



# Whitehorse Manor Brigstock Site

## Newsletter Friday 8th September 2023



**W**elcome back to the new academic year! I hope that you have had a refreshing summer break. It has been lovely to see the children return to school with such positive attitudes - and all in such brilliant sunshine! Team Leaders will shortly send out letters with a curriculum overview and specific dates and we will let you know about school wide events on the website and via 'Studybugs' messaging. I'm looking forward to a productive autumn term.

**Update to the Pegasus Behaviour Policy:** Staff have been working to improve our behaviour systems and policy, which had become dated. Our new policy, largely based upon the work of behaviour specialist Paul Dix, takes a child-centred, trauma informed approach to the promotion, and teaching, of positive behaviour. The focus of this policy is recognising and celebrating exemplary behaviour and supporting all children to achieve this. In class, acknowledgement is given to pupils who are 'doing the right thing' through the use of **recognition boards**. We will also continue to reward pupils who follow our school rules with house points, Rainbow certificates and Gold Awards. In classes, children discuss the 'Terrific Trio' with their teacher and peers: **Kind thoughts, kind words, kind actions**. The 'Terrific Trio' support children in their endeavours to be a Pegasus person, in control of their own behaviour. On the rare occasions that a child's behaviour falls below the expected standard, staff at Pegasus will use a staged intervention involving reminders, reflection time and 'Time In' (restorative conversation) to explore and resolve the issue. Parents/ Carers will be notified by a member of staff if the Senior Leadership team have had a restorative conversation with their child. **We will no longer be using sunshine charts and your child will not receive a stamp at the end of each day.** More individualised approaches or strategies may be used, for a finite period, with children who may need additional behavioural support. We believe that the revisions to this policy will help to encourage self-discipline, build positive relationships and motivate children to make good choices for themselves and others. A copy of the revised behaviour policy is available on the Pegasus Academy website: <https://www.pegasusacademytrust.org/media/PAT-behaviour-policy-Sept-2023.pdf>

**FREE SCHOOL LUNCHES:** There IS such thing as a free lunch, because The Mayor of London is providing a free school lunch for all primary age pupils in London this academic year. Please take up this offer! It will save you time, stress and money. The school dinners provided by Harrisons are very good - many members of staff eat the school dinners which wasn't always the case. A menu is available on the school website. Please talk to the school office if you have any nutrition or allergy queries and we will discuss these with the school Chef.

**School uniform:** The children have returned to school looking super smart. One of the success stories of recent years has been 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. So that this can 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.

### Up-coming charity events:

**Friday 22nd September: Jeans for Genes:** Children are invited to bring in £1 as a donation to the charity and to wear denim (jeans, skirts, jackets etc.)

**Friday 29th September: McMillan Coffee Morning.** We will host a coffee morning and cake sale. We will ask for cake donations and send details closer to the time.

**Week beginning 9th October:** We will collect non-perishable foods for Harvest on **Friday 13th October**, but will send out a reminder closer to the time.

Mrs Stephenson-Tye- Head of Site

# Welcome Back!



| <b>DATE</b>                        | <b>EVENT</b>   |
|------------------------------------|--|
| Tuesday 19th September             | Year 4: Multiplication timetable check meeting for parents                               |
| Wednesday 20th September 9am       | Year 1: curriculum meeting for parents   |
| Thursday 21st September 9 am       | Reception: curriculum meeting for parents  |
| Friday 22nd September              | Jeans for Genes Day-Children wear as much denim as they can! £1 donation.                |
| Thursday 29th September            | Macmillan coffee morning and cake sale   |
| Tuesday 3rd October                | Year 2: curriculum meeting for parents   |
| W/C Monday 9th October 3:30-6:00pm | Parents' Evening   |
| Friday 13th October 9:15am         | Harvest Festival assembly  |
| Friday 20th October                | Show Racism the Red Card Day-Children wear Red   |
| <b>Friday 20th October</b>         | <b>Last day of half term</b>   |
| <b>Wednesday 1st November</b>      | <b>First day back after half term</b>  |
| Friday 10th November               | Remembrance Assembly   |
| Friday 10th November               | Individual and Sibling photos  |
| Tuesday 5th December               | Reception Christmas Concert  |
| Thursday 7th December              | KS2 (Year 3-6): Christmas Concert  |
| Tuesday 12th December              | KS1 (Year 1 & 2): Christmas Concert  |
| Friday 8th December                | Christmas Jumper day: Children can wear a Christmas jumper.<br><br>Christmas Dinner day! |
| <b>Thursday 21st December</b>      | <b>Last day of term</b>  |
| <b>Monday 8th January 2024</b>     | <b>First day of term</b>   |