected promptly as staff are unable to look after the children after 3.15pm.

We do have after school club but this is a paid service that you can access if you need it. If you'd like further information, please see Ms Ramsey in the school office.

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. Trainers should only be worn on PE days and Enrichment afternoons (this equals 2 days a week). 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 are not part of the school uniform policy. We expect the children to be smart in their uniform at all times. Please ensure that your child has the correct uniform to return to school in after half term.

Dangerous Parking

This is a friendly reminder that there are no parking facilities outside of the school. The roads leading off of the main road allow for parking. 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 will be taking note of licence plates and using the link to also report illegal parking.

Easter Raffle and Charity Events

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

We also raised **£113** for Red Nose Day. This money will benefit a worthwhile charity. Thank you for your support.

Have a lovely Easter Holiday break and we look forward to seeing you on the **15th April** to start the summer term.

Mrs Stephenson-Tye -
Head of Site

Date	Event
15th April	First day of term
19th April	Year 1 Hearing Test
6th May	May Day Bank Holiday
13th-16th May	Year 6 - SATS Week
24th May	Year 1 (Rowan Class) to the Horniman Museum
24th May	Last day of term (May half term)
3rd June	First day of term
6th June	Whole Class Photographs
7th June	Whitehorse Family Celebration (Held at the Mainsite)
12-14th June	Year 6 - School Journey
18th June	Year 2 (Ash Class) to Morden Hall Park
3rd July	Year 2 to Year 3 transfer meeting for parents
5th July	Year 2 (Ash Class) - Trip to the beach
8th July	Year 3 (Elm Class) Trip to The Wetlands Centre
9th July	Year 2 (Ash Class) Leavers Assembly 2.30pm
10th July	Year 6 (Oak Class) Production 2pm and 6pm
12th July	Sports Day
12th July	School Reports sent home to parents
15th July	New class swaps
15th July	Year 6 (Oak Class) School Disco
19th July	Year 6 (Oak Class) Leavers Assembly
19th July	Last day of term

Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

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

