



# Whitehorse Manor Junior School

## Newsletter 22nd March 2024



**D**ear parents and carers. We are nearly at the end of the spring term and are all looking forward to the Easter break. Before the end of term, I just wanted to take the time to thank you for your support - we raised over £150 for Comic Relief this March, and to include some reminders as we move into the summer term. I hope that any queries you might have are answered in the sections that follow.

**Uniform:** We aim to make our school uniform practical and affordable, a key change being the introduction of plain black trainers as school shoes which serve for PE as well as everyday wear. Support for wearing a uniform is overwhelming in the parental questionnaire, year on year, and we are aware that all secondary schools locally are very strict in their own uniform policies.

**School UNIFORM:** Our school uniform consists of grey trousers, skirt or pinafore/dress, with shorts permitted in the summer. A red checked dress is also permitted in the summer. A plain white shirt or white polo shirt and a school sweatshirt, v-necked jumper or cardigan is worn on top.

PLEASE LABEL YOUR CHILD'S SWEATSHIRT, CARDIGAN or JUMPER. We have a mountain of lost school uniform which is unlabelled and will be giving this away next week on Monday and Tuesday.

**School SHOES:** Plain black school shoes or plain black trainers are permitted as school shoes. Any other coloured trainers, sandals or boots are not permitted as school shoes. Children do not change shoes for playtime and pupils do not need studded football boots for playtime football on the field.

**School PE KIT:** Our PE kit is a plain white T-shirt, the school sweatshirt, cardigan or jumper and plain black jogging bottoms or shorts. No hoodies. It is because children have been so consistent in wearing this that we do not feel we need to return to pupils changing for PE in school, which was always difficult and something that the children and staff did not like. On PE days, children can wear their choice of trainers, although if they have black trainers for school shoes these are ideal and this will save you money.

**FITNESS:** On days when pupils have a fitness session as part of Enrichment, they are permitted to wear trainers with their usual school uniform.

**FOREST SCHOOL or GARDENING CLUB:** When pupils have Forest School or Gardening Club they wear their usual uniform on top, old trousers and bring wellington boots or old shoes to change into because of the mud.

**Mid-morning snacks:** Children are encouraged to bring in fruit to eat as a mid-morning snack. Only fresh or dried fruit: no nuts, rice cakes, crisps, sweets, chocolates, breakfast bars, biscuits fruit juice, energy drinks or milkshakes. Please. Apples are on sale for 20p.

**Toys and Games:** Children are not permitted to bring toys or games into school. This includes trading cards (Pokemon Cards) and balls (which we provide at playtime).

**Sweets and Chewing Gum:** Children are not permitted to eat sweets or chewing gum in school - please ensure that children are not buying these items on their way in in the morning.

**Morning supervision:** The playground is not supervised in the morning. The main gate opens at 8.40am and the school doors open at 8.45am with the expectation is that children come straight into the school building. Parents are expected to supervise their children in the morning on the playground until the school doors open, or ensure that their child arrives at a time when they can go straight into school.

### Some key dates coming up

Thursday 28th March: Last day of term

Monday 15th April: Children return for summer term

Monday 6th May: Bank Holiday

Friday 24th May: Half term

Monday 3rd June: Return to school

Ms. N Achenbach - **Head of School**

