



Whitehorse Manor Infant School

Newsletter Monday 9th May 2022



Dear parents and carers,

Many thanks to everyone who responded to our parental questionnaire. I'm pleased to report that the results were overwhelmingly positive with lots of lovely feedback. A full breakdown of the responses can be found on the back of this newsletter. While it is good to hear that people are happy with the school and the work that we do, we are always focused on what we can do to further improve.

98% of parents said 'The school keeps me well informed about events related to school via newsletters, texts or the appropriate website'. The school texting system only allows for one nominated parent contact. This is taken as the first contact on the admission form completed by parents. If parents would like to change the nominated contact, please speak to staff in the school office who would be happy to amend this for you. We are always eager to investigate new and better ways of communicating with our parent group and as such the Trust is currently investigating the use of emails.

You will see from the results overleaf that homework is a contentious issue. Some parents feel that we should be giving more homework and some feel that we should be giving less. There is also a question about the type of homework that is given. We recognise that children need to have some free time outside of school and we don't believe in creating an extra workload for our teachers with numerous worksheets but we would encourage creative activities at home. Most importantly, if all children are reading to an adult every night we believe they will be developing the required fluency and necessary skills to tackle the rest of the curriculum in school. If you feel your child should be doing more, their teacher will always be happy to signpost you towards useful websites or resources that you can use at home.

74% of parents thought that the clubs that the school offered were well organised. Over the last 18 months we have had to reduce our extra curricular provision to keep staff and children safe because of assessed risks associated with Covid. However, Mrs Christopher (Extended Service's Lead) is working hard to ensure a return to our broad and exciting extra curricular provision during the summer term.

Unfortunately, the percentage score for knowing who our parent MACs are is our lowest. Parent MACs are volunteer members of the school academy council and they meet periodically to consider many areas of school life. Throughout the lockdown, it has been difficult for parent MACs to raise their profile in school but at our next council meeting we will be discussing ways that the parent MACs can make themselves more visible and known throughout the school.

Electric Scooters I would like to remind everyone that no electric scooters should be ridden on the school grounds. Although it is lovely to see so many children coming to school on foot, scooting or riding their bicycles, electric scooters are illegal on UK roads and pavements. If you have an electric scooter and use it to travel to school, please dismount before entering the school. Everyone else please remember that if you are on wheels, you should give way to anyone who is walking. Let's work together to keep everyone safe. Thank you

Diary dates

Monday 23rd May - Horniman Museum Trip (Year 1)

Friday 27th May - Last day before half term

Monday 6th June - First day back after half term

Whitehorse Manor Infant School:
Sharon Russell- Head of School

Parental questionnaire 2021-2022

Question	WHINF including Brigstock	% of parents that agree or strongly agree 2022
My child(ren) is/are happy and enjoy being at this school	Strongly agree 66% Agree 32%	98%
I am sure my children is/are safe at this school	Strongly agree 69% Agree 29%	98%
I am satisfied with my child's academic progress	Strongly agree 56% Agree 42%	98%
My child(ren) is/are taught well at this school	Strongly agree 61% Agree 38%	99%
The teachers think about the homework they set and give the right quantity	Strongly agree 34% Agree 50%	84%
The school ensures that pupils are well behaved	Strongly agree 48% Agree 50%	98%
The children at the school care for one another	Strongly agree 30% Agree 65%	95%
The school is well led and managed	Strongly agree 53% Agree 46%	99%
I feel comfortable approaching the school with questions or problems	Strongly agree 52% Agree 47%	99%
The school keeps me well informed about how well my child is doing	Strongly agree 50% Agree 46%	96%
I would recommend the school to another parent	Strongly agree 67% Agree 30%	97%
As a parent I feel welcome at the school	Strongly agree 59% Agree 39%	98%
I am always welcome and treated politely by staff in the school office	Strongly agree 67% Agree 31%	98%
I think the clubs that the school offers are well organised	Strongly agree 26% Agree 48%	74%
If your child(ren) uses/use the breakfast or after school club please rate your experience here	High quality provision 37% Mostly pleased 36%	73% *
I know who the parent MACs are at this school	I know most of them 7% I know at least one of them 28%	35%
The school keeps me well informed about events related to school via newsletters, texts or the appropriate website.	Strongly agree 50% Agree 48%	98%
I agree with my child wearing school uniform	Strongly agree 68% Agree 31%	99%
I believe children from different backgrounds get on together at this school	Strongly agree 49% Agree 50%	99%

* Percentage of those who said they used the service only