



Whitehorse Manor Infant School

Newsletter Tuesday 9th January 2024



Happy 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.

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.

Parent Consultation Meetings

These are taking place on Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th March. Closer to the time you 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 Monday 4th March, to start Book Week, children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character. A school Book Fair will be held in the Hall on Thursday 7th March.

Birthdays

Due to the high number of food allergies in our school, we will only give out party bags, which contain **non-food** items. Our preference would be a book donation for the class to share to celebrate a child's birthday. We ask that parents do not give out party bags with food in them on the school playground.

Date	Event
Monday 15th January	Year 1-Toy Workshop visit
Monday 15th January	Reception-Professor Bubbleworks visit
Wednesday 24th January	Year 2-Trip to the Croydon Mosque for Lilac and Purple classes
Thursday 25th January	Year 2-Trip to the Croydon Mosque for Indigo class
Thursday 25th January and Friday 26th January	Reception height and weigh check
Friday 9th February	Museum Day
Friday 9th February	Last day of half term
Monday 19th February	First day of half term
Thursday 22nd February	Reading Workshop for parents (2:30pm) and read with your child session (2:45pm)
Monday 26th February	Year 2-Trip to London for Indigo class
Tuesday 27th February	Year 2-Trip to London for Lilac and Purple classes
Monday 4th March	World Book Week Dress Up Day
Thursday 7th March	Book Fair in the School Hall
Monday the 11th and Tuesday 12th March	Parents' Evening
Friday 15th March	Red Nose Day-Wear as much red as possible
Thursday 28th March	Last day of term

Please put me up on your fridge!